

Participatory Budgeting in the 41st Ward

BALLOT

VOTING February 17 - March 10

41st Ward Office

7442 N Harlem Ave, Chicago, IL 60631

Mondays 9am - 7pm

Tuesdays - Fridays 9am - 5pm

Feb 17 - March 10

VOTING BEGINS February 17! Contact the 41st Ward Office for more information on voting dates and locations or visit 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 2017 41st 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 2017 41st Ward menu money should be allocated. You will be asked to rank the proposed projects from 1 - 4 based on how important you think the project is for the ward. All 41st Ward residents, age 16 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.

More Information on Project Implementation & the 41st Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Thank you for participating in the inaugural participatory budgeting process in the 41st Ward. Alderman Napolitano launched this process in the 41st Ward to ensure residents have a voice in how their infrastructure dollars are allocated. The enclosed ballot will first ask you to cast your vote on what percentage of the total one million dollar infrastructure budget should be spent on traditional infrastructure (street/alley resurfacing, curbs, etc.). The second question asks you to rank the four community projects in order of importance to you.

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 41st 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.” Participation in the 41st Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 41st Ward residents.

Alderman Anthony Napolitano will submit the projects based on the order in which they are ranked, up to \$1 million dollars (contingent on the dollars allocated to projects, which is established by 41st Ward residents in ballot question number one), 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 Anthony Napolitano pledges to request funding he cannot guarantee that the government agencies will grant

final approval to each and every project request. suggestions were then deliberated and researched by neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as “community representatives.”

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 Anthony Napolitano 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 41st Ward Office at (773) 631-2241 or email pbward41@gmail.com.

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 41st Ward community groups and volunteers for their 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 Public Schools, the Chicago Department of Transportation and Budget, the PB Chicago Citywide Steering Committee and the UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs 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 that have been deteriorated, are safety hazards and are generally in poor condition. Residents, businesses and visitors to the 41st Ward will benefit from improved safety when traveling in the ward. 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 \$43,500 per block. The average costs for each additional street is \$72,000.

(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	15 streets
<input type="checkbox"/> 90%	\$900,000	14 streets
<input type="checkbox"/> 80%	\$800,000	13 streets
<input type="checkbox"/> 70%	\$700,000	12 streets
<input type="checkbox"/> 60%	\$600,000	10 streets

Note: Streets which will be repaired will be determined by the Alderman's office with information submitted by residents at Idea Collection events, submitted info to ward office and pward41@gmail.com as well as expert information from the Department of Transportation.

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BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2

How should the remaining portion of the 41st Ward menu money be spent?

Please rank the four projects below in order of what you think should be a top priority for the ward (1) to the lowest priority project (4). Projects will be funded in order of priority as determined by the community.

 1. COMMUNITY GARDEN/BEAUTIFICATION **\$25,000**

Establish new or update existing community garden landscaping and people space around the ward.

Locations: Blue Star Memorial Garden (Harlem/Avondale), Oliphant Avenue Planters/Pavers (Northwest Hwy to Olmsted), Devon Avenue Planter Boxes (Minnehaha to Kinzua) and establish Wildwood Community Garden on Caldwell/Estes.

 2. STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS **\$75,000**

Business district improvements of existing ornamental tree grates and landscaping on Devon and Central as well as adding landscaping and ornamental tree grates on Northwest Highway.

Locations: Business districts on Northwest Highway (Harlem to Raven), Devon (Kinzua to Spokane) and Central (Devon to Tahoma).

 3. LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS **\$75,000**

Repair and Repaint street light poles on Higgins, Harlem and Touhy. Install additional lighting for shared space around Oriole Park, Library and School.

Locations: Higgins (Harlem to Sayre), Touhy (Harlem to Ozanam), Harlem (Howard to Fitch), Harlem (Foster to Bryn Mawr) and Oriole Park/Library/School (Balmoral and Oketo).

 4. PEDESTRIAN/TRAFFIC SAFETY **\$265,000**

Installation of fence on Chester Ave for safety of kids utilizing playlot. Establish diagonal parking on Ionia and Leoti for safety of residents utilizing the combined school and park space. Install a pedestrian refuge island on Avondale at Devon to ensure safety of residents crossing the busy intersection near Olympia Park. Install OEMC camera used to assist in targeting criminal activity on the public-way for safety of residents utilizing Oriole Park, Library and School.

Locations: Grandparent's Park (Chester and Rascher Ave), Edgebrook School/Park Ionia (Central to Minnehaha), Wildwood Park (Leoti at Monon), Olympia Park (Devon and Avondale) and Oriole Park (Balmoral and Oketo).