



# Participatory Budgeting in the 39th Ward

# BALLOT

## ALL DAY VOTING

January 17th - January 27th

Mondays: 9:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesdays - Fridays: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Please note the office is closed on January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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## COMMUNITY VOTING EVENTS

Contact the 39th Ward Office for other community voting sites at [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org) or call 773.736.5594

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

You will be asked to select **five (5)** projects to decide how the 39th Ward's 2020 menu money should be allocated. You may choose up to five (5) projects only. Each project is categorized into three units:

- Community & Culture
- Parks & Recreation
- Safety & Environment.

Ballots marked with more than 5 votes are invalid and will be voided. All 39th 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.

Please note that participating in this vote does not constitute "a local election" for the purposes of the N400 Naturalization Application.

The projects that win the most votes, up to \$500,000, 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 39th Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Samantha Nugent will submit the projects that win the most votes, up to \$500,000, 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 Samantha Nugent 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 Samantha Nugent 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 2020 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 39th Ward Office at 773.736.5594 or email [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org).

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 39th Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of neighborhood assemblies held throughout the Ward this fall. The suggestions were then deliberated and researched by

neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as “community representatives.”

From October 2019 through January 2020, the community representatives met regularly in committees to decide which project proposals to place on this year’s ballot. The proposals were submitted to 39th Ward staff for final input and review.

Participation in the 39th Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 39th 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 39th 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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## How should the 39th Ward menu money be spent?

You may vote up to five(5) projects from the projects below.

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### Community and Culture

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1. Two signs welcoming pedestrians to North Park and Albany Park on either ends of the Chicago River footbridge at Bernard and Carmen \$8,000

*Location: Where North Bernard Avenue and West Carmen Avenue meet the Chicago River footbridge.*

There is currently space for 2 signs. We would encourage sign design submissions from the children in the area. This would inform pedestrians of their location.

2. Benches and Trash Cans on Bryn Mawr between Kedzie and Kimball \$5,100

*Location: On West Bryn Mawr Avenue between North Kedzie Avenue and North Kimball Avenue.*

The North Park neighborhood is looking to be more welcoming. The addition of benches and trash cans would help beautify the area and encourage people to linger and throw their disposable trash in the can, not in the street.

3. Benches and Trash Can on Jersey/Kedzie north of Bryn Mawr \$5,100  
*Location: On North Jersey Avenue/North Kedzie Avenue just North of West Bryn Mawr Avenue.*

This area is in need of beautification. Trash cans and benches around Hollywood Park would help keep the area clean and inviting.

4. Streetscaping on West Lawrence Avenue from North Pulaski Avenue to North Cicero Avenue \$35,000 - \$75,000

*Location: On West Lawrence Avenue between North Pulaski Avenue and North Cicero Avenue.*

The addition of trash cans, benches and bike racks would enhance the walkability of this commercial area.

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- 5. Peterson Park welcome signs at North St Louis Avenue and West Peterson Avenue and West Devon Avenue and North Springfield Avenue** **\$16,000**

*Location: At North Saint Louis Avenue and North Peterson Avenue, and West Devon Avenue and North Springfield Avenue.*

Recognizing Peterson Park with signs would help promote a feeling of community and neighborhood branding.

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## Parks and Recreation

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- 6. Green Space at Volta Elementary School** **\$400,000**

*Location: Volta Elementary School.*

Transformation of school's concrete playground into a beautiful Green Space for the benefit of students and community residents alike. The Green Space will promote unity, safety, health and physical fitness for the diverse group of 800+ students who are fluent in 34 different languages.

- 7. Pollinator Learning Gardens** **\$16,850**

*Location: Sauganash Park, Volta Elementary School, and Sauganash Elementary School.*

The pollinator gardens will focus on the fascinating world of honeybees and will educate and inspire the next generation on the importance of honeybees, preservation, biology, sustainable agriculture and planting for pollinators. Sauganash Park attracts 7,000 users, Volta Elementary School has 808 students, and Sauganash Elementary School has 632 students.

- 8. Outdoor Drinking Fountain at Sauganash Elementary School** **\$15,000**

*Location: Sauganash Elementary School.*

Outdoor water fountains will serve private/public spaces for over 600+ students and community residents alike who utilize the playgrounds year around. Free, clean drinking water not only provides convenience and hydration it also promotes reduction in the use of plastic bottles for water and sodas.

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## Environment and Safety

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- 9. Sidewalk Repair in Hollywood/North Park at Peterson Elementary School** **\$40,000**

*Location: Peterson Elementary School.*

Over 900 students and family members enter Peterson School via entrances on Christiana Ave. The sidewalk routinely floods with several inches of water to wade through, leaving conditions unsanitary and hazardous. Identify and address source of flooding, remove and replace all affected sidewalk slabs.

- 10. Repair Sidewalk Collapse in Sauganash at North Lowell Avenue and West Granville Avenue underpass** **\$30,000**

*Location: At North Lowell Avenue and West Granville Avenue Underpass.*

This main route connecting Sauganash/Sauganash Park and walking/bike path to Skokie/Valley Line Trail is used by children, area residents, dog owners & seniors to access schools, churches, area restaurants, park, play lot & nature trails. With no maintenance since 1950, the underpass is in disrepair with severe trip hazards (1-2" cement drops/jagged pieces) and not ADA compliant.

- 11. Improve Pedestrian Crossing/ADA Accessibility in Sauganash at West Devon Avenue and North Cicero Avenue** **\$12,000**

*Location: At West Devon Avenue and North Sauganash Avenue.*

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- 12. Address Crossing Hazard in Sauganash** **\$125,000**

*Location: At West Peterson Avenue and North Kilpatrick Avenue.*

Children and parents must cross Peterson Ave. at Kilpatrick and Forest Glen during morning rush hour to get to/from elementary schools. Peterson is a four-lane feeder to 90/94 and nearby Metra station. Install traffic calming measures, including additional signage and refuge island to protect pedestrians.

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- 13. Repair Sidewalks at Eugene Field Park in Albany Park 6 slabs \$2,850**  
*Location: Eugene Field Park.*

**Sidewalks outside the entrances to Eugene Field Park are crumbling and present trip hazards for park patrons, including children and seniors, and passing pedestrians.**

**Thank You!**

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