



Participatory Budgeting in the 36th Ward

BALLOT

VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST!

Contact the 36th Ward Office for more information on voting dates and locations
or visit www.pbchicago.org.

6934 W. Diversey Ave.
Monday – Friday: 9am-5pm
1st and 3rd Saturdays: 9am to Noon

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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 2018 36th 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 2018 36th Ward menu money should be allocated. You may vote for up to three (3) projects. Only one vote may be cast for each project – no weighted voting. Ballots marked with more than 3 votes are invalid and will be voided. All 36th 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 Gilbert Villegas

More Information on Project Implementation & the 36th Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Villegas 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 Villegas 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 Villegas 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 36th Ward Office at 773.745.4636 or email Justin.Heath@cityofchicago.org.

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 36th Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of neighborhood assemblies held throughout the Ward. The suggestions were then deliberated

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

From July 2017 through September 2017, the community representatives met regularly in committees to decide which project proposals to place on this year’s ballot. The proposals were submitted to 36th Ward staff for final input and review.

Participation in the 36th Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 36th 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 36th 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 QUESTION NUMBER 1: Street Resurfacing

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

Resurfacing is necessary to address streets and sidewalks that have deteriorated, are safety hazards and are generally in poor condition. Residents, businesses and visitors to the 36th Ward will benefit from improved safety when traveling in the ward.

Menu money is the only available funding for residential street and sidewalk 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 cost for each street resurfaced in addition the initial five is \$70,500.

(Please select only one.)

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

Note: Streets that will be repaired will be determined by the Alderman's office with information submitted by residents at Idea Collection events, assessment by the Streets and Sidewalks Committee, residents submitted info via 311 and expert information from the Department of Transportation.

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BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2

How should the remaining portion of the 36th Ward menu money be spent?

You may vote for up to three (3) projects from the projects below.

(Select no more than 3.)

- 1. West Belmont Library Handicapped Accessibility and Beautification** **\$55,000**
West Belmont Library should serve our entire community, but we need to make sure it's accessible and welcoming and beautiful for all our neighbors.

- 2. Hermosa Mural and Church Parking** **\$95,000**
Word of Life Church of God serves our community every day, and diagonal parking would increase their capacity to serve. A mural in Hermosa would improve lives in an already vibrant community.

- 3. Locke School Security and Park Improvements** **\$40,000**
Improving park and school facilities with security, garbage cans, drinking fountains, and benches will help keep our community - especially our kids - safe and healthy.

- 4. Pedestrian Tunnel Improvements** **\$125,000**
The pedestrian tunnel at Rutherford-Sayre Park has been a dangerous eyesore for decades. By improving the tunnel, we can honor the legacy of Isaias Cejas while improving the community for everyone.

- 5. Community Public Way Improvements** **\$100,000**
Adding traffic circles at important intersections and garbage cans along main streets will increase safety and improve the quality of life for everyone in the 36th Ward.

- 6. Neighborhood Celebration Signs and Bike Racks** **\$50,000**
Signs welcoming visitors and residents alike add a sense of community. Being able to have a safe place to park bicycles will bring people into the community, all while showing off our great neighborhoods.

- 7. Prosser Community Garden** **\$55,000**
The community garden at Prosser Career Academy is quickly becoming a gem for everyone in the community. Now we need to water the plants!