



Participatory Budgeting in the 45th Ward

BALLOT

VOTING ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 7 2016

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Wilson Park Fieldhouse
4630 N. Milwaukee Ave.

EARLY VOTING

Monday, May 2 – Friday, May 6 2016

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 2016 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 2016 45th Ward menu money should be allocated. You may vote for up to four (4) 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 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

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 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 45th Ward Office at 773-286-4545 or email Owen.Brugh@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 November - December 2015. 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 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.

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PARTICIPATORY
BUDGETING PROJECT

What percentage of the total budget should go toward street and alley 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.

	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: The list of streets prioritized to be resurfaced (see below) was 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.

- Kilpatrick - Pensacola to Berteau
- Berteau - Kilpatrick to the tracks
- Seminole - Moody to Mason
- Neenah - Foster to Higgins
- Byron - Keeler to Kildare
- Seminole - Mobile to Moody
- Leland - Central to Milwaukee

BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2

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

You may vote for up to four (4) projects from the projects below.

(Select no more than four.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Viaduct Lighting on Milwaukee
To improve lighting on the roadway section of the viaduct at Milwaukee and the Union Pacific Northwest railroad. | \$30,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. New Sidewalks and Curbs at Jefferson Memorial Park
To replace the sidewalk and curb along the south side of Jefferson Memorial Park, and to add two benches in the parkway near the park field house. Location: 5400 Lawrence. | \$230,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Trees!
To plant trees throughout the ward, focusing on two parks, a school, and Milwaukee north of Foster. Select one from below:
<input type="checkbox"/> \$81,000 for 150 Trees
<input type="checkbox"/> \$162,000 for 300 Trees
<input type="checkbox"/> \$243,000 for 450 Trees | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Stop litter with Trash Cans
To place decorative trash cans (14) at various locations to discourage litter. | \$32,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Austin Avenue Neighborhood Greenway
To build a neighborhood greenway on Austin from Elston to Northwest Highway. A frequent route for children heading to Hitch and St Tars schools and parks, the Austin Greenway is eligible for 80% matching funds from a federal grant program. | \$60,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Fencing and Lighting Near Gladstone Park Metra
To replace fencing and improve lighting on the path connecting the Gladstone Park Metra to the pedestrian bridge over the Kennedy. | \$70,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. A New 4800 North Avondale
To add a sidewalk and better street lighting to the 4800-block of North Avondale, and to repave the street. | \$335,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. New Ornamental Street Lights on Lawrence
To replace the street lights on Lawrence with lights similar to those nearby on Milwaukee. | \$390,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Curbs and Sidewalks
Small curb and sidewalk repairs throughout the ward until money is expended, with priority given to those in most disrepair. | \$200,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Crosswalks Across Milwaukee
To install crosswalks across Milwaukee at bus stop locations. | \$80,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Pedestrian Refuge Island Across Lawrence at Lavergne
To install a protected area in the middle of Lawrence at Lavergne. | \$60,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Pedestrian Bump Outs Near Hitch
To install curb extensions across Bryn Mawr at Austin. | \$150,000 |