

# More Information on Project Implementation & the 22nd Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Muñoz 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 Muñoz 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 Muñoz 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 2015 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 22nd Ward Office at 773-762-1771 or Enlace Chicago at 773-823-1062 or email [pb@enlacechicago.org](mailto:pb@enlacechicago.org).

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 22nd Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects and spending priorities came from brainstorming sessions at a series of ten neighborhood assemblies held throughout the ward in November 2014.

From December 2014 through April 2015, these suggestions were deliberated and researched by over 20 volunteers who committed to serve as “community representatives.” These representatives met regularly to decide which project proposals to place on this year’s ballot.

Participation in the 22nd Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 22nd Ward residents and stakeholders, 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 22nd 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.

# Participatory Budgeting in the 22nd Ward

# BALLOT

## VOTING

Tuesday, April 21 - Thursday, April 30

## 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 2015 22nd 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 2015 22nd 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 22nd 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 Ricardo Muñoz, Enlace Chicago, PB Chicago, and 22nd Ward PB Leaders and Volunteers**

**BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 1: Street Resurfacing**

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

Resurfacing is necessary to address streets that have deteriorated, are safety hazards and are generally in poor condition. Residents, businesses and visitors to the 22nd Ward will benefit from improved safety when driving.

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 \$38,000 per block. The average cost for each street resurfaced in addition to the initial five is \$66,500.

**(Please select only one.)**

PERCENTAGE of Budget that Should Be Spent on Street Resurfacing	COST	Estimated # of Blocks to be Resurfaced
<input type="checkbox"/> 100%	\$ 1,000,000	17
<input type="checkbox"/> 90%	\$ 900,000	15
<input type="checkbox"/> 80%	\$ 800,000	14
<input type="checkbox"/> 70%	\$ 700,000	12
<input type="checkbox"/> 60%	\$ 600,000	11
<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	\$ 500,000	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 40%	\$ 400,000	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 30%	\$ 300,000	6
<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	\$ 200,000	5
<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	\$ 100,000	2

The 22 Ward Streets and Alleys Committee identified the streets most in need of resurfacing. All streets submitted for resurfacing are subject to approval by the Chicago Department of Transportation.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

For more details and lists of all locations designated for improvements, please see the project posters.

**BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2**

**How should the remaining portion of the 22nd Ward menu money be spent?**

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

**(Select no more than four.)**

- 1. Residential and School Zone Speed Hump Installation** **\$66,000**  
Speed humps create a safer environment by helping slow traffic on streets that students and families cross frequently. When a car hits a pedestrian at a high rate of speed, the collision is more likely to result in a pedestrian fatality. Speed humps slow vehicles and give drivers increased response time and distance for stopping. This makes streets safer for pedestrians. Installation of speed humps costs \$3,700 per block.
- 2. Alley Apron Repair** **\$150,000**  
Alley aprons are located at the ends of alleys and serve two main purposes. They create a smooth and safe point of entry into alleys for vehicles. They also create a safe and passable surface for pedestrians to walk in locations where alley entrances interrupt the natural flow of the sidewalk. Alley aprons with holes, cracks, missing sections or uneven pavement are hazardous for pedestrians and vehicles. They will be replaced with new concrete alley aprons. Each alley apron costs an average of \$10,000 to replace.
- 3. Urgent Sidewalk Repairs in Residential and Green Space Areas** **\$240,000**  
Sidewalks in poor condition are dangerous and hazardous for pedestrians and those using wheelchairs, strollers, canes and walkers. This proposal will improve sidewalk conditions in residential areas. It will also improve accessibility to a new community garden and beautify the surroundings. CDOT will only repair sections of sidewalk that are deteriorated. Each block costs an average of \$75,000 or less to repair, depending on condition.
- 4. From Boundaries to Bridges: Illuminating 22 Ward Viaducts** **\$30,000**  
This lighting improvement will showcase the upcoming mural at the Central Park viaduct scheduled to be installed this summer and bring light to other high traffic viaducts where pedestrian safety is a concern. Viaduct lighting upgrades consist of removing old fixtures and installing new energy efficient, white light fixtures. New electrical infrastructure will be installed as needed. The average cost is \$1,500 per fixture.
- 5. Improvement of Community Spaces** **\$157,150**  
Residents of the 22nd Ward have made clear that safe space for community building and recreation is a high priority. Here is a plan to improve and develop a number of community spaces across the ward:
  - Infrastructure for the Lawndale Triangle Gardening Pocket Park on Ogden and Kildare
  - Installation of a Spray Feature at LeClaire Park
  - Lighting Improvements for Schools, Parks and Gardens in Little Village
  - Installation of Pedestrian Crossing Signs at Vittum Park/Edwards School Annex
- 6. Lighting Improvements** **\$27,800**  
Updates to existing light poles will improve nighttime visibility, safety, and pedestrian comfort. These improvements include increasing wattage, repainting light poles, and/or installing spotlights at the following locations:
  - Lawler from 45th to 46th, and 46th from Laramie to Lamon
  - Ogden from Keeler to Kostner
  - 33rd from Karlov to Keeler