

CARLOS  ROSA Participatory Budgeting
35TH WARD ALDERMAN **in the 35th Ward**

BALLOT

ALL DAY VOTING

October 16 - October 20 9am - 5pm
35th Ward Office, 2710 N. Sawyer Ave

COMMUNITY VOTING EVENTS

October 22

October 25

See website for details.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please note, you will be asked to vote on two separate ballot questions.

You will be asked to vote on how the 2018 35th Ward menu money should be allocated. You may vote for up to two (2) projects. Only one vote may be cast for each project – no weighted voting. Ballots marked with more than 2 votes are invalid and will be voided. All 35th 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 Carlos Ramirez-Rosa

More Information on Project Implementation & the 35th Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa 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 Carlos Ramirez-Rosa 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 Carlos Ramirez-Rosa 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 2017 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 35th Ward Office at 773.887.3772 or email pb@aldermancarlosrosa.org.

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 35th Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of neighborhood assemblies held

throughout the Ward this summer. The suggestions were then deliberated and researched by neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as “community representatives.”

From July through September, the community representatives met regularly in committees to decide which project proposals to place on this year’s ballot. The proposals were submitted to 35th Ward staff for final input and review.

Participation in the 35th Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 35th 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 35th 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 PROJECTS

How should the 35th Ward menu money be spent?

You may vote for up to two (2) projects from the projects below.

(Select no more than two.)

1. Complete Resurfacing of Alleys **\$526,500**

Resurface alleys to eliminate standing water. Perform grading to sewer to prevent damage to resident's basements, yards, garages and other destruction of property.

\$279,000

2400 N St. Louis, 1900 N Kildare, 1900 N. Lowell, 2211 N Kildare to 4305 W. Belden, 2222 N. Kildare to 4305 W. Belden to 4305 W. Belden, 2044 N Kedvale

Albany Park - \$49,500

Alley between Central Park and Monticello (between Montrose and Sunnyside, behind 4454 N Central Park and 4455 N Monticello), 4400 N Central Park

Irving Park - \$99,000

4100 block between Lawndale and Ridgeway, 4130 block of N Kimball

Avondale - \$99,000

2867 - 2891 N Milwaukee Ave, 2915 - 3035 N Allen, 2812 - 2884 N Wisner, 2940-2942 N Kimball

2. Complete Resurfacing of Streets **\$217,500**

Resurface street to eliminate standing water. Perform grading to sewer to prevent damage to resident's basements, yards, garages and other destruction of property.

Albany Park - \$43,500

4200 N Monticello

Albany Park - \$43,500

4400 N Bernard

Albany Park - \$43,500

4600 N Monticello

Hermosa - \$43,500

2200 N Lowell

Hermosa - \$43,500

2200 N Tripp

3. Sidewalk Repairs **\$300,000**

Albany Park - 4400 N Avers - \$75,000

Logan Square - 2400 N Central Park - \$75,000

Irving Park - 3600 W Cullom - \$75,000

Hermosa - 2200 N Tripp Ave - \$75,000

4. Lighting and Beautification **\$86,600**

Albany Park - 4540 N Hamlin Ave - \$78,200

New lights by Haugan elementary school very dark to complete unfinished project of 2016 winner due to financial constraints.

Logan Square - 3500 W Fullerton - \$6,300

Painting 21 poles.

Logan Square - New Garbage Cans - \$2,100

New garbage cans on Fullerton between Kimball and Central Park.

PB Chicago Voter Survey

This survey is research. Please take two minutes to fill out this form to help us improve the Participatory Budgeting process. All information will be used for research and evaluation purposes only. Please make sure you complete the entire survey. **If you do not feel comfortable answering any or all of these questions, feel free to skip them. No identifying information is collected, and all responses are treated in confidence.** Participating in this research is completely voluntary and declining will not affect your relationship with UIC or the Participatory Budgeting Chicago initiative. There are no direct benefits for participating in the research. Please contact the principal investigator Thea Crum at 312.996.4617 or UIC's IRB at 312.996.1711 for more information. Your input is very important!

Please do not complete the survey if you are under the age of 14.

1. Did you vote in Participatory Budgeting in a previous cycle? Yes No

2. How did you hear about today's vote? (Mark all that apply)

- From my Alderman I got a phone call My/child's school
- Television/newspaper/radio Flyer/poster Family/friends
- Someone came to my door Facebook/Twitter
- Community group (please specify): _____ Other (please specify): _____

3. Based on your experience, how would you rate the following?

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
The quality of the budget proposals on the ballot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The materials and information presented to voters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The voting process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Participatory Budgeting process overall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Besides voting, how else have you been involved in this cycle (June 2017 – October 2017) of PB? (Mark all that apply)

- I did not participate Assembly in Summer Project Expo
- Ward Leadership Committee Community representative committee Facilitator

