



Participatory Budgeting in the 36th Ward

SAMPLE

BALLOT

VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 9TH!

Contact the 36th Ward Office for more information on voting dates and locations
or visit www.pbchicago.org.

6934 W. Diversey Ave.

Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm

1st and 3rd Saturdays: 9am to Noon

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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 2017 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 2017 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.

Alderman Gilbert Villegas

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.

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.

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.



BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 1: Street Resurfacing

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.

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BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2

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.)

- 1. School Safety** \$50,000
3 of our schools: Hanson Park, Saint William and Locke all have unique challenges when it comes to keeping kids safe. These projects would help kids and parents get to and from school safely.
- 2. Park and Library Improvements** \$100,000
Hermosa Park, Blackhawk Park and Bell Park are all great assets for our community. This project would bring benches and garbage cans to all three parks and the West Belmont Library.
- 3. Reinberg Elementary and Hermosa Traffic** \$145,000
Reinberg School needs a new surface for their playground to keep kids safe. Kostner Avenue needs 4 stop signs. The intersection of Kilbourn and Dickens needs a roundabout. These projects would solve a variety of problems across the ward.
- 4. Chicago Academy Playground and Blackhawk Park Basketball Court** \$140,000
Chicago Academy's playground has been there for decades and is a safety issue, badly in need of repair. Blackhawk Park's basketball court has been missing for decades. Dickens needs a Cul-de-Sac between Kilbourn and Kolmar. These projects would finally solve problems that have existed for decades.
- 5. Diagonal Community Parking** \$130,000
Iglesia Evangelica Emanuel and Word of Life Church of God both serve our community 7 days a week and both need additional parking. Both projects would help these churches serve our community.
- 6. Bell Park and Steinmetz College Prep Athletic Facilities** \$175,000
Bell Park and Steinmetz College Prep are both great healthy resources. Adding a Bell Park multi-use play area and upgrading the tennis courts; while repairing Steinmetz's athletic field (the courts and field are badly in need of repair) would allow kids of all ages to get healthy without risk of injury.
- 7. Oak Park and Grand Turn Signal** \$75,000
Anyone who has sat at the intersection of Oak Park and Grand understands how badly we need left turn arrows at the intersection. This project would provide additional safety and convenience at the intersection.