



Participatory Budgeting in the 31st Ward

BALLOT

VOTING EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 10

10a - 2p Kelvyn Park Field House,
4438 W. Wrightwood

Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Friday, Oct. 14

31st Ward Service Office
2521 N Pulaski

Saturday, Oct. 15

10a - 2p Health Fair @ St. Genevieve Church,
4835 W. Altgeld

Sunday, Oct. 16

1p - 4p Central Gyros Restaurant
3127 N. Central

Monday, Oct. 17 - Friday, Oct. 21

31st Ward Service Office
2521 N Pulaski

Saturday, Oct. 22

10a - 1p Kosciuszko Park
2732 N. Avers

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please note, you will be asked to vote on three separate ballot questions.

First, you will be asked to cast one (1) vote on the percentage of the 2017 31st Ward aldermanic menu budget that you believe should be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing. Next, you will be asked to cast one (1) vote on the percentage of the 2017 31st Ward aldermanic menu budget that you believe should be devoted exclusively to street lighting. The average of all the votes cast on this question will determine the percentage of the menu budget that will be allocated to street resurfacing and street lighting.

Then, you will be asked to vote on how the remainder of the 2017 31st Ward menu money should be allocated. You may vote for up to four (4) projects. Only one vote may be cast for each project – no weighted voting. Ballots marked with more than 4 votes are invalid and will be voided. All 31st Ward residents, age 14 and over are eligible to vote.

HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTES:

Mark boxes clearly with an “X” or check mark, or fully shade them in, with black or blue ink. No

The projects that win the most votes, up to \$1 million, will be submitted to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation. See the back of the ballot for more details.

Alderman Milly Santiago

More Information on Project Implementation & the 31st Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Santiago will submit the projects that win the most votes, up to \$1 million, to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation. All the projects listed on the ballot are feasible to the best of our knowledge, yet most require final approval from the City of Chicago or its sister agencies. Thus, while Alderman Santiago pledges to request funding and advocate for the winning projects, she cannot guarantee that the government agencies will grant final approval to each and every project request.

Reasons that projects may not be approved include: interference with previously planned projects, legal restrictions, and policy decisions of the governmental entities. **If a winning project cannot be implemented for any reason, Alderman Santiago will use the allocated money to fund the next runner-up project that falls within the budget.**

Not all of the funded projects will be completed in the 2017 construction season. Required project approval procedures or construction work by utilities or other agencies may prevent some projects from being completed this year. Funds for projects not completed this year will be held in reserve and used to complete the projects in the following year(s). For up-to-date information on the status of the various projects, contact the 31st Ward Office at 773-278-0031 or email ward31@cityofchicago.org.

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 31st Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of neighborhood assemblies held

throughout the Ward in 2016. The suggestions were then deliberated and researched by neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as “community representatives.”

From July 2016 through October 2016, the community representatives met regularly in committees to decide which project proposals to place on this year’s ballot. The proposals were submitted to 31st Ward staff for final input and review.

Participation in the 31st Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 31st Ward residents regardless of citizenship or voter registration status.

The PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee developed the rules and procedures for this process. For a list of all members of the committee, visit www.pbchicago.com.

Many thanks to the community representatives and the 31st Ward PB leaders and volunteers for their dedication and service to this bold experiment in direct democracy. Also thanks to the many dedicated employees at the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Transit Authority, the Chicago Public Schools, and the Chicago Department of Transportation for their expertise; and to the PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee for their expertise and guidance of the process.

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PARTICIPATORY
BUDGETING PROJECT

BALLOT PART 1: STREETS, ALLEYS AND STREET LIGHTING

How much money should go toward street and alley resurfacing?

(Please select only one.)

Resurfacing is necessary to address streets and alleys that have deteriorated, are safety hazards and are generally in poor condition.

Thanks to a federal subsidy, the cost for the first five blocks of resurfaced streets is \$42,000 per block and the first alley is \$31,500. The average costs for each additional street and alley resurfaced are \$70,500 and \$49,500 respectively.

	COST	# OF STREETS & ALLEYS
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$700,000	9 streets/4 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$600,000	8 streets/3 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500,000	7 streets/3 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$400,000	6 streets/2 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300,000	5 streets/2 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$200,000	4 streets/1 alley
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100,000	2 streets/0 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	0 streets/0 alleys

How much money should go toward new street lighting?

(Please select only one.)

Menu money is the primary source of funding for ward infrastructure improvement on residential streets. With improved street lighting, residents, businesses and visitors to the 31st Ward will benefit from improved safety when traveling in the ward.

The cost of one block of street lighting is \$78,000.

	COST	# OF BLOCKS
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$700,000	8 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$600,000	7 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500,000	6 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$400,000	5 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300,000	3 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$200,000	2 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100,000	1 block
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0	0 blocks

Note: Streets, alleys and street lights which will be repaired/replaced will be determined by the Alderman's office with information submitted by residents at Idea Collection events, assessment by the Streets Committee, residents submitted info via 311 and expert information from the Department of Transportation.

How should the remaining portion of the 31st Ward menu money be spent?

You may vote for up to four (4) projects from the projects below.

(Select no more than four.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Dog Parks Two dog parks, one in Kosciuszko Park and one in Ken Wel Park.	\$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Light at Schubert Elementary School Additional lighting at Schubert Elementary school to increase public safety.	\$60,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Traffic Circles Install two traffic circles, one at Long and Wrightwood and another at Lockwood and Wrightwood.	\$22,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Bike Lanes A new buffered bike lane on Fullerton from Central Park going west one mile.	\$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Sidewalk Repairs Repair and replacement of damaged sidewalks on 5300 block of W. Wrightwood	\$50,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Water Fountains at Foreman High School Installation of six new waterfountains at Foreman high school.	\$20,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Screening Under Viaducts Add netting under the viaducts to reduce bird waste build up for two viaducts on Kenton or Diversey.	\$20,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Pedestrian Island Pedestrian island on Diversey where it borders Kosciuszko Park to increase traffic safety.	\$60,000