

More Information on Project Implementation & the 45th Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Arena 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 Arena 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 Arena 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 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 45th Ward Office at 773-286-4545 or email Leslie.Perkins2@cityofchicago.org.

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 45th Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of neighborhood assemblies held throughout the Ward in May 2017. The suggestions

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

From June 2017 through October 2017, the community representatives met regularly in committees to develop project proposals to place on this year’s ballot. The proposals were submitted to 45th Ward staff for final input and review.

Participation in the 45th Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 45th 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 45th 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.



SAMPLE

Participatory Budgeting in the 45th Ward

BALLOT

VOTING ASSEMBLY

Saturday, October 28, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Congregational Church of Jefferson Park
5320 W. Giddings

EARLY VOTING

Monday, October 16 – Friday, October 27
Ward 45 Office
4754 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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 45th 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 45th Ward menu money should be allocated. You may vote for up to six (6) projects. Only one vote may be cast for each project – no weighted voting. Ballots marked with more than 6 votes are invalid and will be voided. All 45th 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 John Arena

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BUDGETING PROJECT

→ BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 1: Street Resurfacing

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

Resurfacing is necessary to address streets and alleys that have deteriorated, are safety hazards and are generally in poor condition. Residents, businesses and visitors to the 45th Ward will benefit from improved safety when traveling in the ward.

Menu money is the only available funding for residential street 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 costs for each additional street resurfaced is \$70,500. **(Please select only one.)**

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

Note: Streets that will be repaired will be determined by the Alderman's office with information submitted by residents at brainstorming sessions and via 311 and with expert information from the Department of Transportation.

→ BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2

How should the remaining portion of the 45th Ward menu money be spent?

You may vote for up to six (6) projects from the projects below.

(Select no more than six.)

- 1. Colored LED Lights Under the Milwaukee Viaduct**
Install colored LED lights under the viaduct located on North Milwaukee north of the Jefferson Park Transit Center and south of the 16th District station as a placemaking and public safety tool.
 - Option one \$140,000:** Walkway lighting and infrastructure to support future lighting additions.
 - Option two \$240,000:** Walkway and facade lighting and infrastructure to support future lighting additions.

BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2 continued

- 2. Curb Extension (Bump-Out) at Bryn Mawr and McVicker** \$70,000
Extend the curbs on the north and south side of Bryn Mawr and on the west side of McVicker to increase the pedestrian safety for students walking to Hitch Elementary School.
- 3. Jefferson Park Branch Library Facelift** \$175,000
Enhance lighting at the circulation desk, replace the old carpet, improve the outdated electrical system, and replace the sidewalk leading up to the Jefferson Park Branch library.
- 4. Curb Extension (Bump-Out) at Dakin & Lamon** \$30,000
Extend the curbs on the southwest and southeast corner of Lamon and Dakin, on the Lamon side.
- 5. Curb Extension (Bump-Out) on Avondale at the Pedestrian Bridge Intersection** \$70,000
Extend the curbs on the east and west side of Avondale at the pedestrian bridge to the Gladstone Park Metra station to increase pedestrian safety.
- 6. Mid-Block Curb Extension (Bump-Out) on Higgins to Jefferson Memorial Park** \$65,000
Installation of a crosswalk, in-road pedestrian sign, and bump-outs for people accessing Jefferson Memorial Park and walking to/from the Jefferson Park Transit Center.
- 7. Repair Sidewalks Throughout the Ward** \$150,000
Fix broken sidewalks throughout the ward based on severity to make them safer for pedestrians.
- 8. Repair Curbs Throughout the Ward** \$150,000
Replace broken curbs throughout the ward based on severity to make sidewalks safer for pedestrians and to keep sidewalks from flooding.
- 9. Install Hanging Planters in Business Corridors** \$25,000
Purchase and install hanging planters in the Six Corners, Jefferson Park, and Gladstone Park business corridors.
- 10. Install 17 Decorate Trash Containers Throughout the Ward** \$26,000
Install 8 decorative trash cans on North Milwaukee from Foster to Peterson, 4 on Northwest Highway from Foster to Menard, and 5 on Lawrence from the viaduct at the Copernicus Center to Central
- 11. Fencing and Lighting Near Gladstone Park Metra** \$70,000
Replace the fencing and improve lighting on the path connecting the Gladstone Park Metra to the pedestrian bridge over the Kennedy.
- 12. Two Neighborhood Greenways** \$90,000
Provide designated low-stress bicycle routes with signage, bicycle sharrow markings, and bicycle lanes where feasible for 1.5-miles on Austin Avenue to Indian Road Park and for 1.5-miles from the Jefferson Park Transit Center to the North Branch Trail Extension on Forest Glen Avenue.
- 13. Adult Exercise Equipment at Wilson Park and Austin-Foster Park (\$50,000/Park)** \$100,000
Installation of permanent outdoor adult exercise equipment in a 2,000-15,000 square foot fitness area with 4-8 fitness pieces and a fall attenuating surface for safety.
- 14. Montrose Avenue Streetscape** \$35,000
Install colorful street decorations or other neighborhood identifiers and transportation identifiers on Montrose from Cicero to the Blue Line.
- 15. Arches, Marquee, or Other Distinctive Signage at Jefferson Memorial Park** \$100,000
Installation of a unique identifier at the Jefferson Memorial Park to help attract patrons and offer a measure of architectural elegance and style to this busy park.