

# Participatory Budgeting in the 36th Ward

# BALLOT

## ALL DAY VOTING

April 26th - May 6th

36th Ward Office, 6934 W. Diversey Ave.

## VOTING ASSEMBLIES

- **Monday, April 25th 5 - 7pm**  
36th Ward Office, 6934 W. Diversey Ave.
- **Friday, April 29th 10am - 8pm**  
Locke School, 2828 N. Oak Park Ave.
- **Saturday, April 30th 10am - 2pm**  
Iglesia Evangelica Emanuel, 5016 W. Armitage Ave.
- **Thursday, May 5th, 4:30 - 6:30pm**  
North Grand High School, 4338 W. Wabansia Ave.
- **Saturday, May 7th, 10am - 2pm**  
Bell Park, 3020 N. Oak Park Ave.

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

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

First, you will be asked to cast one (1) vote on the percentage of the 2016 36th Ward aldermanic menu budget that you believe should be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing. 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.

Second, you will be asked to vote on how the remainder of the 2016 36th Ward menu money should be allocated. You may vote for up to three (3) 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 36th 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 ballots marked in pencil will be accepted.

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.

# More Information on Project Implementation & the 36th Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Villegas 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 Villegas pledges to request funding and advocate for the winning projects, he 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 Villegas 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 2016 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 36th Ward Office at 773.745.4636 or email [Justin.Heath@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Justin.Heath@cityofchicago.org).

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 36th Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of neighborhood assemblies held throughout the Ward in December 2015 - January 2016. The

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

From January 2016 through April 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 36th Ward staff for final input and review.

Participation in the 36th Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 36th 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](http://www.pbchicago.com).

Many thanks to the community representatives and the 36th 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.

**What percentage of the total budget should go toward street resurfacing?**

Resurfacing is necessary to address streets and sidewalks that have deteriorated, are safety hazards and are generally in poor condition. Residents, businesses and visitors to the 36th Ward will benefit from improved safety when traveling in the ward.

Menu money is the only available funding for residential street and sidewalk resurfacing in Chicago’s wards. Thanks to a federal subsidy, the cost for the first five blocks of resurfaced streets is \$42,000 per block. The average cost for each street resurfaced in addition the initial five is \$70,500.

**(Please select only one.)**

| PERCENTAGE OF BUDGET THAT SHOULD BE SPENT ON STREET RESURFACING | COST        | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STREETS TO BE RESURFACED |
|---|-------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100%                                   | \$1,000,000 | 16 streets                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 90%                                    | \$900,000   | 14 streets                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 80%                                    | \$800,000   | 13 streets                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 70%                                    | \$700,000   | 11 streets                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 60%                                    | \$600,000   | 10 streets                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50%                                    | \$500,000   | 9 streets                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40%                                    | \$400,000   | 7 streets                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30%                                    | \$300,000   | 6 streets                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20%                                    | \$200,000   | 4 streets                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10%                                    | \$100,000   | 2 street                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0%                                     | \$0         | 0  |

**Note:** Streets that will be repaired will be determined by the Alderman’s office with information submitted by residents at Idea Collection events, assessment by the Streets and Sidewalks Committee, residents submitted info via 311 and expert information from the Department of Transportation.

**Turn the page to continue voting**

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**BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2**

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**How should the remaining portion of the 36th Ward menu money be spent?**

You may vote for up to three (3) projects from the projects below.

**(Select no more than 3.)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>1. Sidewalks</b><br>Sidewalks are very expensive and unfortunately not a priority for City Hall. This project would get 3 total sidewalks done, the west side of 2700 Newcastle and both sides of 2300 Normandy.   | <b>\$225,000</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>2. Blackhawk Park Basketball Court</b><br>The basketball courts at Blackhawk Park desperately need repairs and new rims! This upgrade will fix the courts and add removalable rims so the courts can be used at day but not at night. Location: Blackhawk Park - 2318 N Lavergne Ave.        | <b>\$35,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>3. Crosswalk at Belmont and Natchez</b><br>Crossing Belmont Ave is dangerous and this new crosswalk at Natchez Ave will help. Very close to a school and a bus stop, this crosswalk is a matter of safety and convenience.   | <b>\$90,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>4. Trees in Parks</b><br>Our parks have lost hundreds of trees due to disease and infestation in the last few years. Now we can replace those trees with a variety of trees that will survive for decades to come. Locations: Bell Park, Rutherford-Sayre Park, Blackhawk Park, Hermosa Park | <b>\$10,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>5. Prosser Community Garden</b><br>The students at Prosser want to share their garden with the community! To do that they will need a path, wheel chair access, additional lighting and new beds. Location: Prosser Career Academy - 2148 N Long Ave.  | <b>\$22,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>6. Wall at Hermosa Park</b><br>Hermosa Park is a great place for kids and families, but it needs a wrought iron fence to keep the kids safe. Installing a fence will keep kids safe and add to the beauty of this wonderful park. Location: Hermosa Park - 2240 N. Kilbourn Ave.             | <b>\$30,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>7. Bell Park New Water Spray Feature</b><br>A NEW interactive, colorful, on/off water spray feature serves all neighborhood children and improves Bell Park. The current water feature flows non-stop all summer, wasting tax dollars. Location: Bell Park - 3020 N. Oak Park Ave.           | <b>\$150,000</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>8. North Grand High School Mural</b><br>The NGHS Student Voices Committee would like to create and install a mural celebrating the beautiful culture and vibrant community of the 36th Ward. Location: Railroad Overpass – Kostner and Bloomingdale  | <b>\$45,000</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>9. Field at Locke School</b><br>The students of Locke school have been without an outdoor place to play for years. This turf field would provide an outdoor space for kids to exercise and learn 12 months a year! Location: Josephine Locke Elementary School - 2828 N. Oak Park Ave        | <b>\$200,000</b> |