Participatory Budgeting in the 35th Ward

BALLOT

ALL DAY VOTING
May 2nd - May 6th
35th Ward Office, 2708 N. Sawyer Ave
Monday, May 2: 9am-7pm
Tuesday, May 3 - Friday, May 6: 9am-5pm

Thursday, May 5 4- 8pm
Avondale Park, 3516 W. School St

Friday, May 6 9am-5pm
Nixon Elementary (basement), 4150 W. Dickens Ave

Saturday, May 7th noon-4pm
The Levee Bar, 4035 W. Fullerton Ave

VOTING ASSEMBLIES
Tuesday, May 3rd 9am-7pm
Athletic Park Field House, 3546 W. Addison St

Wednesday, May 4th 9am-5pm
Aspire Haugen/ Jensen Park, 3729 W. Leland Ave

Thursday, May 5 4- 8pm
Avondale Park, 3516 W. School St

Friday, May 6 9am-5pm
Nixon Elementary (basement), 4150 W. Dickens Ave

Saturday, May 7th 10am-2pm
Paseo Boricua, Kedzie Ave and Logan Ave

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

You will be asked to vote on how the 2016 35th 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 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
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 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 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 in the fall and winter. The suggestions were then deliberated and researched by neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as “community representatives.”

From December 2015 through April 2016, 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 three (3) projects from the projects below.
(Select no more than three.)

LIGHTING

1. New Street Lighting to Replace Existing Lighting
   This project will replace four (4) poles on each block 2 city blocks along the 2900 block of N. Woodard.

2. New lights and Repainted Poles Along a Very Busy Area Where the Community Has Places to Shop, Eat and Play
   This project is to upgrade (16) individual street lights and re-painting of each street light to provide better lighting for drivers and pedestrians and enhance the safety and beautification along Lawrence Ave.

3. Replace Existing Light Poles
   This project will replace four (4) poles on each block 2 city blocks on the 2200 and 2300 blocks of N. Karlov.

4. Replace Old Street Lights with Street Lights That Have Piggybacks
   Voting for this project would improve the lighting along 3 city blocks and would benefit all the children and families who attend the two local elementary schools and play at the local park. Currently the lighting in this area is poor. Some lighting is missing. There have been multiple crime problems in this area.

RESURFACING

5. Street and Alley 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 35th Ward will benefit from improved safety when driving. Alleys and alley apron: 2200 block N. Lowell and 2200 N. Kedvale; street: 4700 block N. Harding.

   Alley Aprons and Resurfacing - Between 2200 N Lowell and 2200 N Kedvale
   This alley holds a substantial amount of water, which creates a health risk in the summer and a safety risk in the winter.

   Cave in of Street Fix Structure and Repave - 4700 N Harding
   The 4700 N Harding block is in very poor condition. Several capital improvements and water main improvements have been made in this neighborhood but this block has been overlooked. The condition is quickly deteriorating due to quick fix patching and increasingly buckling pavement. This project has been identified by the Ward as a "good project to fund."
6. Projects for a Healthier and Greener Ward  
Vote for a greener and healthier Ward! These projects promote healthy living for local youth through increased sports opportunities, promote healthy eating through community gardens, and improve our parks and gardens, making our Ward a more beautiful place to live.

Rehab Ballfields & Install Camera - Athletic Field Park
Install fencing around 3 ballfields and rehab baseball backstops, dugouts and benches. The high definition camera for will increase safety in the area.

Equipment Updates for Gymnastic Center - Avondale Park
Update vault and exercise floor in gymnastic center and update windows, doors, and security camera, and boiler regulator.

Outdoor Repairs - Unity Park
Repair broken borders of four raised flower beds, install electricity for gazebo, install light in NE corner of park.

Paseo Prairie Garden Water Access
Water access for community garden at Milwaukee & Wrightwood in front of Logan Square Blue Line El stop working through Neighborspace.

7. Projects for healthy and safe recreation at our children’s schools  
Vote to give local students healthy options for recreation at their schools. Help local children stay fit and active by providing them with a safe place to play. Studies show that when students have a chance to play, they perform better in school too.

Site Preparation for New Playground - Nixon School
Demolition, grading, drainage and removal of old playground to prepare for new one. Increase the wattage (brightness) of existing lights from 250 to 400 Watts.

Soccer Turf and Goal Posts - Murphy School
Field construction, synthetic turf, goal posts & installation for 25’x70’ soccer field on east side of school.

8. Projects for safer transportation and healthy recreation in our ward  
Vote for more and better public transportation options in our Ward! These projects will increase public transportation options, provide community members with healthy recreation opportunities and beautify the daily commute for many residents.

Healy Metra Station Divvy Bike Station & Beautification
Installation of a mural, tuckpointing, new lighting, and the first Divvy Station in Hermosa. Will be a 15 dock station with 10 bikes.

9. Pedestrian Safety Improvements  
Vote to improve pedestrian safety at multiple points in the ward with the installation of a refuge island, shared bike lanes, and residential street bump outs at multiple locations in the ward.

Traffic Safety Improvements - N Elston, N Christiana & N Waveland
Installation of a pedestrian refuge island and shared bike lanes at this dangerous intersection to calm traffic for pedestrians, particularly children traveling to Murphy School.

Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Nixon School
Installation of residential street bump outs on North Keeler avenue to slow traffic approaching Nixon School.

Wheelchair Ramp - Logan Square Blue Line Station
There is no ramp for wheelchairs to access the sidewalk in front of the Logan Square Blue Line entrance. Vote to add a wheelchair ramp where there is handicapped parking but no ramp.