



Participatory Budgeting in the 49th Ward

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What is

Participatory Budgeting?

And how does it differ
from constituent input
and participation
in budgeting processes?



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Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget.

Most examples involve city governments that have opened up decisions around municipal budgets, such as overall priorities and choice of new investments, to citizen assemblies.

In other cases, states, counties, schools, universities, housing authorities, and coalitions of community groups have used participatory budgeting to open up spending decisions to democratic participation.



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How does it work?

Community members make budget decisions through an annual series of local assemblies and meetings. Although there are many models of participatory budgeting, most follow a basic process: diagnosis, discussion, decision-making, implementation, and monitoring.

- Residents identify local priority needs, generate ideas to respond to these needs, and choose budget representatives for each community.
- These representatives discuss the local priorities and develop concrete projects that address them, together with experts.
- Residents vote for which of these projects to fund.
- The government implements the chosen projects.
- Residents monitor the implementation of budget projects.

For example, if residents identify recreation spaces as a priority, their budget representatives might develop a proposal for a new basketball court. The residents would then vote on this and other proposals, and if they approve the basketball court, the city pays to build it.



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Where has it worked?

The Brazilian city of Porto Alegre started the first full PB process in 1989, for the municipal budget. In Porto Alegre, as many as 50,000 people have participated each year, to decide as much as 20% of the city budget.

Since 1989, PB has spread to over 1,200 cities in Latin America, North America, Asia, Africa, and Europe.

In the US and Canada, this includes PB processes in Toronto, Montreal, Guelph, and **Chicago**.



What are the benefits?

Elected officials, community organizations, academics, and international institutions such as the United Nations and World Bank have declared PB a model for democratic government. Why?

- ✓ **Gives community members a say:** Ordinary people have more voice – and they get to make real decisions.
- ✓ **Makes for better and more equitable decisions:** Local residents know best what they need, and budget dollars are redistributed to communities with the greatest needs.
- ✓ **Develops active and democratic citizens:** Community members, staff, and officials learn democracy by doing it. They gain more understanding of complex political issues and community needs.
- ✓ **Builds communities and strengthens community organizations:** People get to know their neighbors and feel more connected to their city. Local organizations get to spend less time lobbying, and more time deciding policies themselves. Budget assemblies connect groups and attract new members.
- ✓ **Connects politicians and constituents:** Politicians build closer relationships with their constituents. Community members get to know their elected officials and local governments.
- ✓ **Makes government more accountable and efficient:** When community members decide spending in public assemblies, there are fewer opportunities for corruption, waste, or costly public backlash.

Participatory Budgeting

in practice – a political perspective

1	Alderman
1.3	Million Dollars
60	Volunteers
36	Project Proposals
1652	PB Voters
14	Winning Projects
6929	Happy Constituents who voted for Alderman Moore's Re-Election (a 42% increase in the margin of victory)

49th Ward (60,000 residents) Participatory Budgeting Cycle



Participatory Budgeting Cycle Steering Committee

Community Leaders
Convene to Develop
Process
(July-September)

Community leaders were invited to participate on a steering committee to develop a Participatory Budgeting process whereby residents of the 49th Ward would decide how to spend the approximately \$1.3 Million allocated by the City of Chicago for infrastructure needs in the ward. **The Participatory Budgeting Project** provided consulting services to the steering committee.

These budgetary decisions are typically made by the local Alderman in each of Chicago's 50 wards, with little community input. Projects are generally traditional infrastructure improvements like street resurfacing, street light replacement, etc. Sometimes funds are used for larger capital improvements like the construction or repair of a public building.

Alderman Joe Moore was the first elected official in the United States to give his constituents the power to decide their own budget.

Steering Committee Leaders were invited from all 49th Ward:

- Community Organizations
- Social Service Agencies
- Block Clubs
- Community Policing Groups
- Schools and Local School Councils
- Religious Congregations

Participatory Budgeting Cycle Neighborhood Assemblies

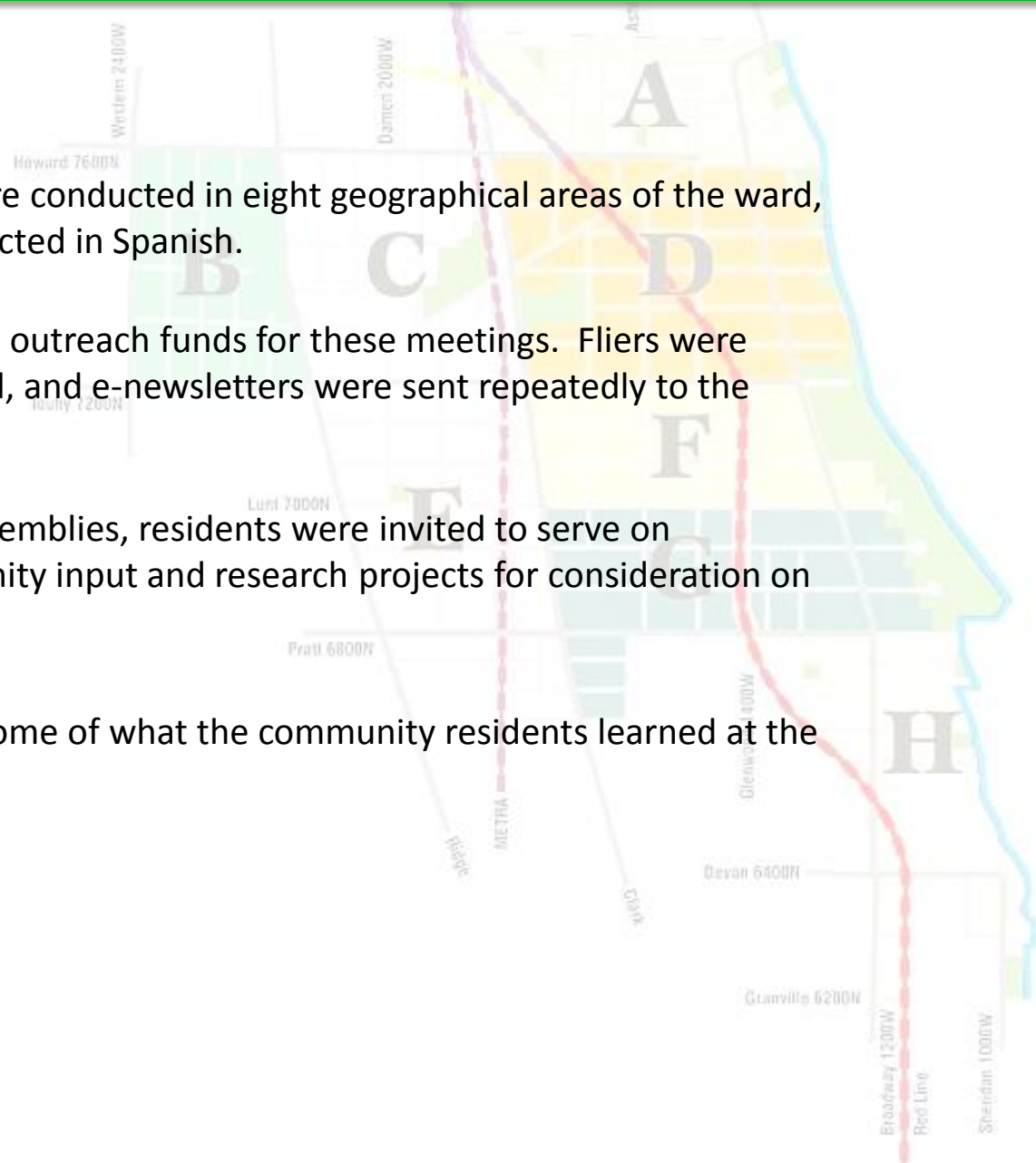
Nine Neighborhood
Assemblies Conducted
(October-November)

Neighborhood Assemblies were conducted in eight geographical areas of the ward, and a ninth session was conducted in Spanish.

Alderman Moore provided the outreach funds for these meetings. Fliers were distributed to every household, and e-newsletters were sent repeatedly to the community.

From these Neighborhood Assemblies, residents were invited to serve on committees to gather community input and research projects for consideration on the ballot.

The next slides demonstrate some of what the community residents learned at the Neighborhood Assemblies.



All 49th
Ward
Residents
are invited
to
participate
in the
process.



You Have a Date With Democracy--Decide How Your Tax Dollars Will Be Spent in the Ward

Dear Neighbor,

Around the United States and here in Chicago, city leaders are increasingly asking residents for suggestions about budget spending. Here in the 49th Ward, we're going one step further. Through a novel experiment in democracy, I'm not just asking for your opinion--I'm asking you to make real decisions about how we spend our money.

Over the next few months, I will be asking my constituents--the residents of the 49th Ward--to decide how to spend over \$1 million in tax dollars.

Each alderman in Chicago gets over \$1 million a year to allocate for various infrastructure improvements in his or her ward. This so-called "menu money" goes to resurface streets and alleys, repair sidewalks and curbs and gutters, put in new streetlights, and the like. I've also used the money to subsidize special infrastructure projects, such as the Harold Washington Playlot and the Willye White Community Center. This menu money is spent at the total discretion of each alderman.

Next year, I am ceding my decision-making authority to the residents of my ward through a process known as "**PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING**" in which all 49th Ward residents will be eligible to vote directly on the infrastructure projects that will be funded in our community.

The 49th Ward will be the first political jurisdiction in the nation to try such an approach. If this process works, I will make it a permanent fixture in the ward and hopefully inspire other elected officials to do the same in their communities.

Participatory Budgeting Neighborhood Assemblies



Community leaders provide participants with an overview of the process and invite their input on projects to consider.

What is Participatory Budgeting?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a different way to manage public money. It is a democratic process in which community members (YOU) directly decide how to spend part of a public budget.

Why Participatory Budgeting?

- Democratic participation
- Inclusion
- Education
- Equality
- Accountability

Participatory Budgeting in the 49th Ward

- Alderman Moore will use PB to allocate the ward's "Menu Money" - money used for **infrastructure projects** such as:
 - roads
 - street lighting
 - sidewalks
 - parks
- About \$1.3 million

What Types of Projects are Eligible For Funding in the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Project?

Any public project that involves acquiring, developing, maintaining or improving a capital asset, often called "infrastructure."

Eligible Projects Include:

- Street resurfacing
- Street lights
- Sidewalks
- Curb and gutters
- Catwalks and courtesy walks
- Guardrails
- Traffic signals
- Benches
- Playgrounds

Eligible Projects (cont'd):

- Security cameras
- Catwalks and courtesy walks
- Wrought iron trash cans
- Community gardens
- Artistic murals
- El platform/station improvements
- Bike racks
- Bike lanes
- Construction of or major renovations to publicly owned buildings

The "Aldermanic Menu" funds cannot be used to pay for the “operational costs” of government, including personnel, services and programs, nor can they be used for privately owned capital assets.

Projects NOT Eligible for Menu Money Funding:

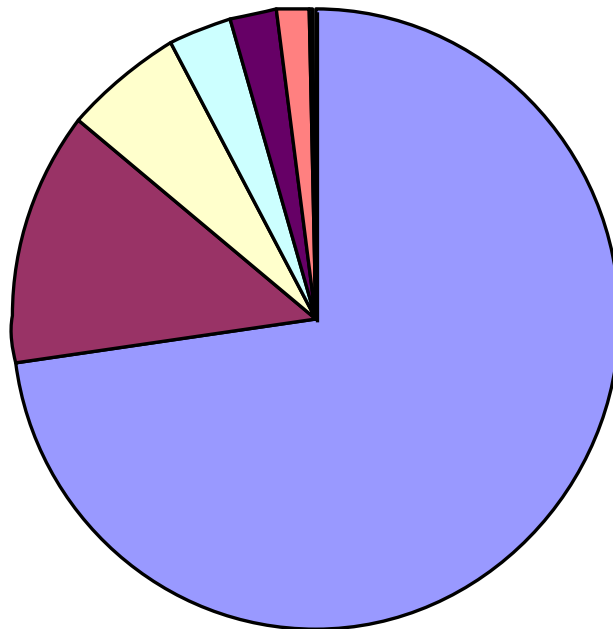
- Services (e.g., health care services, homeless services, "Meals on Wheels," etc.)
- Programs (e.g., after school programs, day care, tutoring, sports activities, etc.)
- Personnel costs (e.g., salaries and benefits for teachers, police, fire, health care workers and any other public or private employees)
- Routine maintenance of public buildings
- Extended hours at parks/libraries and other public facilities
- Improvements to facilities owned by not-for-profit organizations, houses of worship, and privately owned homes and businesses

Menu Money Expenditure 2008

Type of Project	Number of Locations	Amount Spent	Percent of Total Expenditure
Street Lighting	8	\$1,001,300	73%
Street Resurfacing	6	\$181,219	13%
Sidewalks	9	\$88,744	6%
Alley Resurfacing	1	\$44,637	3%
Police Camera	1	\$36,000	3%
Curbs/Gutters	3	\$23,091	2%
Alley Speed Humps	5	\$2,500	<1%
Bollard	1	\$1,428	<1%
Total Expenditure		\$1,378,919	

2008

2008 Expenditure



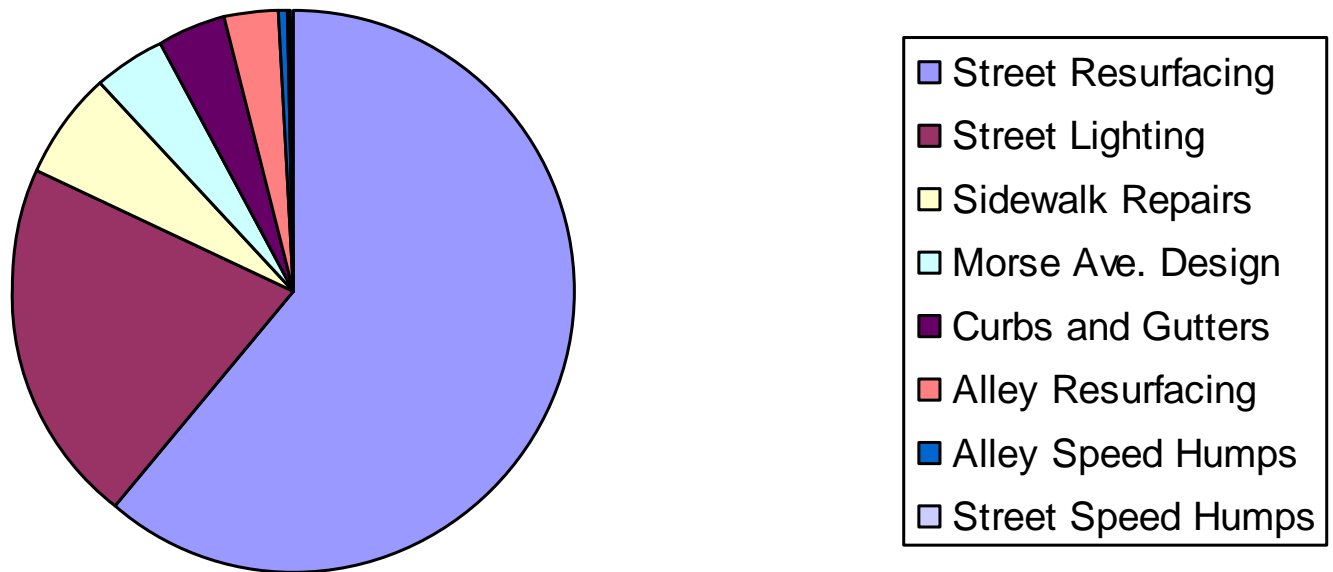
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- Curbs/Gutters
- Alley Speed Humps
- Bollard

