



Participatory Budgeting in the 36th Ward

SAMPLE

BALLOT

VOTING BEGINS AUGUST 6TH!

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 2018 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 2018 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 2018-2019 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 and idea collection events held throughout the Ward in

May 2018. The suggestions were then deliberated and researched by neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as “community representatives.”

From May 2018 through August 2018, 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.



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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. Hermosa Park Field Improvements **\$125,000**
Hermosa Park's baseball fields are in terrible shape and are badly in need of a facelift. This project would help improve the conditions of the ball fields for everyone!

2. Student Safety and Digital School Signs **\$135,000**
Lloyd School and Chicago Academy both need new digital signs to help spread the word about community events! Also, for safety, Chicago Academy students need a speed display on Austin and safety netting around the field to reduce danger for students coming to and from school.

3. Sidewalks Outside Blackhawk Park **\$40,000**
Blackhawk Park has been neglected for too long. Its sidewalks are among the worst in the Ward. This ballot item will help all Ward residents have safe access to yet another beautiful park.

4. Student Safety and Bell Park Improvements **\$205,000**
Students from 11 schools cross Central between Grand and Fullerton everyday. A pedestrian island on this major street will improve safe crossing. Additionally, safety nets at Northwest Middle School and Bell Park will increase safety. Furthermore, Bell Park will get a new volleyball court and pathways.

5. Pedestrian Safety **\$60,000**
Turn signals at Oak Park and Diversey will help keep Locke School students safe. A speed display on Belmont will help keep all Ward residents safe. This ballot item will do both.

6. Traffic Safety at Fullerton and Narragansett **\$70,000**
This ballot item includes pedestrian countdown clocks and turn signals at Fullerton and Narragansett. It also includes several additional speed displays throughout the Ward.

Thank You!