

HEY 33RD WARD!

YOUR ALDERMAN WAS DECIDED BY 1,324 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.



ROSANNA RODRIGUEZ-SANCHEZ



DEB MELL

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.



Rodriguez-Sanchez: "In Chicago, public schools are where the fights for racial, social, and economic justice converge. A coalition of parents, teachers, students, alongside an elected school board, will be critical to winning the schools our children deserve."

Mell: "As alderman, I have a strong track record both in the council and in the 33rd Ward of supporting real structural reforms to our public education system and I will continue to advocate for the needs of our young people if the people of the 33rd Ward feel I deserve a second term."

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.



Rodriguez-Sanchez: "Chicago is over-policed, and resources should be redirected into deliberate, sustained investments in our communities—w/ mental health clinics, vocational training, youth arts and sports, and services specifically aimed at helping families."

Mell: "I believe in a well trained, diverse, and accountable Chicago Police Department. We need empathetic, trauma informed communities. We need additional social services in every community to help provide help to vulnerable residents."

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.



Rodriguez-Sanchez: "I was a ward leader in the Lift the Ban campaign and will work with state and local officials to implement rent control in Chicago. I will create a dedicated community organizing space that tenants unions and housing rights groups can use."

Mell: "We must ensure that every resident can afford to live, work, and play in every neighborhood of our city. I've been a strong advocate for a wide range of reforms aimed at increasing affordability. I've supported tenant protections like Keep Chicago Renting. I support Just Cause eviction legislation."

RUNOFF ELECTIONS ARE APRIL 2ND.

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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.



Rodriguez-Sanchez: "I will bring in a community-driven zoning and development process to give residents decision-making power in the future of our ward. Renters, immigrants, and non-English speakers have to be reached out to and included in this process."

Mell: "I support the goals outlined in this question and I do believe we need to see balanced, community driven economic development in the south and westside, but as alderman of the 33rd Ward, my focus is also on addressing needs in our own community."

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.



Rodriguez-Sanchez: "Chicago can set a national example as a city leader in a Green New Deal public works program, which can connect the movements for environmental justice with community health and real economic needs, including living-wage (union) jobs."

Mell: "We must work collaboratively to help ensure that residents in every corner receive the medical and mental health services they need. Every dollar we spend on essential social services will end up saving us money in the long run. That and investments in early education are critical."

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.



Rodriguez-Sanchez: "I'll work with progressive allies at the state, county, and city level to implement progressive revenue solutions to make the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share. I'll fight to end developer giveaways and abolish the TIF program."

Mell: "We must explore new revenue options, reform a broken TIF system, enact a progressive income tax, and reprioritize our spending to help increase investments in education and pay down our pension obligations. I look forward to working with the next mayor and the next city council on exploring progressive revenue solutions."