5. Do you feel that you understand the needs of your ward better after voting today?

- Yes No I don't know

6. How often do you vote in local elections (such as mayoral elections)?

- I am not eligible to vote Never Rarely Sometimes Always

7. Over the past 12 months, have you worked with others in your community to solve a community problem outside of PB?

- Yes No I don't know

8. Which types of projects did you decide to vote for today? (Mark all that apply)

- Streets resurfacing/repairs Sidewalk repairs Traffic calming/pedestrian safety
- Murals/public art Park improvements Green space/community garden
- Signage Bike lanes Street lights/cameras
- Other (please specify): _____

9. How long have you lived in this neighborhood?

- Less than 1 year 1 to 3 years 4 to 7 years 8 to 15 years More than 15 years

10. Highest level of education:

- Less than 9th grade Associate's degree Bachelor's degree
- 9th to 12th grade, no diploma Some college, no degree Graduate/professional degree
- High school graduate or equivalent

11. How would you identify your race and/or ethnicity (Mark all that apply)?

- American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
 Black or African-American Hispanic or Latino/a
 White Other (please specify): _____

12. What is your gender? Female Male Other (please specify): _____

13. What is the estimated yearly income of your household?

- Less than \$10,000 \$25,000 to \$34,999 \$75,000 to \$99,999
 \$10,000 to \$14,999 \$35,000 to \$49,999 \$100,000 to \$149,999
 \$15,000 to \$24,999 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$150,000 or more

14. How many people are supported by this household income?

- 1 2 3 4
 5 6 7 8 More than 8

15. What is your age?

- 14 to 17 years old 20 to 24 years old 35 to 44 years old 55 to 64 years old
 18 to 19 years old 25 to 34 years old 45 to 54 years old 65 years and older

16. What language do you feel most comfortable using?

- English Polish Spanish Other (please specify): _____

17. What country were you born in? United States Mexico Other: _____

18. Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent Other

19. Do you think PB should continue in Chicago next year?

- Yes No I don't know

20. Over the past 12 months, how many times have you done each of the following outside of PB?

	None	Once	2-5 times	More than 5 times
Attended a community meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a political party meeting or event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a block club, neighborhood, condo, or tenant association meeting or event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a labor union meeting or event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a sports, leisure, or cultural association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a religious group meeting or event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a PTA or other school meeting or event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized a meeting about community issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a Chicago alternative policing strategy (CAPS), or beat meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended chamber of commerce meeting or event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended Ward night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a rally or protest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Research on Participatory Budgeting Chicago Research Subjects Information and Rights Handout

INTRODUCTION

The Great Cities Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is conducting research on participatory budgeting (PB) processes taking place in Chicago. The purpose of the research is to understand the nature of participation in the PB process by examining who does and does not participate in PB, why people participate, how outreach and the design of the process impacts participation, and what skills, beliefs and attitudes participants and elected officials learn from the process. The research project is guided by the following goals:

Research Goals

- To document and assess the PB process to provide support data for organizations and officials seeking to democratize budget processes;
- To better understand the composition and motivations of PB participants in order to maximize participation of diverse stakeholders in future processes;
- To refine the PB process so that it may be possible to expand PB in Chicago and to scale up the US model in the near future.

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE RESEARCH

The research involves surveys, observations of the process and interviews with participants. You will be asked to complete a survey at each phase of the PB process (the neighborhood assembly, community representative phase, and the PB vote) and you may be selected to be interviewed. Each survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete and each interview will take 20 minutes. The surveys and interviews are completely anonymous and ask for no identifying information such as your name. Questions on both the surveys and the interviews include:

- how participants heard about PB;
- their experience of the PB process;
- how they participated;
- what they learned as a result of participating;
- how they do or do not participate in other types of community events; and
- personal demographic information including race or ethnicity, household income, age, and how long the participant has lived in the neighborhood.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All data collected is completely anonymous and kept strictly confidential. No identifying information such as your name will be collected as a part of this research and therefore will not be used when data from this study are published.

YOUR RIGHTS AS A RESEARCH PARTICIPANT

Participation in this research is voluntary. You have the right not to participate at all, to choose not to answer a question, or to leave the study at any time without penalty. Deciding not to participate in any part of the research will involve no penalty or decrease in benefits to which you are otherwise entitled and it will not harm your relationship with the Alderman, UIC or the Participatory Budgeting Chicago Initiative.

RISKS

This research involves **no risk of greater harm or discomfort than those that ordinarily occur in daily life**. There may also be other risks that we cannot predict.

BENEFITS TO TAKING PART IN THE STUDY

There are no direct or immediate benefits from participating in the research. However, information collected as a part of this research will be used to improve the PB process overall and expand it to other communities and schools in Chicago offering more opportunities for civic engagement to youth and adults throughout the city. Others may also benefit in the future from the information we find in this study.

CONTACTS FOR QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

Call Thea Crum at 312-996-4617 or email her at tcrum3@uic.edu if you have questions about the research, the rights of a research subject, or if you experience any discomforts. You may also contact UIC's IRB at 312.996.1711.

Please feel free to keep a copy of this information sheet for your records.
Thank you!