Menu Money Expenditure 2009

Type of Project	Number of Locations	Amount Spent	Percent of Total Expenditure
Street Resurfacing	10	\$937,278	61%
Street Lighting	4	\$325,000	21%
Sidewalk Repairs	7	\$92,889	6%
Morse Ave. Design	1	\$65,000	4%
Curbs and Gutters	6	\$60,143	4%
Alley Resurfacing	2	\$48,596	3%
Alley Speed Humps	10	\$8,225	1%
Street Speed Humps	1	\$3,500	<1%
Total Expenditure		\$1,540,631	

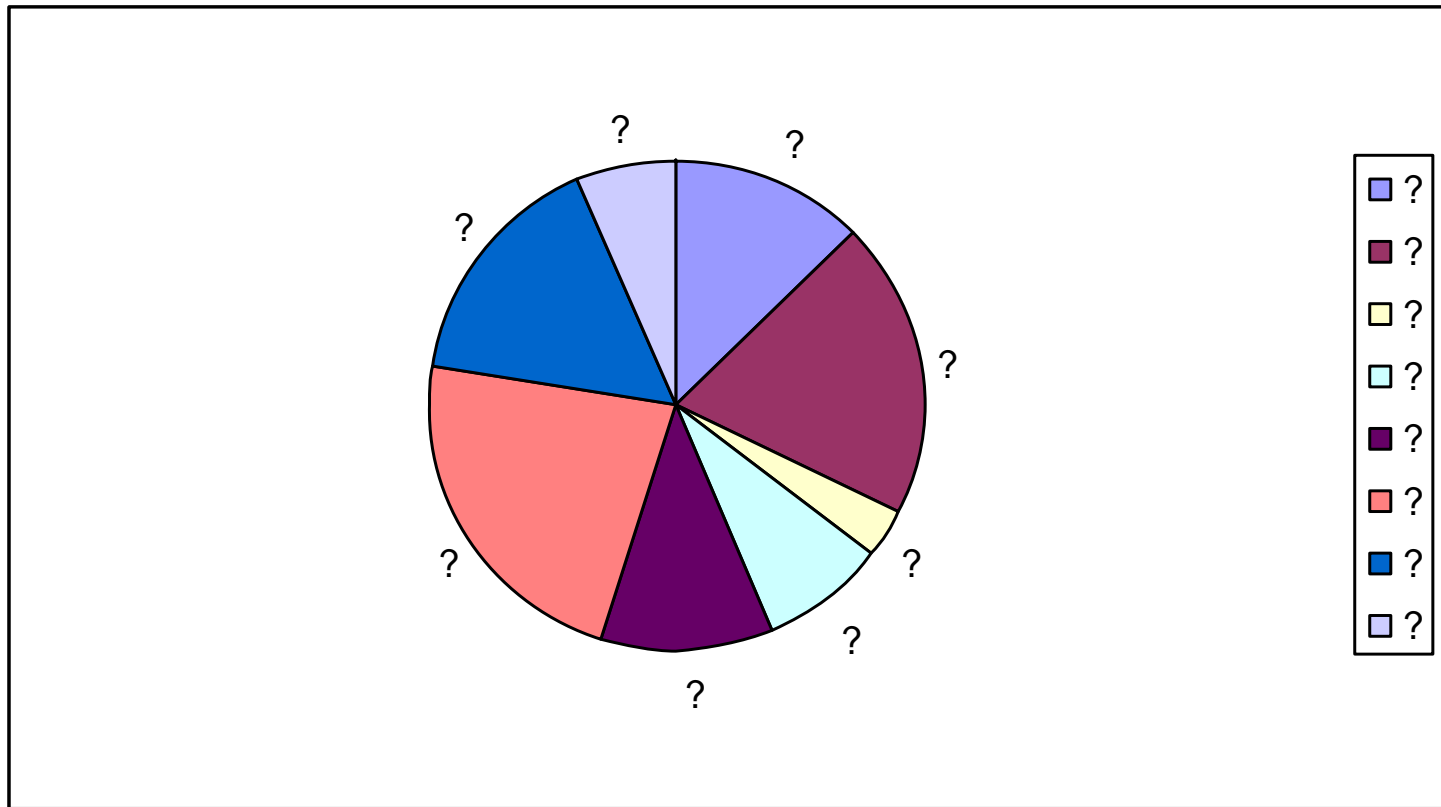
2009

2009 Expenditure



Menu Money Expenditure 2010?

Now it's up to YOU to decide!





From the break-out groups leaders emerge to serve on community committees based on topics of interest.



Participatory Budgeting Cycle Community Committees

Six Community
Committees Deliberate
(November-March)

Representatives transform the community priorities and needs expressed at the Neighborhood Assemblies into concrete project proposals. Over 60 representatives met regularly in six-themed budgeting committees. These committees, in consultation with the Steering Committee ultimately decided what would appear on the ballot in these categories:

- ❖ Parks & Environment
- ❖ Public Safety
- ❖ Traffic Safety
- ❖ Streets
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Art & Other Projects

Participatory Budgeting Cycle Voting Assembly

Early Voting &
Voting Assembly
(April)

ALDERMAN JOE MOORE'S PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING INITIATIVE

VOTE

on how to spend \$1.3 million

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 9^{AM}-3^{PM}

AT CHICAGO MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY, 7212 N. CLARK ST.

*For more information visit **www.WARD49.com** or call **773.338.5796***

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Volunteers developed displays to explain and promote their projects. Items were on display in the community weeks in advance of voting, and at the voting location.



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2010 Voting Process

49th Ward residents age 16 and over were eligible to vote, regardless of citizenship status.

36 projects selected by the committees to appear on the ballot.

Voters given up to 8 votes to cast.

One vote per project; no weighted voting

Projects with the most votes, up to \$1.3 million, submitted for implementation.

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More Information on Project Implementation & the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Moore will submit the projects that win the most votes, up to \$1.3 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 Moore 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 Moore will use the allocated money to fund the next runner-up project that falls within the budget.

Most, but not all, of the funded projects will be completed in the 2010 construction season. Required project approval procedures 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.ward49.com, call 773-338-5796, or email ward49@cityofchicago.org.

Many thanks to the community representatives and 49th Ward participatory budgeting steering 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 Metra for their expertise; to Josh Lerner and Gianpaolo Baiocchi, our advisers in this project, for their initial guidance and ongoing support; and to Bluestone & Associates for their generous contribution of design services.

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 49th Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of nine neighborhood assemblies held throughout the Ward in November and December 2009. The suggestions were then debated and researched by over 60 neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as "community representatives."

From December 2009 through March 2010, the community representatives met regularly in six committees (Art & Other Projects, Parks & Environment, Public Safety, Streets, Traffic Safety, and Transportation) to decide which project proposals to place on this ballot. The proposals were submitted to 49th Ward residents for final input and review at three neighborhood assemblies held in March 2010.

Participation in the 49th Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or as an attendee at a neighborhood assembly was entirely voluntary and open to all 49th Ward residents age 16 and over, regardless of citizenship or voter registration status.

The 49th Ward participatory budgeting steering committee developed the rules and procedures for this process. For a list of all members of the community-led steering committee, visit www.ward49.com.

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BALLOT

VOTING ASSEMBLY

Saturday, April 10th
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Chicago Math and Science Academy
7212 N. Clark St.

EARLY VOTING

Monday, April 5th – Friday, April 9th
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Wednesday until 7 p.m.)
Ward 49 Service Office
7356 N. Greenview Ave.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

You may vote for up to eight (8) projects. Only one vote may be cast for each project—no weighted voting. Ballots marked with more than eight votes are invalid and will be voided. All 49th 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 \$1.3 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 Joe Moore
and the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee

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2010 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECTS

STREETS COMMITTEE *Prioritized by the Streets Committee*

		COST
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Street Resurfacing, Priority One: 1600-1750 W. Lunt Ave and 1900-2100 W. Lunt Ave. <i>Resurfacing W. Lunt Ave., from N. Ashland Ave. to N. Clark St. and from N. Wolcott Ave. to N. Ridge Blvd.</i>	\$102,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Street Resurfacing, Priority Two: 1400-1550 W. Jonquil Tr. and 1900-2100 W. Morse Ave. <i>Resurfacing W. Jonquil Tr., from N. Sheridan Rd. to N. Rosworth Ave., and W. Morse Ave., from N. Wolcott Ave. to N. Ridge Blvd.</i>	\$93,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Street Resurfacing, Priority Three: 1200-1400 W. Columbia Ave., 1600-1700 W. North Shore Ave., and 1400-1500 W. Greenleaf Ave. <i>Resurfacing W. Columbia Ave., from N. Sheridan Rd. to N. Glenwood Ave., W. North Shore Ave., from N. Ashland Ave. to N. Clark St., and W. Greenleaf Ave., from N. Glenwood Ave. to N. Greenview Ave.</i>	\$136,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Street Resurfacing, Priority Four: 1750-1900 W. Morse Ave., and 1200-1300 W. North Shore Ave. <i>Resurfacing W. Morse Ave., from N. Clark St. to N. Wolcott Ave., and W. North Shore Ave., from N. Ashland Ave. to N. Clark St.</i>	\$93,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Street Resurfacing, Priority Five: 1200-1500 W. Lunt Ave. <i>Resurfacing W. Lunt Ave., from N. Sheridan Rd. to N. Greenview Ave.</i>	\$93,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Street Resurfacing, Priority Six: 1550-1750 W. Jonquil Tr., 7020-7150 N. Glenwood Ave. (east side) <i>Resurfacing W. Jonquil Tr., from N. Rosworth Ave. to N. Paulina St., and N. Glenwood Ave. (east side), from W. Touhy Ave. to a alley between W. Lunt Ave. and W. Greenleaf Ave.</i>	\$110,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Street Resurfacing, Priority Seven: 1000-1350 W. Morse Ave., 7500-7600 N. Claremont Ave. <i>Resurfacing W. Morse Ave., from the lake to N. Wayne Ave., and N. Claremont Ave., from W. Birchwood Ave. to W. Howard St.</i>	\$119,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Street Resurfacing, Priority Eight: Resurfacing 1200-1500 W. Howard St. and 1200-1300 W. Albion Ave., Catwalk at 1400 W. Greenleaf Ave. <i>Resurfacing W. Howard St., from the lake to N. Greenview Ave., and W. Albion Ave., from N. Sheridan Rd. to N. Lakewood Ave., adding a catwalk on the 1400 block of W. Greenleaf Ave.</i>	\$104,200
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Street Resurfacing, Priority Nine: 1300-1500 W. Jarvis Ave. and 7000-7100 N. Paulina St. <i>Resurfacing W. Jarvis Ave., from N. Sheridan Rd. to N. Greenview Ave., and N. Paulina St., from W. Lunt Ave. to W. Estes Ave.</i>	\$85,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Street Resurfacing, Priority Ten: 6800-6950 N. Wolcott Ave. and 1600-1750 W. Juneway Tr. <i>Resurfacing N. Wolcott Ave., from W. Pratt Blvd. to W. Morse Ave., and W. Juneway Tr., from N. Ashland Ave. to N. Heritage Ave.</i>	\$102,000

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<input type="checkbox"/>	11. Loyola Fieldhouse Speed Humps on 1100-1200 W. Greenleaf Ave. <i>Installation of speed humps to slow traffic leaving and entering beach and Loyola Fieldhouse parking.</i>	\$3,500
<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Clark St. and Farwell Ave. Intersection Safety <i>Enhancement of crosswalk markings and crosswalk signage, installation of a striped center median on N. Clark St. at W. Farwell Ave.</i>	\$2,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Traffic/Pedestrian Signal near Chicago Math and Science Academy <i>Installation of traffic control signal at N. Clark St. and W. Chase Ave. near the CMSA using pedestrian/vehicle actuated signal.</i>	\$230,000

PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Berger Park (6205 N. Sheridan Rd.) – Garden Shed and Cultural Center Renovation <i>Construction of a new garden shed, capital repairs at the Cultural Center including renovating floors and fixing leak.</i>	\$25,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Community Gardens in Dubkin Park (7442 N. Ashland Ave.) and Pottawattomie Park (7340 N. Rogers Ave.) <i>Youth and families grow produce, learn about ecology, and develop social ties through garden activities.</i>	\$33,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Convenience Showers at Loyola Beach Park <i>A free-standing shower and food shower unit, with a concrete sunstand and drain to allow beach goers to wash sand and dirt away while in the park.</i>	\$50,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	17. Dog Friendly Area ("DFA") at Pottawattomie Park (7340 N. Rogers Ave.) <i>Construction of an enclosed dog park on the vacant northeast corner of Pottawattomie Park.</i>	\$110,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Solar-Powered Garbage Compacting "Big Baby" Containers on Sheridan Rd. <i>10 solar-powered garbage compacting "Big Baby" containers, to be placed at high traffic corners on Sheridan Rd.</i>	\$41,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	19. Touhy Park (7348 N. Paulina St.) Path Completion <i>Completion of the paved pedestrian path circling the interior of the park.</i>	\$25,000

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Additional Amenities on CTA "El" Platforms <i>Placement of one additional bench plus one additional heated shelter on each platform at the Jarvis, Morse, and Loyola Red Line stops.</i>	\$84,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	21. Ward-Wide Sidewalk Repairs <i>Repair of the most deteriorated sidewalks at 27 locations throughout the 49th Ward (see poster for list of locations).</i>	\$188,292
<input type="checkbox"/>	22. Rogers Park Bike Network, Phase 1 <i>Creates a Rogers Park bike network providing east-west and north-south bike lanes across the Ward on Touhy, Rogers, and Ashland.</i>	\$100,000

ART & OTHER PROJECTS COMMITTEE

<input type="checkbox"/>	23. Artistic Multifunctional Bike Racks <i>15 multi-purpose bike racks placed throughout Rogers Park to serve educational, artistic, and functional purposes.</i>	\$105,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	24. Free Internet Access via Wi-Fi on 1600-1700 W. Howard St. <i>A one block test site for free internet access (via Wi-Fi) on W. Howard St., from N. Paulina St. to N. Ashland Ave.</i>	\$24,600
<input type="checkbox"/>	25. Historical Signs for Rogers Park <i>6 signs at points throughout our neighborhood telling the stories of Rogers Park houses, businesses, and streets over the past 200 years.</i>	\$42,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	26. Regeneration Project 2010: Mass Underpass Murals <i>12 murals created by Chicago artists on CTA and Metro underpasses in the 49th Ward.</i>	\$84,000

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE *Prioritized by the Public Safety Committee*

<input type="checkbox"/>	27. Residential Street Lighting, Priority One: 1500-1600 W. Greenleaf Ave. <i>New residential street lights on W. Greenleaf Ave., from N. Greenview Ave. to N. Ashland Ave.</i>	\$65,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	28. Residential Street Lighting, Priority Two: 1200-1350 W. Morse Ave. <i>New residential street lights on W. Morse Ave., from N. Sheridan Rd. to N. Wayne Ave.</i>	\$130,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	29. Residential Street Lighting, Priority Three: 1400-1600 W. Juneway Tr. <i>New residential street lights on W. Juneway Tr., from N. Sheridan Rd. to N. Ashland Ave.</i>	\$130,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	30. Residential Street Lighting, Priority Four: 1500-1600 W. Estes Ave. <i>New residential street lights on W. Estes Ave., from N. Greenview Ave. to N. Ashland Ave.</i>	\$65,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	31. Residential Street Lighting, Priority Five: 1700-1750 W. Lunt Ave. <i>New residential street lights on W. Lunt Ave., from N. Paulina St. to N. Clark St.</i>	\$55,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	32. Residential Street Lighting, Priority Six: 1750-1800 W. Morse Ave. <i>New residential street lights on W. Morse Ave., from N. Clark St. to N. Ravenswood Ave.</i>	\$55,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	33. Police Camera at W. Damen Ave. and N. Rogers Ave. <i>Wireless Police Observation Device (POD) camera equipped with a single blue strobe light at the corner of above intersection.</i>	\$13,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	34. Police Camera at W. Estes Ave. and N. Glenwood Ave. <i>Wireless Police Observation Device (POD) camera equipped with a single blue strobe light at the corner of above intersection.</i>	\$13,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	35. Police Camera at W. Lunt Ave. and N. Paulina St. <i>Wireless Police Observation Device (POD) camera equipped with a single blue strobe light at the corner of above intersection.</i>	\$13,000
<input type="checkbox"/>	36. Police Camera at Loyola Park Fieldhouse (W. Greenleaf Ave. and N. Sheridan Rd.) <i>Wireless Police Observation Device (POD) camera equipped with a single blue strobe light at the corner of above intersection.</i>	\$13,000

ADVISORY REFERENDUM

The following projects are recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee but cannot go on the ballot this year. Because of their complexity and time constraints, the City of Chicago Department of Transportation was unable to determine the feasibility and cost of the projects in time for this election. If the projects are determined to be feasible and require a capital expenditure, they will be placed on the ballot next year. For now, if you support the implementation of one or both of these projects, mark the adjacent boxes "Yes" for these projects on NBT count towards your eight votes. This section of the ballot is for advisory purposes only.

- ☐ 1. Traffic infrastructure change at the intersection of Touhy/Ridge/Rogers. Improvement of the safety and flow of traffic through the Touhy/Ridge and Rogers intersection through better signage and traffic signal control.
- ☐ 2. Traffic infrastructure change at the intersection of Sheridan/Loyola/Arthur/CTA L Line. Improvement of the safety and flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic through the Sheridan/Loyola & Arthur intersections through better signage, traffic signals, and pedestrian markings.

Participatory Budgeting Cycle Voting Assembly

Early Voting &
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	Projects	Votes Cast	Estimated Cost
1.	Sidewalk Repairs - 18 locations throughout the ward	910	\$175,283
2.	Bike Lanes - Will cover Rogers from Ridge to Eastlake, Ashland from Pratt to Rogers, and Touhy from Western to Sheridan	837	\$101,000
3.	Dog Friendly Area at Pottawattomie Park - Will be sited at the north end of the park	762	\$110,000
4.	Community Garden in Dubkin Park - Public garden in park located at Ashland and Fargo	741	\$33,000
5.	Underpass Murals - 13 murals located at 4 CTA and 5 Metra sites	740	\$84,000
6.	Traffic/Pedestrian Signal on Clark at Chase - Near Chicago Math and Science Academy	494	\$260,000

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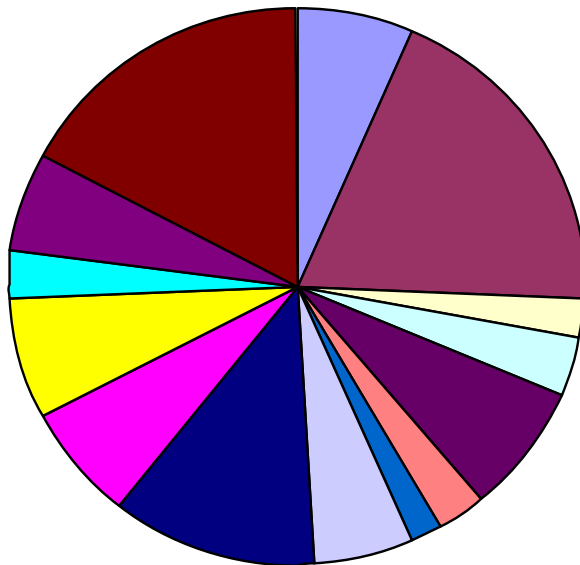
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Projects		Votes Cast	Estimated Cost
7.	Artistic Multifunctional Bike Racks - 15 decorative bike racks to be placed throughout the ward	489	\$105,000
8.	Benches and Shelters at CTA El Platforms - 1 additional bench and shelter at Jarvis, Morse and Loyola	487	\$84,000
9.	Street Resurfacing: Lunt - Encompasses 3 blocks from Ashland to Ravenswood	480	\$98,764
10.	Solar-Powered Garbage Containers- 10 "Big Belly" containers along Sheridan Road	468	\$42,000
11.	Convenience Showers at Loyola Park Beach - A freestanding shower, foot shower and drain by the beach	457	\$50,000
12.	Completion of Path in Touhy Park - Finish pedestrian path circling interior of park	428	\$25,000
13.	Historical Signs - 6 markers telling of Rogers Park's past	391	\$42,000
14.	Street Lighting: Morse - Street lights from Sheridan to Wayne Ave that match the streetscape lighting	371	\$260,000
Total:			\$1.3 Million

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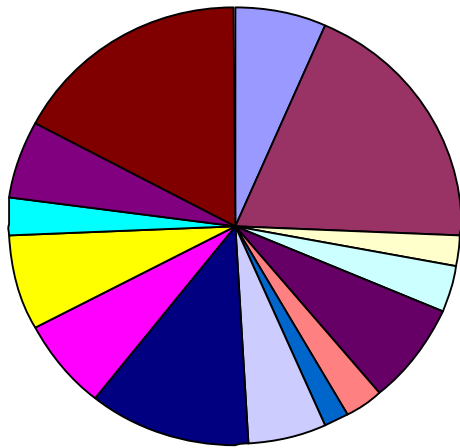


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Participatory Budgeting Cycle Voting Assembly

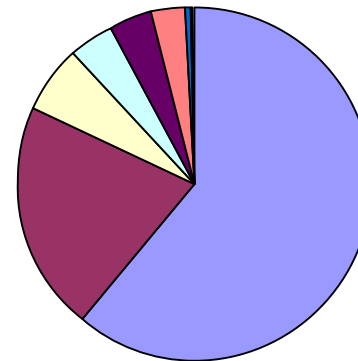
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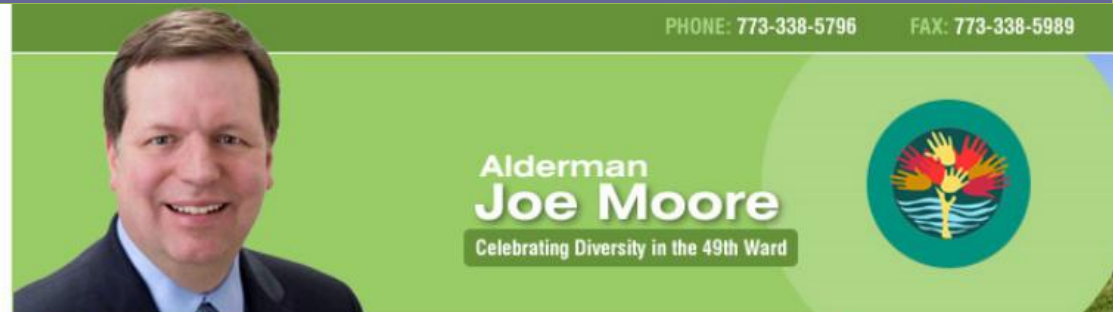
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Implementation
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Posted: 8/17/2010

Dear Neighbor,

There's an election coming up this weekend, but no politicians are on the ballot. Instead, you will get to vote for the artistic murals you would most like to see grace our 49th Ward viaducts.

This is all a part of my [49th Ward Participatory Budgeting process](#). The "[Mass Underpass Murals Project](#)" was one of the funding proposals that received voter approval in the [Participatory Budgeting Election](#) last April in which I gave 49th Ward residents the power to determine how I would spend the ward's capital budget allocation.

The proposal called for artistic murals at 12 CTA and Metra/Union Pacific underpasses, each painted by a different artist, with the final selection of artists determined by a vote of 49th Ward residents.

I am pleased to announce 24 finalists have been selected and the final vote is this weekend at the [Glenwood Avenue Arts Festival](#). The 12 proposals winning the most votes will be selected for the underpass murals project. If you live in the 49th Ward and are at least 16 years of age, you are invited to vote for up to 12 of your favorite murals:

UNDERPASS MURAL ELECTION

Saturday, August 21st, 12 Noon to 9:00 PM

Sunday, August 22nd, 12 Noon to 5:00 PM

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PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN THE 49TH WARD

49th Ward Alderman Joe Moore

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Update on 2010 Menu Projects

February 7, 2011 by participatorybudgeting49

On April 10, 2010, at the first-ever 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting election, over 1,600 community residents voted to support funding for 14 projects out of Alderman Joe Moore's 2010 infrastructure budget (a/k/a "49th Ward menu funds"). Some projects are traditional infrastructure spending proposals and relatively straightforward to implement; others are unique to the City's standard budgeting process and may take longer to complete. Alderman Moore and the many community members involved in the 49th Ward Participatory Budgeting process are committed to making all these projects a reality. Below is an update of the progress made on the winning projects:

- **Ward-wide Sidewalk Repairs.** 49th Ward menu funds have been allocated to the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) to repair dilapidated sidewalks throughout the ward. Work began in the Fall and is scheduled to finish in the Spring of 2011.
- **Rogers Park Bike Network, Phase I.** 49th Ward menu funds have been allocated to the CDOT to create new bike lanes on Touhy, Rogers and Ashland. The City has ordered the plastic reflective tape necessary to mark the bike lanes, but a shortage (actually, world-wide) of the materials necessary for manufacturing such tape has resulted in a delay in the implementation. Project completion is anticipated in 2011.
- **Dog Friendly Area (DFA).** The proposal has recently been approved by the Chicago Park District. A community advisory board has been actively working on a layout since the Summer of 2010 and will now be collaborating with the Park District toward a final plan and installation in the Spring of 2011.

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lead next annual
process
(May)

Proposed Change to Voting Process for 2011 *as recommended by the steering committee*

- The voting process will work the same as last year except a new question will be added to the ballot regarding street resurfacing.
- The new question will ask voters to vote on a specific percentage of the 2011 aldermanic menu budget that will be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing.
- The voters will be asked to vote for one of eleven options ranging from 0% to 100% (i.e., 0%, 10%, 20 %, 30 % and so on up to 100%). The ballot question will include the estimated cost of resurfacing an average block in the ward (last year it was \$32,000) and the approximate number of streets that will be resurfaced under each percentage category
- The votes on this separate question will be tallied and an **average** calculated. That average will determine the percentage of the 2011 aldermanic menu budget that will be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing.

PB49 Ballot 2011

STREETS COMMITTEE *Prioritized by the Streets Committee*

BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 1

What percentage of the total budget should go toward street resurfacing? (Select One)

Note: The average cost for the first five blocks of resurfaced streets is \$36,000 per block. Due to federal requirements for handicapped ramps, the average cost for any street resurfaced after the first five blocks is \$58,000 per block.

PERCENTAGE of Budget that Should Be Spent on Street Resurfacing	COST	NUMBER of Blocks Repaved
<input type="checkbox"/> 100%	\$ 1,000,000	19
<input type="checkbox"/> 90%	\$ 900,000	17
<input type="checkbox"/> 80%	\$ 800,000	15
<input type="checkbox"/> 70%	\$ 700,000	14
<input type="checkbox"/> 60%	\$ 600,000	12
<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	\$ 500,000	10
<input type="checkbox"/> 40%	\$ 400,000	8
<input type="checkbox"/> 30%	\$ 300,000	7
<input type="checkbox"/> 20%	\$ 200,000	5
<input type="checkbox"/> 10%	\$ 100,000	3
<input type="checkbox"/> 0%	\$ -	0

Note: The Streets Committee of the 49th 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.

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| 1. 1500 W Pratt Blvd - Ashland Ave to Greenview Ave | 11. 1300 W Columbia Ave - Glenwood Ave to Lakewood Ave |
| 2. 1400 W Pratt Blvd - Greenview Ave to Glenwood Ave | 12. 1200 W Columbia Ave - Lakewood Ave to Sheridan Rd |
| 3. 1300 W Pratt Blvd - Glenwood Ave to Lakewood Ave | 13. 7700 N Marshfield Ave - Juneway Tr to Jonquill Tr |
| 4. 1200 W Pratt Blvd - Lakewood Ave to Sheridan Rd | 14. 7700 N Hamill Ave - Juneway Tr to Jonquill Tr |
| 5. 6800 N Wolcott Ave - Farwell Ave to Pratt Blvd | 15. 7500 N Claremont Ave - Howard St to Birchwood Ave |
| 6. 6900 N Wolcott Ave - Lunt Ave to Farwell Ave | 16. 6930 N Paulina Ave - Lunt Ave to Morse Ave |
| 7. 7000 N Wolcott Ave - Greenleaf Ave to Lunt Ave | 17. 7000 N Paulina Ave - Estes Ave to Lunt Ave |
| 8. 1400 W Jarvis Ave - Greenview Ave to Sheridan Rd | 18. 6900 N Ravenswood Ave - Lunt Ave to Farwell Ave |
| 9. 7400 N Wolcott Ave - Birchwood Ave to Fargo Ave | 19. 7000 N Ravenswood Ave - Farwell Ave to Pratt Blvd |
| 10. 7500 N Wolcott Ave - Howard St to Birchwood Ave | |

BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2

How should the remaining portion of the 49th Ward menu money be allocated?

You may vote for up to six (6) projects from the 21 projects below/right. (Select no more than six)

ART & OTHER PROJECTS COMMITTEE

COST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Metra Underpass Renovation at Birchwood, Touhy and Estes
<i>New lighting, improved pigeon deterrents and fresh paint at select Metra underpasses in the 49th Ward.</i> | \$15,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Neighborhood Kiosks
<i>6 Public bulletin boards placed at various locations throughout the ward.</i> | \$15,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Decorative Light Poles
<i>Each light pole on Sheridan Rd from Loyola St to Touhy Ave and Clark St from Wallen Ave to Touhy Ave would be painted with a simple design.</i> | \$25,000 |

PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

COST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Beach Path Extensions at Jarvis, Touhy and Morse
<i>Construct ramps at lakefront paths at Jarvis, LaSalle and Loyola Parks that lead from pathway to the water.</i> | \$105,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. New Playground at Touhy Park
<i>Replace the playground at Touhy Park with a safer and more modern design.</i> | \$175,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Additional Funds for Pottawatomie Park Dog Park
<i>Additional funding to help pay for amenities of the new dog park at Pottawatomie Park.</i> | \$45,000 |

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Police Cameras outside the Loyola Park Fieldhouse and at Rogers & Damen and Estes & Glenwood.
<i>Wireless POC camera with blue strobe light at entrance to Loyola Park Fieldhouse, above intersections of Rogers & Damen and Estes & Glenwood.</i> | \$60,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Police Cameras at Lunt & Paulina, and Touhy & Sheridan
<i>Wireless POC camera equipped with blue strobe light above the intersections of Lunt & Paulina and Touhy & Sheridan.</i> | \$40,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. New Residential Street Lights: Juneway Tr, from Asland Ave. to Sheridan Rd
<i>New residential street lighting from 1400 - 1800 W Juneway Tr.</i> | \$130,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Additional Residential Street Lighting: Chase Ave & Birchwood Ave, from Ridge Blvd. to Damen Ave
<i>Additional residential street lighting from 2000 - 2200 W Chase Ave and 2000 - 2200 W Birchwood Ave.</i> | \$60,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. New Residential Street Lights: Morse Ave., from Ravenswood Ave. to Clark St and Sherwin Ave., from Sheridan Rd. to the Lake.
<i>New residential street lighting from 1730 - 1800 W Morse Ave and 1200 - 1250 W Sherwin Ave.</i> | \$120,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. New Residential Street Lights: Estes Ave., from Asland Blvd. to Glenwood Ave.
<i>New residential street lighting from 1400 - 1600 W Estes.</i> | \$120,000 |

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Ashland and Greenleaf Traffic/Pedestrian Signal
<i>Install a new traffic signal with pedestrian crossing signals at the intersection of Ashland Blvd and Greenleaf Ave.</i> | \$320,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Install handicapped ramps and paint crosswalks at Ridge Blvd. and Chase Ave.
<i>Install handicapped ramps and paint crosswalk markings at the intersection of Ridge Blvd. and Chase Ave. in front of St. Scholastica High School.</i> | \$40,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Improve the Intersection of Ridge, Touhy and Rogers
<i>Basic geometric improvement consisting of realigned curb and gutter along with sidewalk modifications.</i> | \$75,000 |

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

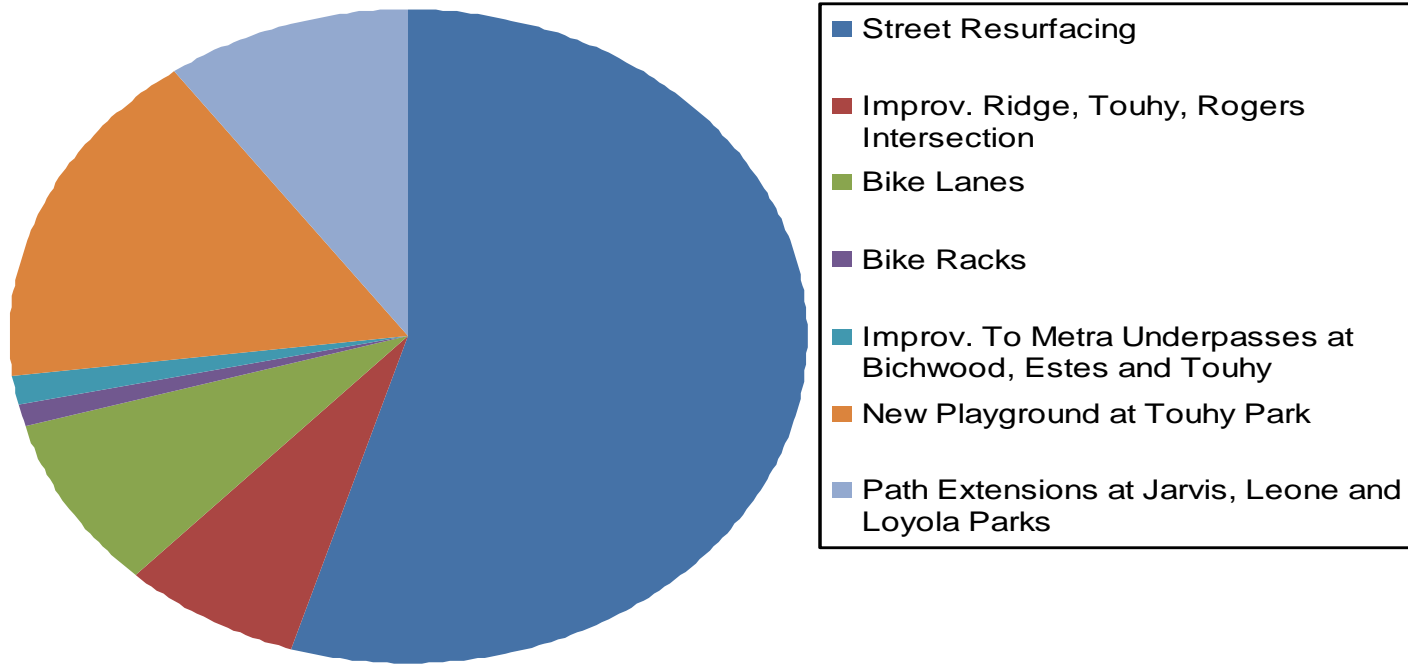
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Bike Racks
<i>20 Bike racks at high traffic areas throughout the ward.</i> | \$12,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Rogers Park Bike Network, Phase 2
<i>Add 2 miles of stopped bike lanes on Rogers Ave from Ridge Blvd to Clark St, Eastlake Tr from Sheridan Rd to Rogers Ave, Alton Ave from Lakewood Ave to Loyola Campus, Lakewood Ave from Morse Ave to Alton Ave, and Pratt Blvd from Ridge Blvd to the Lake.</i> | \$90,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18. New Canopy at Rogers Park Metra Station
<i>Construct a new, better designed canopy on eastern Metra platform.</i> | \$50,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Sidewalk Repairs: 7201 W Claremont Ave, 2301 W Chase and 2101 W Fargo
<i>Repair the sidewalks in the 49th Ward that are in the most urgent need.</i> | \$145,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Sidewalk Repairs: 7202 N Hamilton Ave, 1147-51 W Pratt, 7300 N Rogers Ave and 1250 W Sherwin
<i>Repair the sidewalks in the 49th Ward that are in moderate need of attention.</i> | \$95,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Sidewalk Repairs: 1944-46 W Touhy, 1901 and 2001 blocks of W Lunt, and 1247-55 W Columbia
<i>Repair the sidewalks in the 49th Ward that are in moderate need of attention.</i> | \$55,000 |

PB Money Expenditure 2011

Type of Project	Votes	Amount Spent	Percent of Total Expenditure
Street Resurfacing	494	\$572,000	57.2%
New Playground at Touhy Park	489	\$175,000	17.5%
Path Extensions at Beaches	487	\$105,000	10.5%
Bike Lanes	910	\$90,000	9.0%
Improve Ridge, Touhy, Rogers Intersection	371	\$75,000	7.5%
Improve Metra Underpasses at Birchwood, Estes, & Touhy	762	\$15,000	1.5%
Bike Racks	480	\$12,000	1.2%
Total Expenditure		\$1,044,000	

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2011 Expenditure

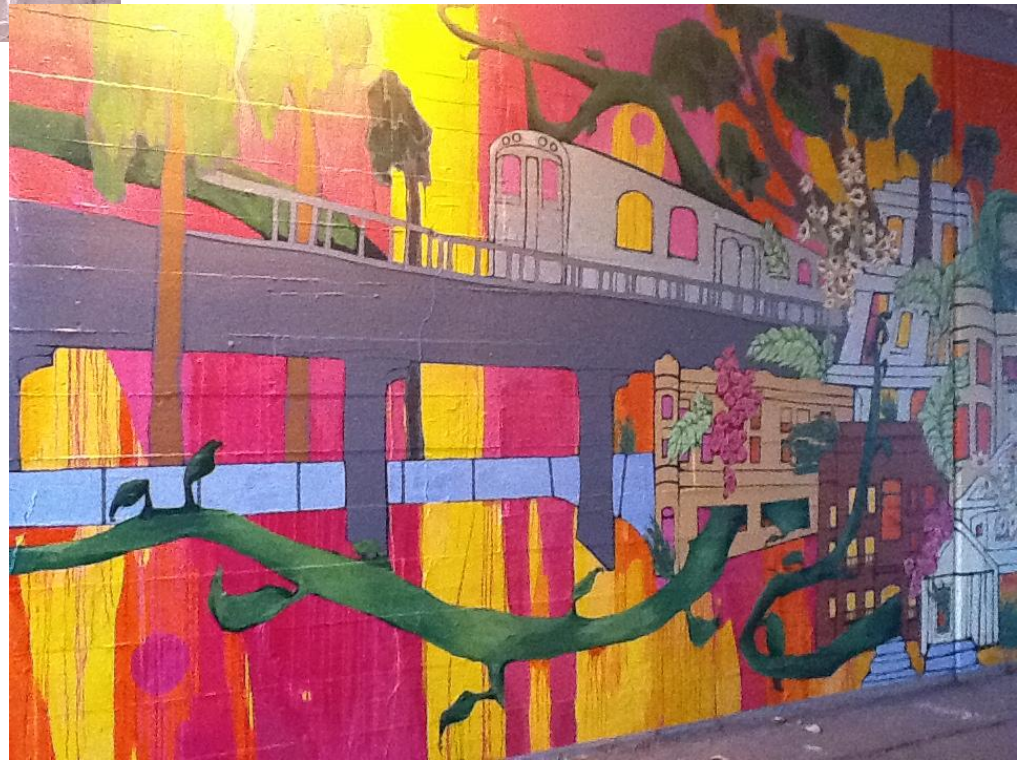




Examples of Completed PB Projects

Underpass Mural Touhy & Glenwood
Let's Bring the Birch Trees Back to Rogers Park
by Joanna White

Underpass Mural Touhy & Glenwood
Urban Oasis by Leah Tumerman





Outdoor beach shower at Loyola Park



New bike lanes at Rogers,
Touhy & Ashland



CTA benches & heating shelters at
Jarvis, Morse, & Loyola stations



Touhy Park path completion



Pottawattomie Dog Park
(Dog Friendly Area / DFA)

Work in progress



Community Garden at
Dubkin Park ready for Spring planting

Challenges to Project Completion

- Each project takes one to three years to complete.
- Project costs provided are estimates and subject to change/increase by the City.
- The work of utility companies (People's Gas, ComEd, etc.) sometimes overlaps with project timelines.

Challenges to Project Completion

- City Budget cuts have affected departmental staffing, slowing project completion.
- PB49 introduces projects that have never been done before by the City. This means that City officials have to invent new methods to complete projects.

in practice – a political perspective

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 <h2 style="color: red;">What Molly Says:</h2> <p>"James would 'line the pockets of wealthy developers.'"</p> <p>"James Cappleman will raise your taxes."</p> <p>"I am committed to uniting the ward."</p> <p>"I worked for the Gang and Drug Housing Division."</p> <p>"I will use \$1.3 million in Aldermanic menu funds to hire police."</p> <p>"I am a reformer."</p> <p>"Participatory budgeting (allowing 46th ward residents to vote on how to spend their tax dollars) is a "popularity contest.""</p>	 <h2 style="color: blue;">vs. The Facts:</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Developers overwhelmingly favor Phelan with their massive and corrupting campaign contributions'. Media outlets have reported extensively on special interest dollars pouring into Phelan's campaign from outside the 46th ward². ▶ James Cappleman supports lower taxes for residents and businesses. He knows the last thing we need is more taxes! ▶ Molly launched her political career by attacking affordable housing and housing for seniors in our ward, calling it the "<u>slum of uptown.</u>" ▶ Molly was a student intern there for 8 MONTHS. James Cappleman has 10 years of real-world experience fighting crime in the 46th ward. ▶ Molly didn't do her research – by law, these funds can only be used for infrastructure projects. James has REAL plans to fight crime. ▶ Molly actively worked against Toni Preckwinkle and she's backed by countless right-wing special interests trying to buy the 46th ward. ▶ James Cappleman supports participatory budgeting, and knows that ward residents deserve a direct vote on how their tax dollars are spent.
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Participatory Budgeting

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Participatory Budgeting Project Expenses

for a community of 60,000 residents and an infrastructure budget of \$1.3M

Consulting by The Participatory Budgeting Project

(In-kind, but estimated at \$15,000 plus travel expenses)

Staffing

(Provided by Alderman Joe Moore, estimated at \$30,000 annually)

Marketing

(Yard signs, fliers, e-newsletters, room rentals, etc. estimated at \$7,000 annually)



THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT

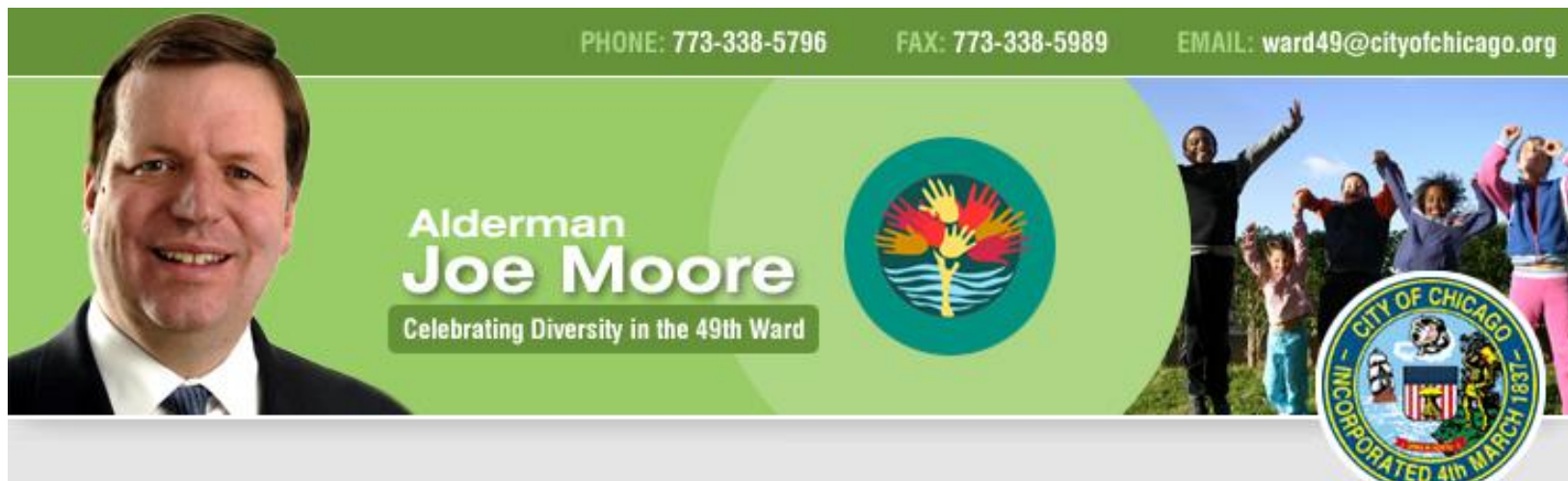
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