

HEY 25TH WARD!

YOUR ALDERMAN WAS DECIDED BY 2,428 VOTES IN THE LAST ELECTION.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS.

THIS IS A NON-PARTISAN EFFORT. ALL CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ALDERMAN WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.



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EDUCATION

Fund librarians, nurses, and social workers in schools.



Fund CPS schools based on student needs, not enrollment.



Replace police in schools with wrap around supports.



Free, universal public childcare and early education for all.



Prioritize and reinvest in neighborhood public high schools.



Sigcho-Lopez: "Establish a democratically elected school board, enact a moratorium on charter schools, end school closures, open new schools in underserved neighborhoods, & confront gentrification & displacement as root causes of school depopulation."

Acevedo: "As a Registered Nurse, have worked in the neighborhoods of the 25th Ward for the past 10 years. I understand that the disparities in economic and social outcomes are directly linked to the inequities in access to quality education and affordable healthcare that is holistic and specific to the local needs of the community/culture."

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AGREE

DISAGREE

NO ANSWER



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Prioritize resident-driven community development on South and West sides.



Create a city public works jobs program.



Raise minimum wage to \$15/hr.



Require Community Benefits Agreements to promote local hiring in large developments.



Require city-funded development to create living wage jobs and hire from high poverty areas.



Sigcho-Lopez: "Enact a Community Benefits Ordinance for El Paseo, declare a TIF surplus to fund schools & employment programs, legalize marijuana & provide DBE small business loans & cannabis permits to communities most impacted by drug criminalization."

Acevedo: "We need to create local circular economies that continually re-invest in their residents and generate prosperity and resilience from within. In Pilsen, only app. 700 people out of app. 15,000 residents live and work in the community."

SAFETY & JUSTICE

Use restorative justice and other alternatives to jail.



Invest in public health approaches to end gun violence.



Address mental health, bias and corruption in Chicago Police.



Invest police funding into mental health, jobs, and youth programs.



Invest in community mental health resources based on need.



Sigcho-Lopez: "Establish the Civilian Police Accountability Council & Community Safety Oversight board, end CPD-ICE collaboration & the gang database, fund youth & alternative crime prevention programs, & reform the Fraternal Order of Police contract."

Acevedo: "We need to push hard to make sure resources are being put into mental health care and that we re-open the mental healthcare resources and clinics that have been closed over the past decade."

HEALTH

Build health centers on south and west sides, working towards universal health care.



Reopen Mental Health Clinics and invest \$25 million to expand care.



Create green jobs in Black and Brown communities.



Fix the infrastructure that is adding lead to the drinking water.



Ensure all neighborhoods have access to full grocery stores.



Sigcho-Lopez: "Replace all lead service lines & update all water mains in Chicago, promote the Green New Deal for industrial zones, reopen Chicago's mental health clinics, push for Medicare for All, & reverse the privatization of Chicago's healthcare."

Acevedo: "3 schools in the 25th Ward were temporarily closed this year due to lead. That is not acceptable. We also need to be forward thinking about how we transition the Cermak corridor into more green space and green energy jobs, taking advantage of FEJA dollars."

HOUSING

More Chicago Housing Authority vouchers for families in all areas.



Require affordable housing in all developments that receive city funding or approval.



Pass Rent Control.



Raise the tax on luxury and commercial real estate to invest \$150M on homelessness prevention.



Establish Community Benefit Agreements for large-scale developments.



Sigcho-Lopez: "Employ a community-driven zoning process, lift the ban on rent control, advocate property tax exemptions for long-term homeowners, & support the Our Home ordinances to eliminate corruption & inefficiency & create more affordable housing."

Acevedo: "It is critical that we address the affordability questions our city and ward are facing. I will work with existing groups and build coalitions of community groups, business leaders and public officials to show how we can come together to fix these issues."

REVENUE

Distribute all TIF revenue in the city equitably, with more money going to areas with low employment and income.



End tax breaks and subsidies for wealthy corporations



Tax Millionaires in Chicago to fund community investment.



Implement a progressive income tax, where tax rates increase for higher income people.



Fix the property tax system and raise revenue from downtown commercial and luxury real estate.



Sigcho-Lopez: "Reinstate the corporate head tax, declare a TIF surplus & place the TIF program under community-driven zoning & participatory budgeting processes, support the Back to Basics TIF ordinance, & advocate a graduated state income tax."

Acevedo: "Chicago needs to deal with its pension crisis and raise more revenue to do so - but we can also look at ways to raise revenue by looking at reforms to existing inequitable tax structures."