



# More Information on Project Implementation and 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 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, visit [www.ward45.org](http://www.ward45.org), call (773) 286-4545 or email [Owen.brugh@cityofchicago.org](mailto: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 fall 2014. The suggestions were then debated and researched by neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as "community representatives."

From December 2014 through April 2015, the community representatives met regularly in a committee to decide which project proposals to place on this year's ballot. The proposals were submitted to 45th Ward residents for final input and review at project expos in April 2015.

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 age 16 and over, 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 community-led leadership committee, visit [www.pbchicago.com](http://www.pbchicago.com).

Many thanks to the community representatives and participatory budgeting leadership committee members 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, 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 45<sup>th</sup> Ward

# BALLOT

## VOTING ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 2nd, 2015  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wilson Park Fieldhouse  
4630 N. Milwaukee Ave.

## EARLY VOTING

Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 1, 2015  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Ward 45 Office  
4754 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
Additional locations, [www.pbchicago.org](http://www.pbchicago.org)

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

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

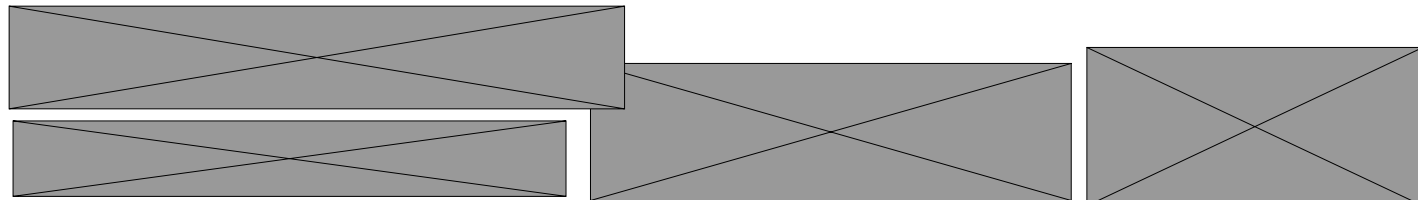
First, you will be asked to cast one (1) vote on the percentage of the 2015 45th Ward aldermanic menu budget that you believe should be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing. The average of all the votes cast on this question will determine the percentage of the menu budget that will be allocated to street resurfacing.

Second, you will be asked to vote on how the remainder of the 2015 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.



**STREETS** Prioritized by the Community Representatives

**BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 1**

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

**Note: Ward. Please note that it is subject to Chicago Department of Transportation approval. Street resurfacing is \$38,000 for the first five blocks and \$66,500 for each additional block due to federal regulations.**

PERCENTAGE of Budget that Should Be Spent on Street Resurfacing	COST	NUMBER of Blocks Repaved
<input type="checkbox"/> 0%	\$ -	0
<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	\$ 100,000	2
<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	\$ 200,000	5
<input type="checkbox"/> 30%	\$ 300,000	6
<input type="checkbox"/> 40%	\$ 400,000	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	\$ 500,000	9
<input type="checkbox"/> 60%	\$ 600,000	11
<input type="checkbox"/> 70%	\$ 700,000	12
<input type="checkbox"/> 80%	\$ 800,000	14
<input type="checkbox"/> 90%	\$ 900,000	15
<input type="checkbox"/> 100%	\$ 1,000,000	17

**Note: The Streets Committee of the 45th Ward Participatory Budgeting Initiative identified and prioritized the streets most in need of resurfacing. The following streets will be resurfaced in priority order depending on the percentage of this year's budget that will be devoted to streets.**



**BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2**

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

**You may vote for up to three (3) projects from the projects below and to the right. (Select no more than three.)**

Project	COST
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>1. Standard Bicycle Lanes on Milwaukee Avenue</b> Standard bicycle lanes would be installed on Milwaukee Avenue between Lawrence and Addison. By creating a safer space for all users of the road, this project enhances the available options of getting around the 45th Ward.	\$60,000
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2. Three PeopleSpots in the 45th Ward</b> Three PeopleSpots to be installed for outdoor seating and bringing pedestrian traffic to retail corridors of the 45th Ward. These platforms can be moved and designed to fit the surrounding neighborhood and shopping area.	\$30,000
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3. Lavergne and Lawrence Pedestrian Refuge Island</b> The island would provide a safe crossing for children heading north to Beaubien School and south to the new playground at Thuis Park.	\$60,000
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>4. Safer Crossing of Cicero Avenue</b> Installation of a pedestrian refuge island would allow a safer crossing of Cicero Avenue, the busiest street in the 45th Ward, for access to the Metra Mayfair Station Pensacola Entrance.	\$60,000
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>5. Kedvale Field Renovation and Resurfacing</b> The project would renovate and resurface the field to address longtime flooding problems, and create an athletic field for use by all Disney II students, high school athletes and community members.	\$100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>6. Pedestrian Bump-Outs in Eight Locations</b> Curb bump-outs build shorter, safer crosswalks at busy intersections, protecting residents and promoting a future for our streets as vibrant commercial and cultural corridors.	\$88,000
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>7. Olive's Neighborhood Garden Expansion</b> This project would purchase wood, hardware, and all the materials needed to build a shed to hold all of the equipment for the garden.	\$4,552
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>8. Pulaski Avondale &amp; Expressway Underpass Safety Improvements</b> This project will address pedestrian safety issues along Pulaski Avenue at the Kennedy Expressway and Avondale Avenue in an effort to improve lighting and increase safety for commuters and school age children.	\$45,000
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>9. Farnsworth Elementary ADA-Accessible Playground</b> Combined with CPS and other funds, this would create a safe, accessible playground for students and the surrounding community. The current playground, built in the 1990s, is very small, and the play surface is decayed.	\$100,000

THANK YOU FOR VOTING IN PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING.