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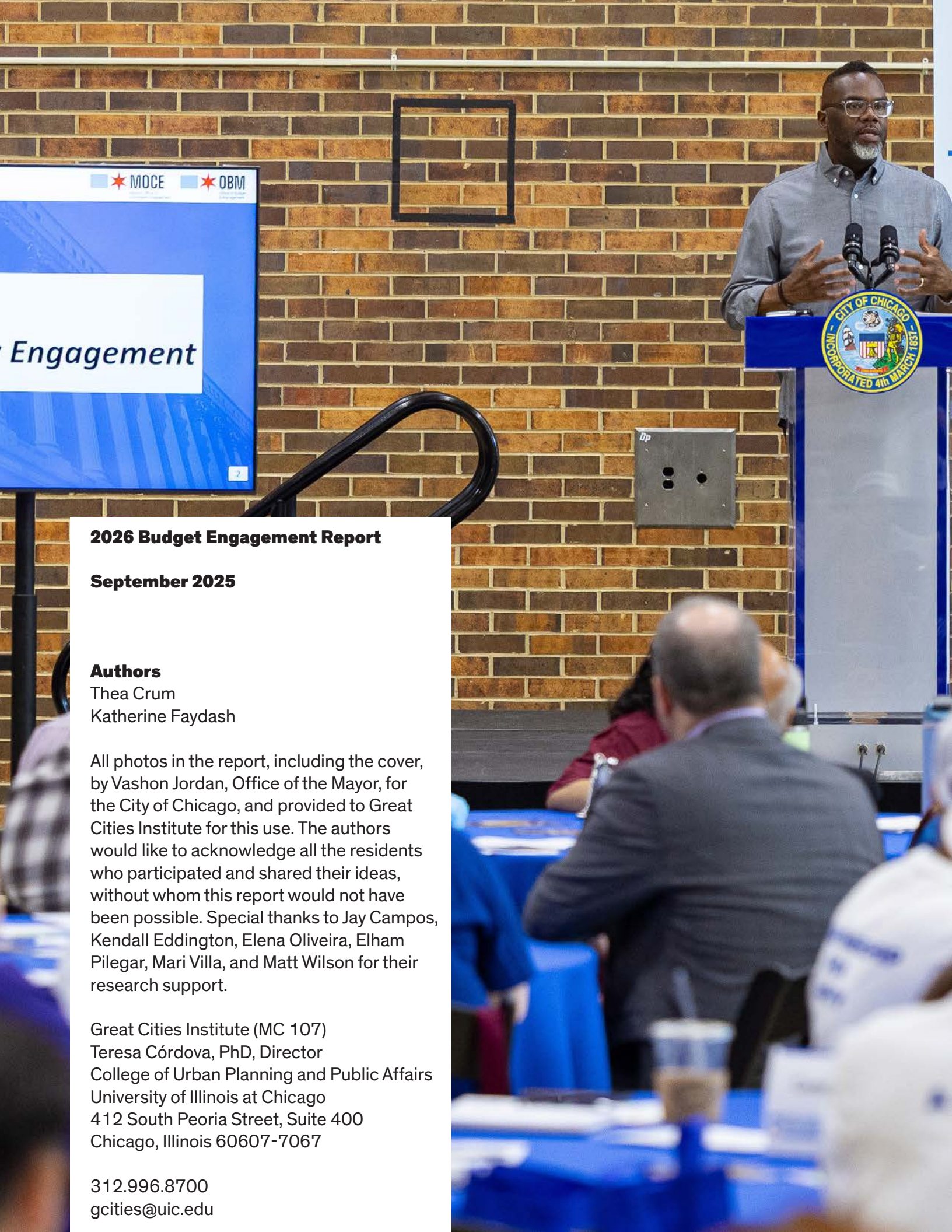


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report, based on citywide community engagement, will inform the development of Chicago's 2026 budget. It reflects the complex reality facing City officials as they work to balance essential public services, community needs, and commitments to equity and progress amid financial and political strain. Since 2024, shifting federal policies and changing fiscal support have created headwinds for local governments nationwide. These pressures have required the City to navigate new constraints while maintaining its commitment to equity and transparency throughout the budgeting process.

The 2026 engagement process was built on the foundation established in 2025, but expanded in scope and depth. New and updated elements included a Budget 101 educational session with advisory councils, a stakeholder co-creation group that helped design the public roundtables, and a survey that asked residents to weigh in on approaches to property taxes and potential revenue sources. This design provided residents with more opportunities to learn and deliberate, while grounding discussions in the realities of revenues, expenditures, and structural constraints.

University of Illinois Chicago's Neighborhoods Initiative at the Great Cities Institute (UICNI) designed and implemented the research process, guided by principles of transparency, documenting community priorities, and analyzing both qualitative and quantitative feedback. Data sources included tabletop notes from roundtables, comment cards (paper and online), and surveys (online and

paper) available in English and Spanish. In total, participants submitted 632 comment cards, 406 paper surveys, 599 online surveys, and 525 online comment cards, providing a robust mix of perspectives.

More than 1,200 Chicago residents engaged through surveys, roundtables, and youth-specific activities. Roundtables drew hundreds of participants to Truman, Kennedy King, and Malcolm X City Colleges, where attendees participated in small-group discussions and resource fairs. 97% of participants were Chicago residents. Demographically, the general public survey included 23% Black, 15% Latino, and 50% White respondents, while the youth survey reached 40% Black and 45% Latino participants.

Engagement results revealed both areas of consensus and differences across groups. In public health, nearly half of both adults and youth prioritized crisis response teams (48% and 51%), signaling strong support for non-police responses to mental health crises. Adults emphasized maintaining mental health clinics (24%), while youth leaned toward prevention and wellness (23%).

On youth and children's services, adults prioritized out-of-school programming (36%) and childcare (25%), while youth emphasized employment opportunities (38%) and accessible activities (34%). For community safety, public respondents placed their highest support on violence prevention (33%), while youth prioritized justice system

alternatives (26%) and support for victims and survivors (22%). In economic development, 64% of adults and 63% of youth prioritized investments in historically disinvested neighborhoods.

On environmental justice and infrastructure, adults leaned toward air pollution reduction and water system repairs, while youth favored renewable energy and clean infrastructure. For neighborhood development, adults prioritized vacant lot cleanup and reuse (42%), while youth placed greater emphasis on accessibility, digital inclusion, and simplified processes.

Residents had mixed views on how to balance City service levels with property taxes; the largest share favored raising taxes to expand services. When asked about new or expanded revenue sources, respondents expressed stronger support for options that place responsibility on corporations, institutions, or property owners rather than on individual households.

An appendix provides the full record of qualitative comments.

Together these findings illustrate a process that engaged over 1,200 residents, surfaced clear community priorities, and revealed gaps in participation for future processes to improve. Strong engagement in certain neighborhoods demonstrates progress, while underrepresentation in the Far South and Northwest Sides may highlight the need for additional or more targeted outreach. The combination of surveys, roundtables, youth engagement, and open comment underscores the City's commitment to transparency, equity, and shared responsibility in shaping the 2026 budget.



BUDGET INTRODUCTION

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Given the budget crisis, divert unused funds to vital programs and services.

—Participant at Truman College engagement session

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This event feels good. [Do] promotion of the event in conjunction with others who are engaging regularly with the community. We can help spread the word.

—Participant at Kennedy King College engagement session

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[We need to] truly evaluate every aspect of government to eliminate duplication and waste.

—Participant at Malcolm X College engagement session

The 2026 City of Chicago Budget Engagement Report documents community priorities and reflects the complex reality facing City officials: balancing essential public services, community needs, and commitments to equity and progress during a period of heightened financial and political strain. Since 2024, shifting federal policies and changing fiscal support have created headwinds for local governments nationwide. These pressures have required the City to navigate new constraints while maintaining its commitment to equity and transparency throughout the budgeting process.

In partnership with the University of Illinois Chicago’s Neighborhoods Initiative (UICNI) at Great Cities Institute, this year’s engagement process was designed to reach a wide range of Chicago residents. UICNI, the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), and the Mayor’s Office of Community Engagement (MOCE) used participatory, equity-focused, and transparent approaches to gather insights on priorities including affordable housing, community safety, environmental justice and infrastructure, neighborhood and community development, arts and culture, public health, and youth services.

The 2026 engagement process built on the foundation established in 2025 but expanded in scope and depth. New elements included a Budget 101 educational session with advisory councils and a stakeholder co-creation group that helped design public roundtables. This approach provided residents with opportunities to share priorities and to gain deeper exposure to the budget’s structural constraints, trade-offs, and revenue realities. The roundtables themselves were redesigned for more meaningful discussion, further strengthening the connection between community voices and decision-makers.

By involving residents throughout the year and across multiple formats, the City gains knowledge that shapes not only the current budget but also informs future programs and measures of progress. The engagement is designed to foster transparency and trust by actively involving a range of advisory and engagement groups across Chicago’s neighborhoods. The

ongoing exchange builds shared responsibility and collaboration, ensuring budget decisions are guided by the City's commitment to equity while using community insights to enhance the effectiveness of public programs over time.

These conversations take place against a backdrop of significant fiscal constraints. In his 2025 budget address, Mayor Brandon Johnson described one of the largest budget gaps in recent history, driven by legacy pension obligations, debt costs, and limits on local revenue authority. Despite these challenges, the City has maintained its commitment to listening to residents and integrating community priorities into decision-making.

This final report presents a comprehensive picture of community priorities across all of the 2026 budget engagement process. It reinforces the City's commitment to making informed, balanced decisions that reflect both immediate constraints and long-term priorities for Chicago's communities.



ENGAGEMENT DESIGN

The 2026 budget engagement process was designed to provide Chicago residents with deeper opportunities to learn, deliberate, and shape budget priorities while ensuring transparency and equity in decision-making. Guided by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement (MOCE), and UICNI at Great Cities Institute, the design emphasized multiple points of entry, educational tools, and collaborative decision-making.

The 2026 budget engagement process unfolded in two phases: first, co-designing the engagement with a stakeholder group; and second, hosting public roundtables at three City Colleges, timed to align with the Mayor's fall budget address.

Phase one convened a stakeholder group to co-design the engagement. Education and capacity-building sessions introduced the City budget's structure and led into deliberative discussions. The stakeholder group then co-designed the process—selecting program areas and shaping the roundtable format.

The final phase brought residents across Chicago to participate in discussions with City department leaders and surveys that identified their priorities for City services and revenue. This phased approach ensured that engagement was transparent, participatory, and informed by both expert guidance and community insight.

Across the process, UICNI shared interim findings with OBM, MOCE, the Office of Equity and Racial Justice, and City department leaders. Educational materials, stakeholder decisions, and

departmental program lists were made publicly available to ensure clarity about how engagement was structured and how input would be used.

PHASE 1: MARCH-JUNE 2025

BUDGET EDUCATION & STAKEHOLDER CO-CREATION

Engagement began with a Budget 101 session for the stakeholder group which invited residents from advisory councils, commissions, task forces, and other community partners. The session introduced participants to the City budget's structure, trade-offs between revenues and expenditures, and the constraints resulting from federal and state policy. A new Budget 101 video and facilitation guide provided accessible tools for participants to use independently.

Beginning in early spring, a 15-member stakeholder group met regularly to co-design the roundtables. Stakeholders selected which programs would be highlighted in public materials through structured meetings and review of department-submitted program and service lists.

Stakeholders also decided key elements of the roundtable format, including number of discussion rounds, time allocation, table setup, and whether conversations would be open or focused. This participatory design emphasized depth over breadth, ensuring that roundtables would center on concrete examples of City programs.

PHASE 2: JUNE–JULY 2025

PUBLIC ROUNDTABLES

Engagement culminated in a series of public roundtables at three City Colleges (with accessibility and language accommodations offered):

TRUMAN COLLEGE / NORTH SIDE

June 28, 2025 | Participants: 154
1145 W. Wilson Ave., 60640

MALCOLM X COLLEGE / WEST SIDE

June 30, 2025 | Participants: 168
1900 W. Jackson Blvd., 60612

KENNEDY-KING COLLEGE / SOUTH SIDE

July 1, 2025 | Participants: 145
6301 S. Halsted St., 60621

Each 3.5-hour event opened with a brief presentation, as well as printed handouts. City department leaders and staff hosted each table, providing topical expertise and engaging directly with residents. Events featured three 25–30 minute rounds of small-group discussion; residents could “choose their own adventure,” moving between topics or staying with one for the full event. Events also featured resource fairs, with representatives from 211/311 and other City departments available for assistance.

Conversations were organized around five program areas:

- Affordable Housing and Services for People Experiencing Homelessness

- Community Safety
- Environmental Justice and Infrastructure
- Neighborhood and Community Development and Arts & Culture
- Public Health and Mental Health

In each area, three to four programs were presented, using short program sheets with descriptions, accomplishments, and equity impacts.

City department leaders guided conversations using prompts such as: How well do these programs meet community needs? What improvements are needed? What is the most important investment the City can make? and What needs are we missing?

Participants were invited to share any comments and ideas. In one example, several animal care advocates organized to attend every roundtable to share their concerns for the Chicago Animal Care and Control (CACC). As part of ensuring an open dialogue space, a separate table with department leaders from CACC was set up at every event to engage with advocates.

Participants could also contribute feedback through written comment cards, online comments, or video submissions, ensuring all voices were captured. Roundtables were grounded in the City’s Guiding Frameworks—participatory, equity-centered, educational, and transparent—to ensure inclusive participation.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE

In addition to the three public roundtables, the City hosted a dedicated youth roundtable on July 9, 2025 at the Harold Washington Library's Winter Garden, 192 youth participated. This event was designed to ensure that young people had a meaningful voice in the budget process. Participants engaged with the same program areas presented at the citywide events, but with a design tailored to youth perspectives and experiences. A youth survey accompanied the discussions, providing a structured way to record input alongside the conversation.

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Alongside the roundtables, UICNI administered a Budget Engagement Survey to ensure that input could be captured consistently and compared across events. The survey was available both online and in paper form, with paper copies distributed at each of the three City College roundtables. It included demographic questions to help assess who participated, as well as structured items on fiscal choices and program priorities. Key questions asked residents to weigh approaches to balancing services with property taxes, identify which new or expanded revenue sources they would support, and select the most important programs in each service area. Open-ended prompts also invited participants to share additional needs in their neighborhoods and ideas for improving the engagement process itself.

The survey was designed to complement the qualitative richness of roundtable conversations with a standardized set of responses, creating a dataset that could be compared year to year and used to identify consistent themes across Chicago's diverse communities.





DATA **COLLECTED**

UICNI designed and carried out the research for the 2026 budget engagement process, using surveys, comment cards, and notes from roundtables and discussions. Both online and in-person participants shared feedback—through hundreds of surveys and comments—providing a mix of qualitative and quantitative data. While not representative of the entire City, these voices offer valuable insight into residents' priorities and perspectives to help inform the 2026 budget.

UICNI was responsible for the research design of the budget engagement process. Research and analysis were guided by these ideas:

- Documenting the engagement process for the 2026 budget to improve transparency.
- Determining how participants describe the progress they want to see.
- Providing the City with analysis of engagement data to provide useful results for informing the 2026 Budget.

Data collection took place throughout engagement using a qualitative and quantitative mixed-methods approach. During engagement activities, UICNI collected the following data for analysis:

- Tabletop notes from roundtables and discussions
- Comment cards (including online, for providing general comments, ideas, and feedback)
- Online and paper surveys

The online survey was published in English and Spanish on the City of Chicago's budget microsite, and links were sent via e-mail and social media.

The online survey was available from June 26 through July 14, 2025, and online public comment was available from June 5 through July 14, 2025. Participation was voluntary, and all responses were collected anonymously.

Individuals at the in-person budget events turned in 632 comment cards and 406 participants completed paper surveys; 599 participants

completed the online survey and 525 submitted a comment card online. There was an overall in-person response rate of 61% for the paper surveys collected at engagement events. All data were then cleaned, coded, and analyzed. Several public and online comments cards repeated ideas and contained multiple ideas. As part of transparency and the inductive coding process, all comments were included. The comment count tallies included in the sections below are idea mentions—not unique participants or comments. The following sections include UICNI's findings and insights from the engagement process.

LIMITATIONS

It is important to recognize the limitations of these findings, including time constraints, a modest sample size, and the use of opportunity sampling rather than randomized sampling (i.e., the findings are not generalizable to the entire City population). In addition, attendees at public forums and respondents to the online survey have varying degrees of familiarity with the City's budget and budgeting process, as well as existing City programs, services, and initiatives, which may affect the feedback they provide.

As always, public forums and surveys allow residents to come to the table to be heard. Despite any limitations, UICNI's findings and insights represent the opinions and perceptions of some Chicago residents and can help inform decision-making for the 2026 budget and beyond.

PEOPLE



PEOPLE ENGAGED

The 2026 budget engagement process reached more than 1,200 Chicago residents through a combination of public roundtables, youth engagement, and citywide surveys. Engagement opportunities were designed to balance broad access with deeper opportunities for deliberation, and to ensure feedback was captured in both quantitative and qualitative ways.

This section presents data analysis on people who engaged.

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SURVEY PARTICIPATION

A total of 1,005 surveys were completed: 406 on paper at the public roundtables and 599 online, including 814 general public responses and 191 youth surveys. The survey sample represents those who chose to participate in engagement opportunities and is not a statistically representative sample of all Chicago residents. Still, it provides valuable insights into the priorities and perspectives of a wide cross-section of participants.

ROUNDTABLE ATTENDANCE

A total of 467 people attended three roundtables: 154 at Truman College (June 28, 2025), 168 at Malcolm X College (June 30, 2025), and 145 at Kennedy-King College (July 1, 2025). Paper surveys were collected from 109 participants at Truman College, 54 at Malcolm X College, and 91 at Kennedy-King College.

A youth-specific event at the Winter Garden on July 9, 2025, drew 192 participants and 191 youth surveys submitted overall. In addition to completing surveys, roundtable participants engaged in small-group discussions and visited resource fair tables staffed by City departments

and service partners, meaning the reach of these events extended beyond the survey totals reported here.

RESIDENCY

The large majority of participants (97%) were Chicago residents. A small share came from surrounding suburbs but attended roundtables or completed the survey online.

PARTICIPATION AT A GLANCE

- 1,005 surveys completed (406 paper, 599 online)
- 97% Chicago residents
- Race/ethnicity (public survey): 23% Black · 15% Latino · 50% White
- Race/Ethnicity (youth survey): 40% Black · 45% Latino · 4% White
- Age (public survey): 30% 25–34 · 20% 35–44 · 28% 45–64 · 18% 65+
- Youth survey: 51% under 17
- Gender: Majority Woman/Cis Woman; multiple identities represented
- Income: Leaned toward moderate- to higher-income households
- Neighborhoods with highest participation: Uptown · Hyde Park · Logan Square · Lakeview · Rogers Park · Albany Park · North Center · Austin · Fuller Park · Humboldt Park
- Roundtable surveys: 109 at Truman · 91 at Kennedy-King · 54 at Malcolm X

The sections that follow visualize participation data by race/ethnicity, age, income, gender and identity, military service, residency, and more.

PEOPLE

NEIGHBORHOOD & ZIP CODE

NEIGHBORHOOD

Participants were asked on the survey to identify their neighborhood, but what counts as a "neighborhood" varies widely. Adult participants at public roundtables (designated as "Adult" on the maps) provided 767 neighborhood responses, while youth participants provided 166. The following "Neighborhood" maps depict the responses mapped onto the City of Chicago's 2012 Neighborhood Boundary map. Although it is not an official neighborhood map, many of the neighborhoods listed align with how residents describe their locations.

Responses were distributed across the city, with clear clusters. Adult participation was highest along the North Lakefront and North Central Corridor including Lakeview, Uptown, North Center, Rogers Park, Albany Park, and Logan Square —with notable participation on the West Side (Austin) and South Side (Hyde Park, Englewood, Auburn Gresham, and Roseland). Youth participation clustered on the West and South Sides especially in Austin, Fuller Park, Humboldt Park, Logan Square, North Lawndale, Douglas, Belmont Cragin, and Garfield Park.

Participation was uneven across geographies. Large sections of the Far South Side and parts of the Northwest Side were underrepresented, suggesting opportunities for more targeted outreach.

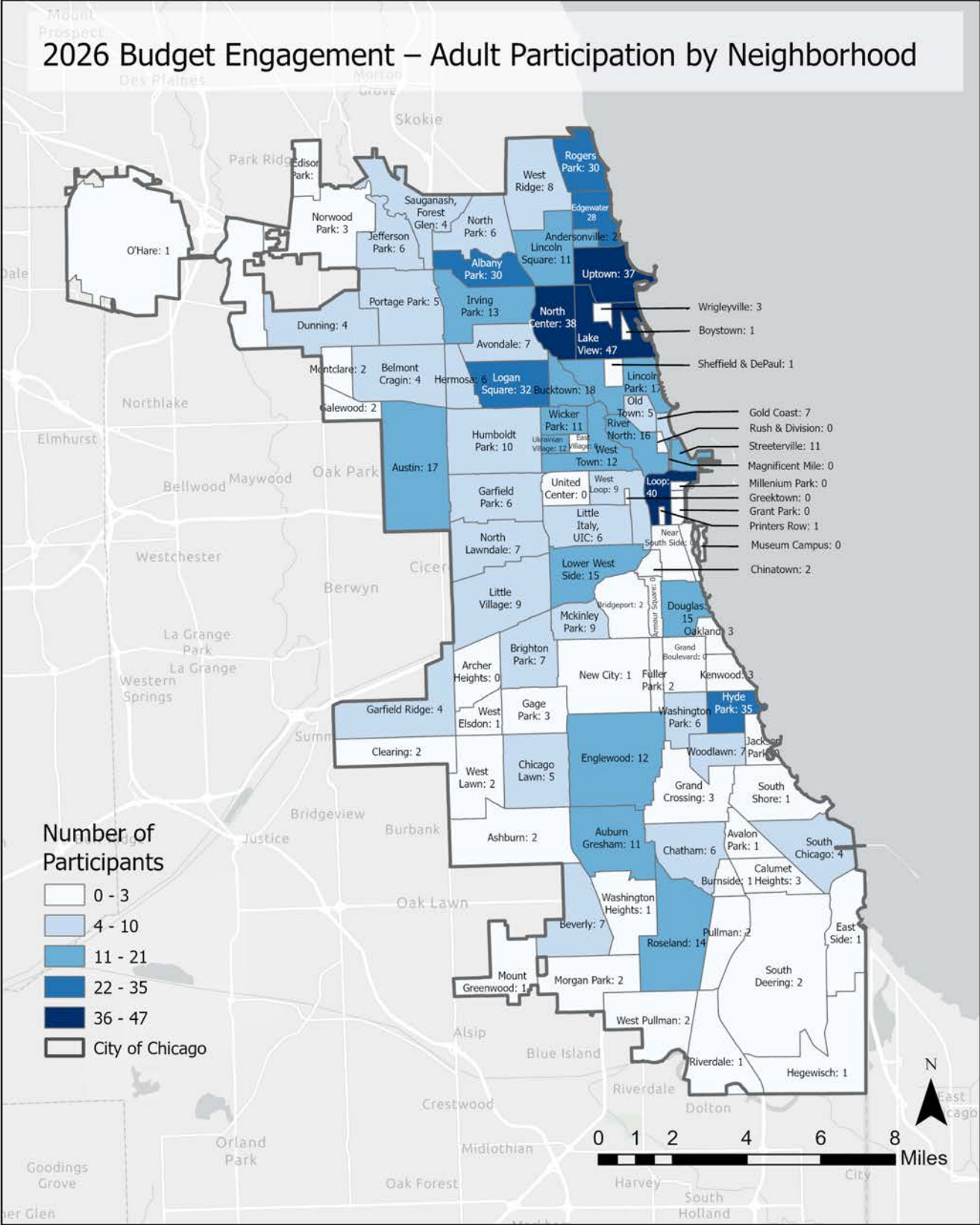
ZIP CODE

Participants also reported their zip code (778 adult responses; 177 youth) on the survey. The following "Zip Code" maps depict the responses mapped onto the City of Chicago's zip code map. Adult responses concentrated in Far North and North-central zip codes—60640, 60647, 60625, 60657—forming a North/Near North to Near Northwest corridor, with additional representation on the South Side. Gaps persist on the West Side, the Far Northwest Side, and the Southeast Side. Youth responses were highest in 60609, 60644, 60624, and 60647. North Lakefront and Near North zip codes had limited youth participation, and the South Side had even more limited overall participation.

Taken together with the neighborhood data, these patterns highlight where engagement was strongest and where additional outreach could help achieve more balanced geographic representation.

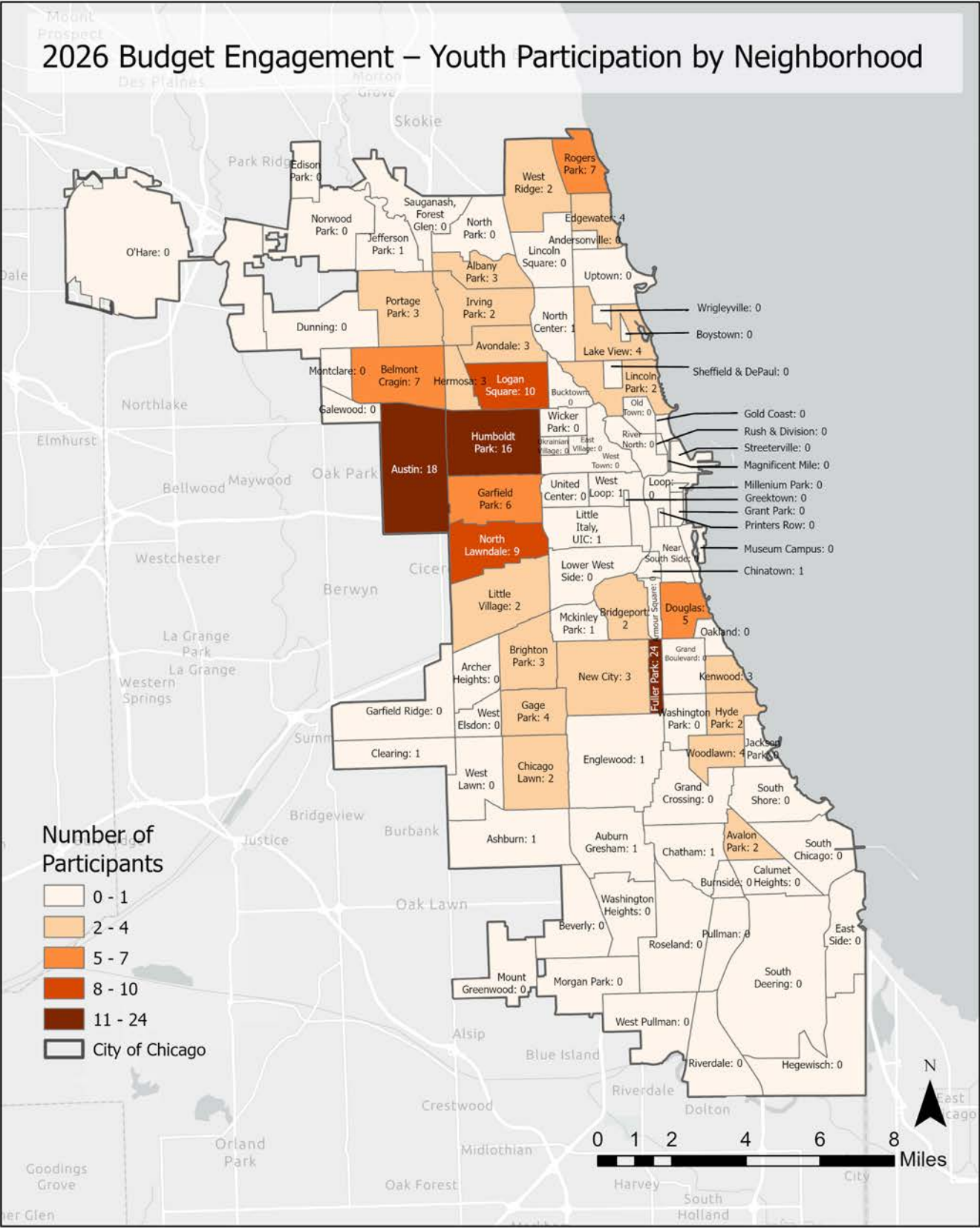
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MAP 1. ADULT PARTICIPATION BY NEIGHBORHOOD



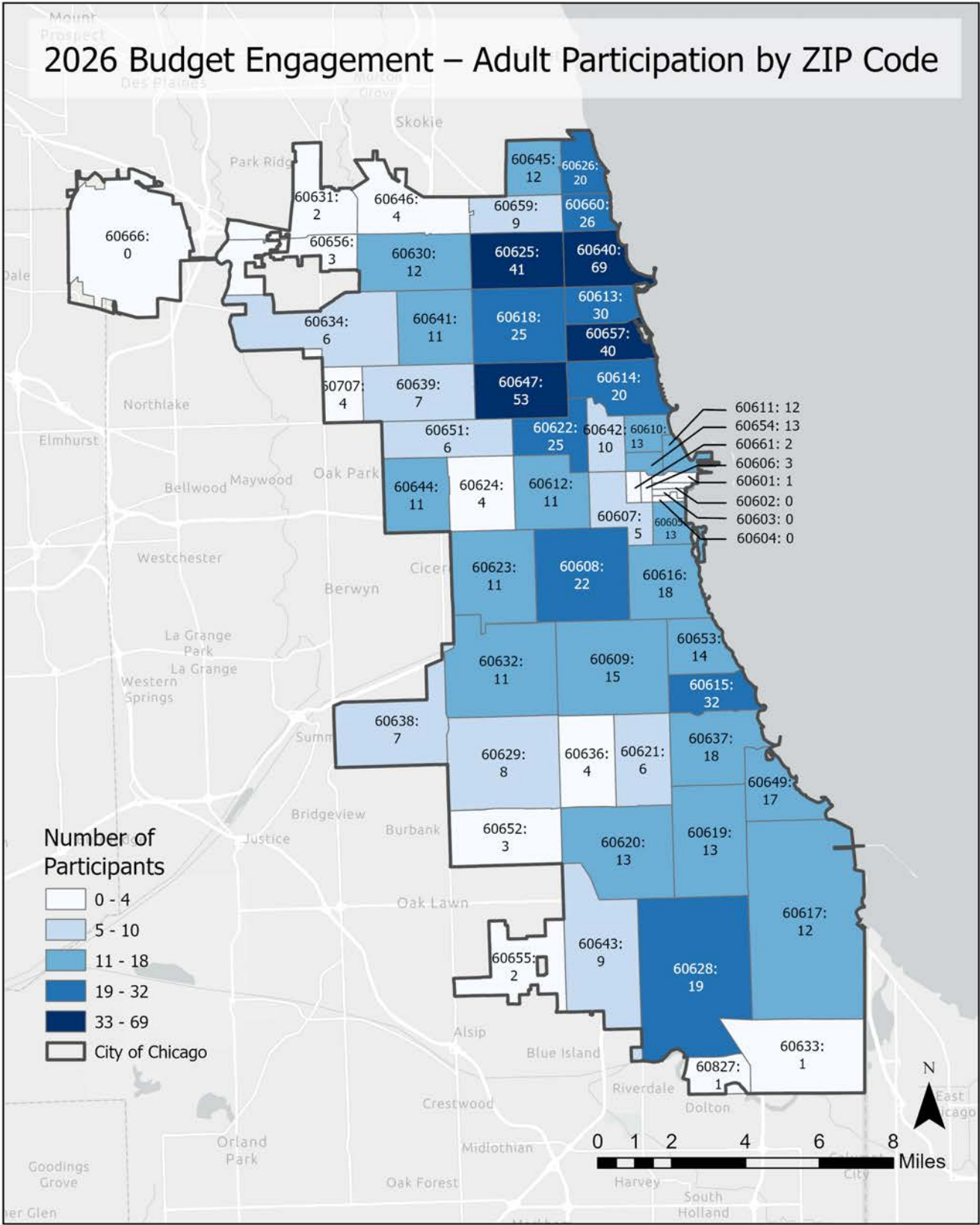
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MAP 2. YOUTH PARTICIPATION BY NEIGHBORHOOD



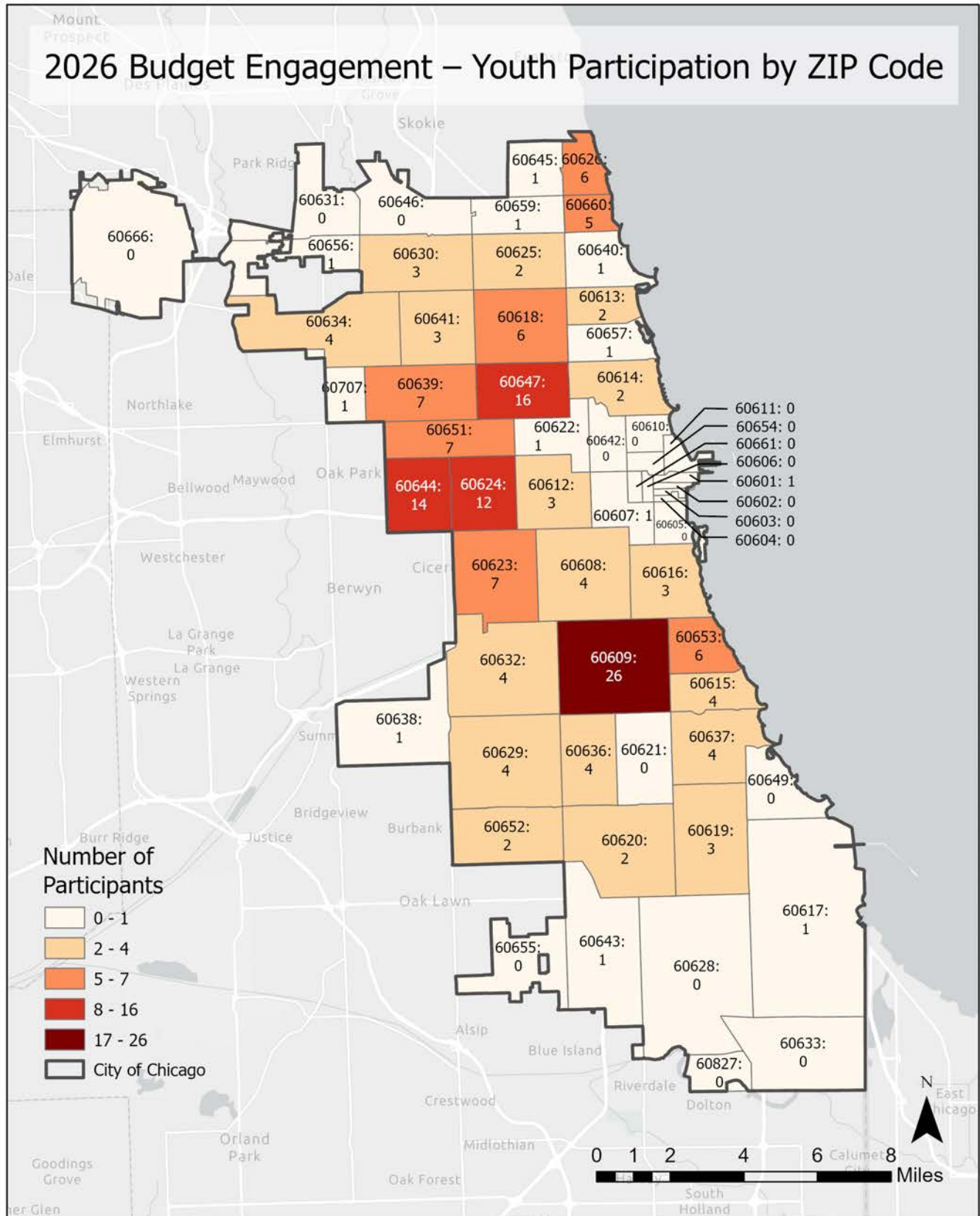
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MAP 3. ADULT PARTICIPATION BY ZIP CODE



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MAP 4. YOUTH PARTICIPATION BY ZIP CODE





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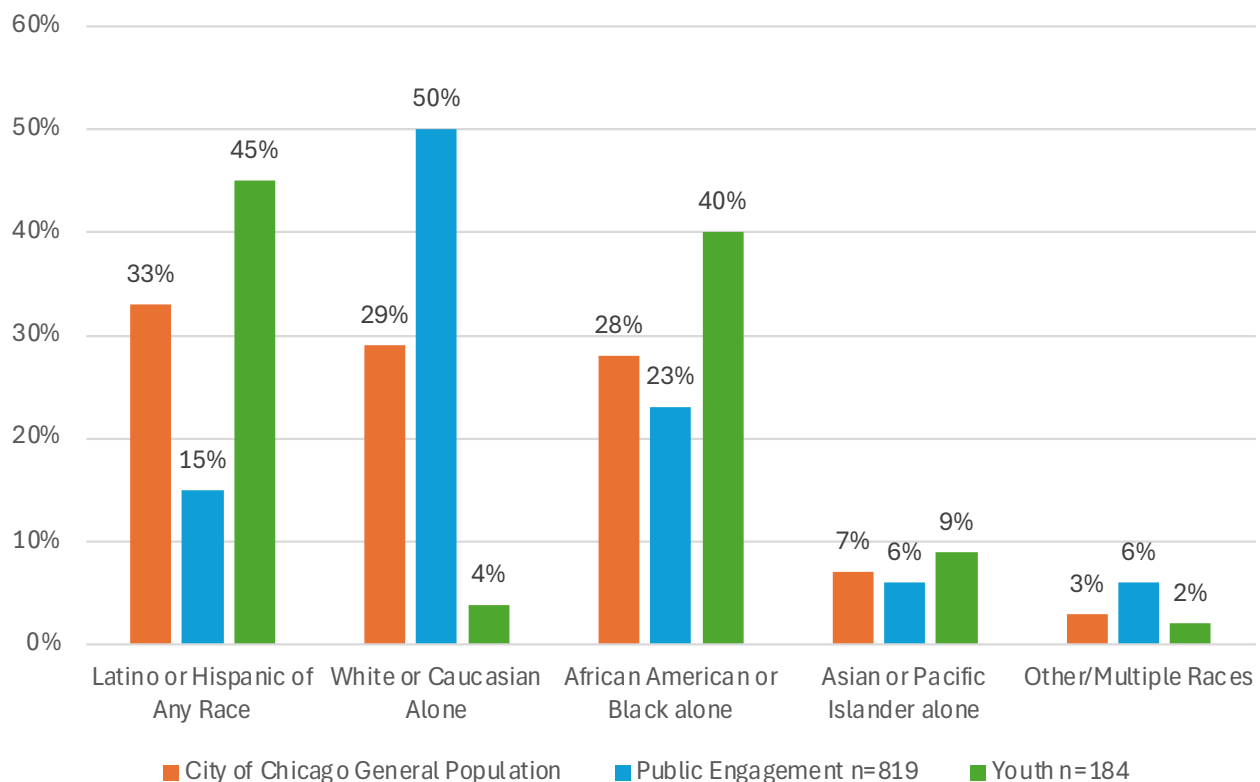
RACE AND ETHNICITY

Engagement reached a diverse mix of participants. Among the general public survey respondents, 23% identified as Black or African American, 15% as Latino or Hispanic, and 50% as White. By comparison, the City's population is approximately 28% Black, 33% Latino, and 29% White. Youth engagement reflected a different profile: 40% of youth respondents identified as Black and 45% as Latino, with 4% identifying as White.

These patterns suggest that while the public survey overrepresented White respondents and underrepresented Latino residents, the youth roundtable and survey were more successful in

reaching young people of color. Together, the datasets highlight both the strengths and the ongoing challenges of ensuring that engagement reflects the diversity of Chicago's communities.

FIG. 1. RACE/ETHNICITY OF RESPONDENTS COMPARED TO CITY OF CHICAGO



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. City of Chicago data obtained from the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018–2022 Five-Year Estimates. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

AGE

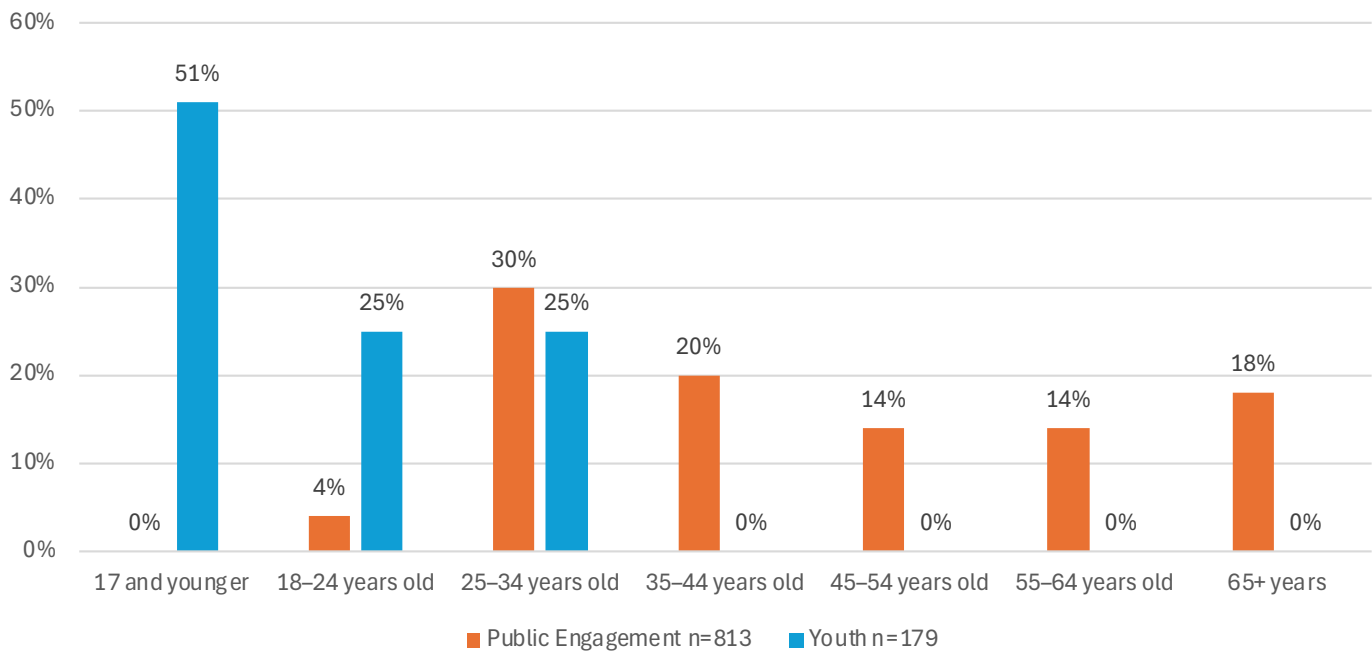
The age data illustrates the breakdown of participants in the 2026 budget engagement process, reflecting separate youth and general public events. In the youth-specific engagement, participants were primarily under 17 (51%), underscoring the City's success in capturing the perspectives of high school-aged residents. Fewer responses came from older youth and young adults, suggesting that continued efforts are needed to ensure the 18–24 age group remains connected to the budget process.

In contrast, the general public engagement attracted a wide distribution across adults from ages 25 to 65+. Nearly one-third (30%) were

young adults aged 25–34, while 20% were 35–44, 28% were 45–64, and 18% were 65 or older.

This pattern suggests that the engagement process successfully included perspectives from across the life course, with a notable presence of both younger residents entering the workforce and older residents with long-term perspectives on City services. The inclusion of these diverse age cohorts helps ensure that budget priorities reflect the needs and experiences of residents at different life stages.

FIG. 2. AGE OF RESPONDENTS



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

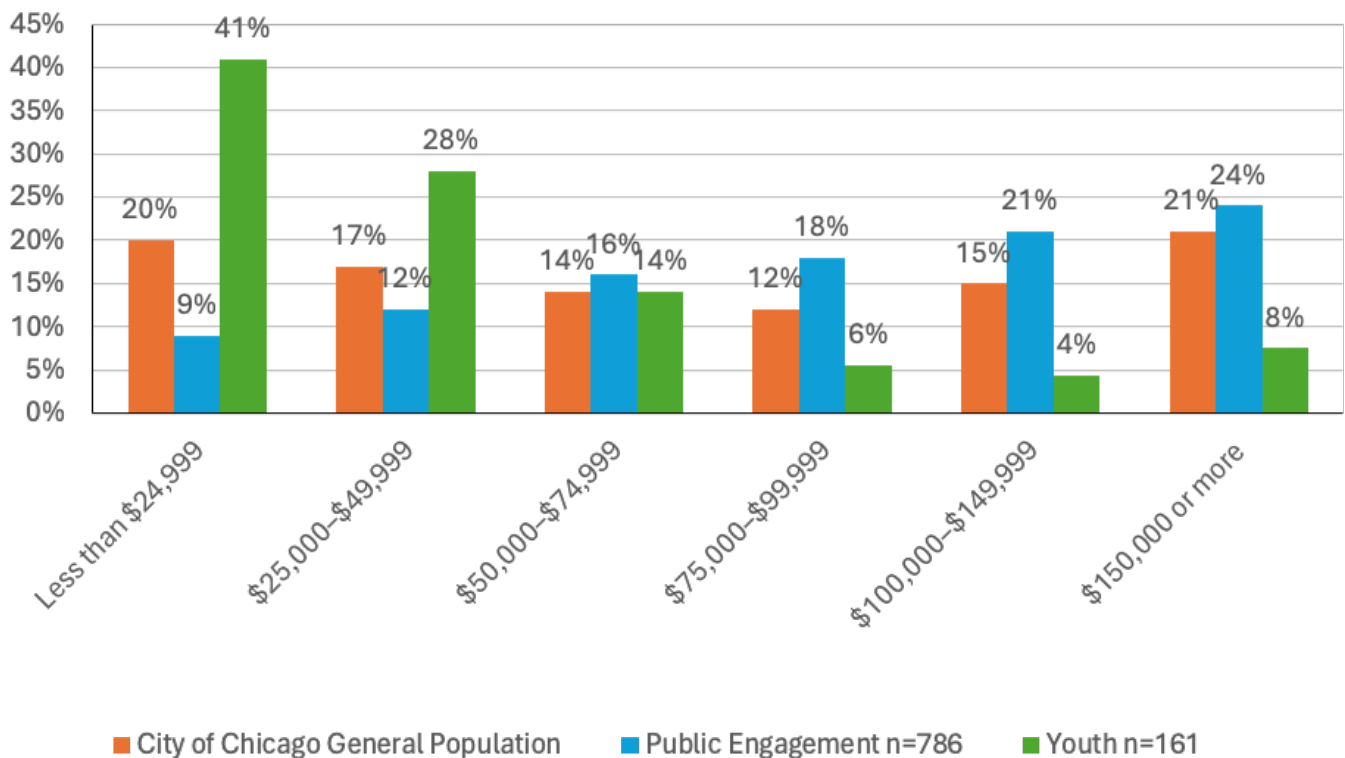
PEOPLE

INCOME

The income distribution of survey respondents leans toward moderate- to higher-income households. Among public survey respondents, 45% reported annual household incomes of \$100,000 or more, and another 34% reported incomes between \$50,000 and \$99,999. In contrast, only 9% reported incomes under \$25,000, and 12% fell between \$25,000 and \$49,999. Compared to citywide demographics, this profile reflects an under-representation of very low-income residents and an over-representation of middle- and higher-income households.

This imbalance is a common challenge in civic engagement, where residents with fewer resources often face barriers to participation. At the same time, the presence of households across a range of income levels indicates that the process did succeed in engaging both working- and middle-class residents alongside higher-income participants. Continued attention to outreach and accessibility will be essential to ensure that the priorities of lower-income households—who are often most directly affected by City services and budget decisions—are fully reflected in future engagement processes.

FIG. 3. INCOME OF RESPONDENTS COMPARED TO CITY OF CHICAGO



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. City of Chicago race/ethnicity data obtained from the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018–2022 Five-Year Estimates. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

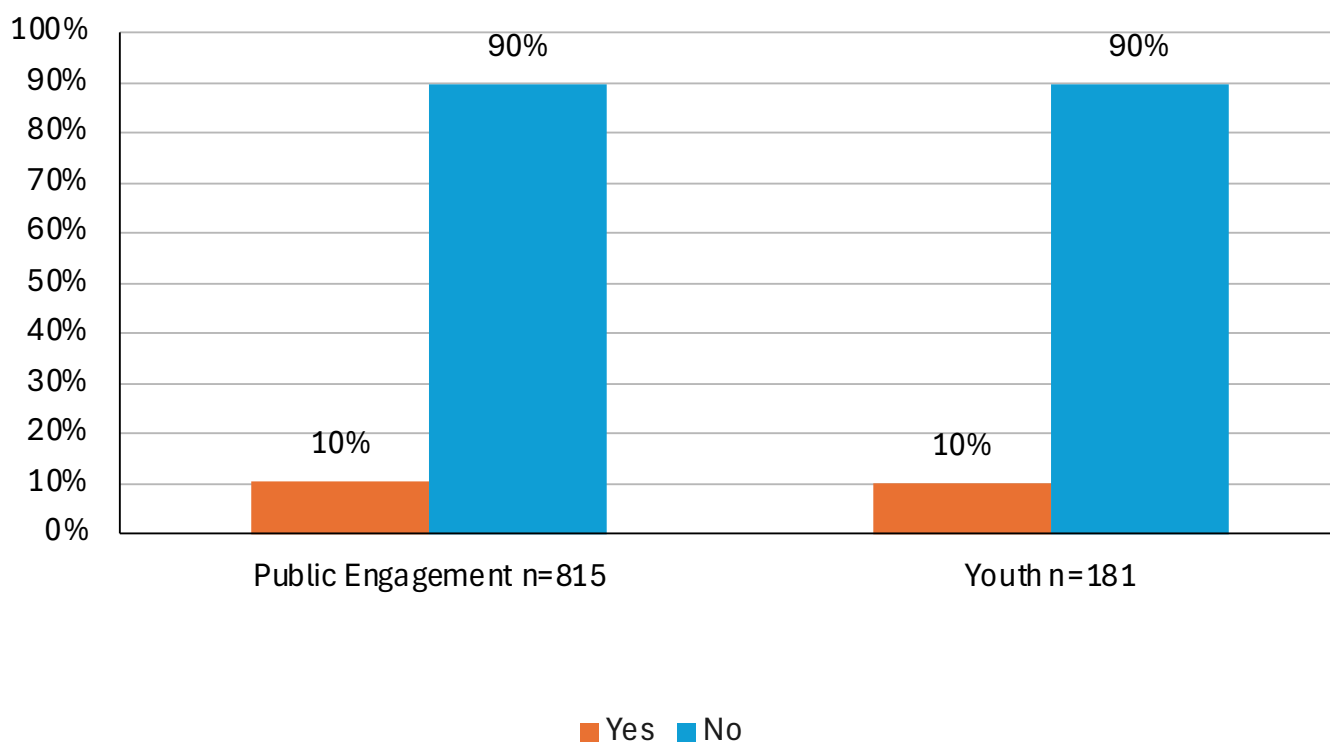
MILITARY SERVICE

The survey included a question on military service, asking whether respondents or members of their households had served. Overall, 10% of public survey respondents reported that someone in their household had military experience. While this is a relatively small share of the sample, it indicates that the engagement process captured perspectives from households connected to the armed forces. Including this question added another lens on the diversity of experiences represented in the budget engagement process.

Although not a central focus of the engagement, this data point underscores that Chicago residents who have served—or live with family members who

have served—are part of the civic conversation about City services and budget priorities.

FIG. 4. SERVICE IN ARMED FORCES BY RESPONDENT OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

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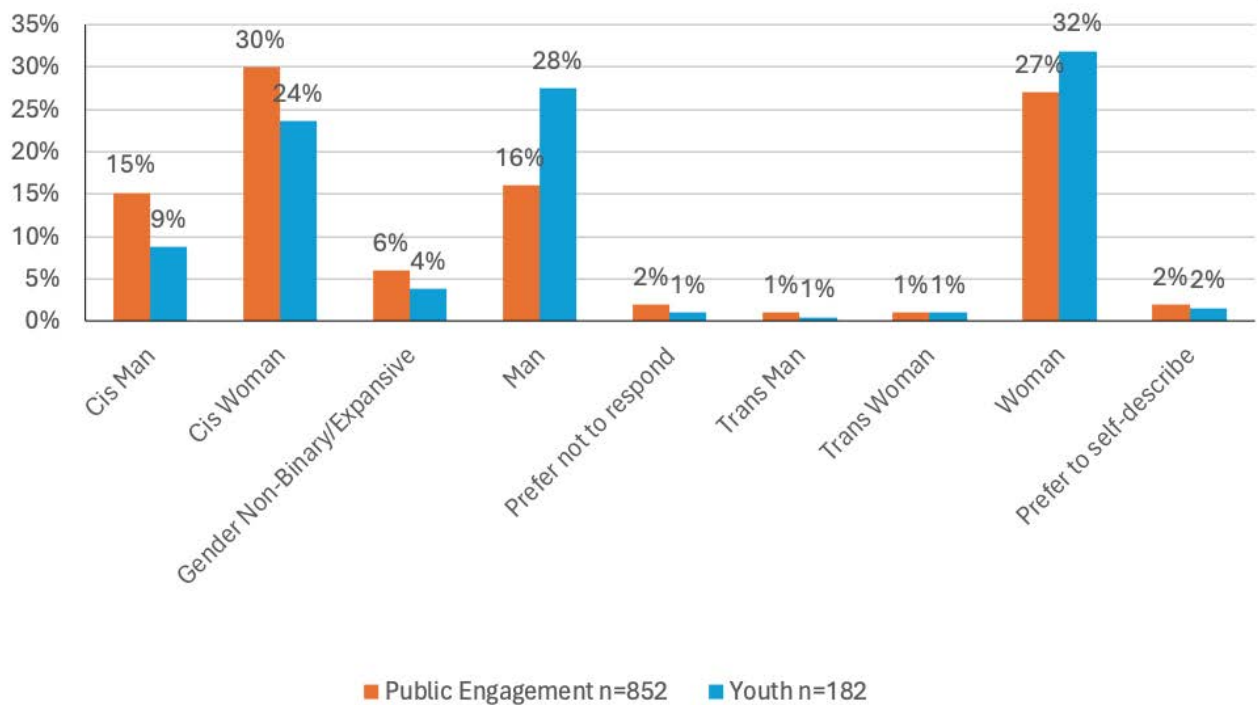
GENDER AND IDENTITY

Survey respondents identified across a range of gender categories, with a majority identifying as Woman or Cis Woman (60%) and another 35% identifying as Man or Cis Man. A smaller share (5%) identified with another gender identity, including non-binary and transgender categories. Youth responses followed a similar pattern, though with slightly higher representation of non-binary and other gender identities.

The inclusion of multiple gender categories provided an opportunity to reflect the diversity of participants more accurately than a binary measure alone. While women formed the majority of respondents overall, the presence of

participants across the gender spectrum indicates that the engagement process succeeded in capturing perspectives from a wide range of identities.

FIG. 5. GENDER OF RESPONDENTS COMPARED TO CITY OF CHICAGO



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. City of Chicago data obtained from the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018–2022 Five-Year Estimates. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.





ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

This section includes analysis from all data sources and presents overarching findings and detailed topic results for all engagement activities: public roundtables, online, and the youth roundtable.

BALANCING SERVICES AND PROPERTY TAXES

OVERALL

Participants were split on how best to balance City services with property taxes, though a plurality leaned toward expansion. Nearly half (47%) supported raising taxes enough to improve and grow services, while 26% favored modest increases just to maintain current levels. Another 27% opposed any increase, even if it meant service cuts.

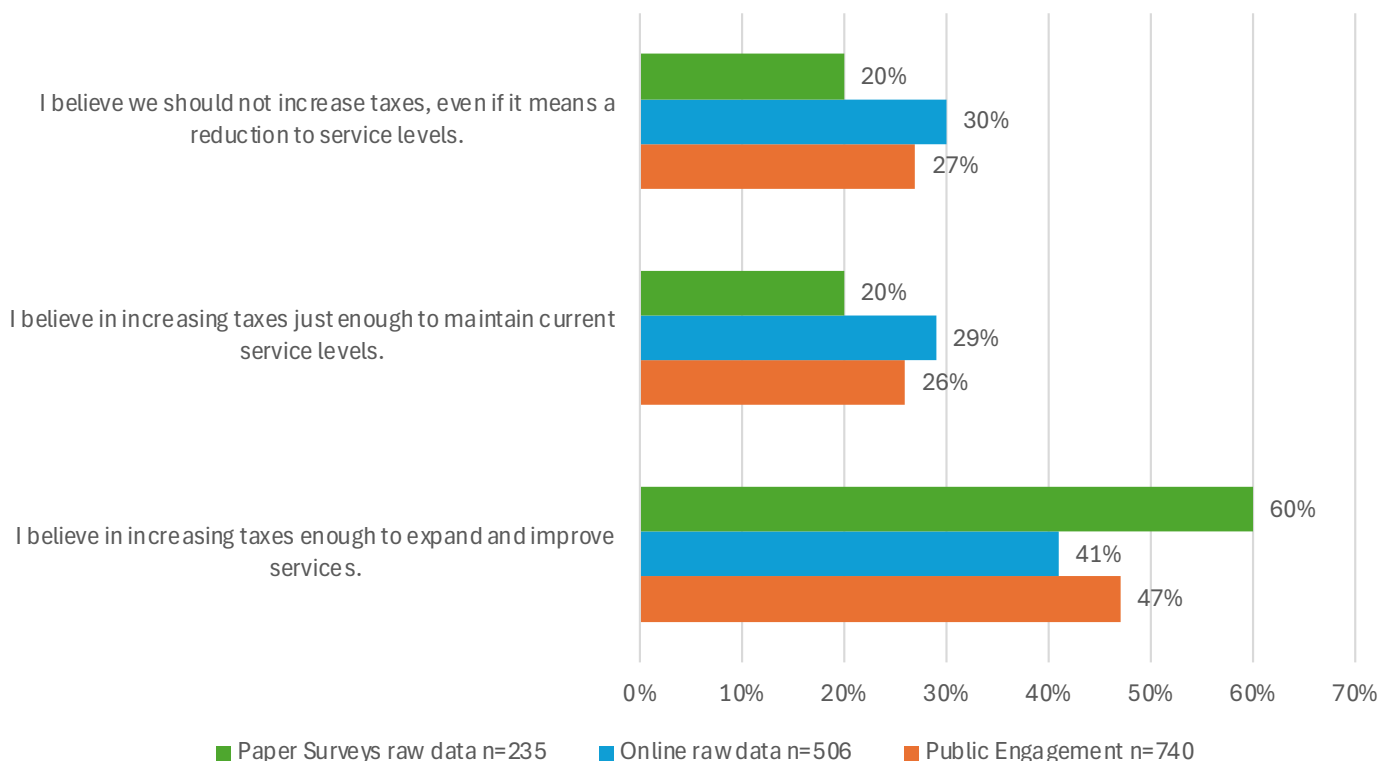
Paper survey respondents at roundtables were more supportive of service growth (60%) and less supportive of holding or cutting services (20% each). Online respondents were more cautious, with only 41% favoring expansion and 30%

preferring no increase. These differences may reflect how in-person participants—who engaged in longer discussions—were more inclined to see value in service growth, while online participants may have been more wary of higher costs. Taken together, the results suggest no overwhelming consensus but a clear lean toward continued or expanded investment, with stronger support for growth in roundtable settings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Across all engagement, 108 comments addressed revenue and spending. Many called for progressive taxation, meaning higher-income households and corporations should shoulder more of the burden. Suggestions included making property taxes more progressive, taxing

FIG. 6. BEST WAY TO BALANCE SERVICES WITH PROPERTY TAXES?



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

corporations, or raising fees on high-value assets. At the same time, some participants rejected any tax increases, underscoring the lack of uniformity.

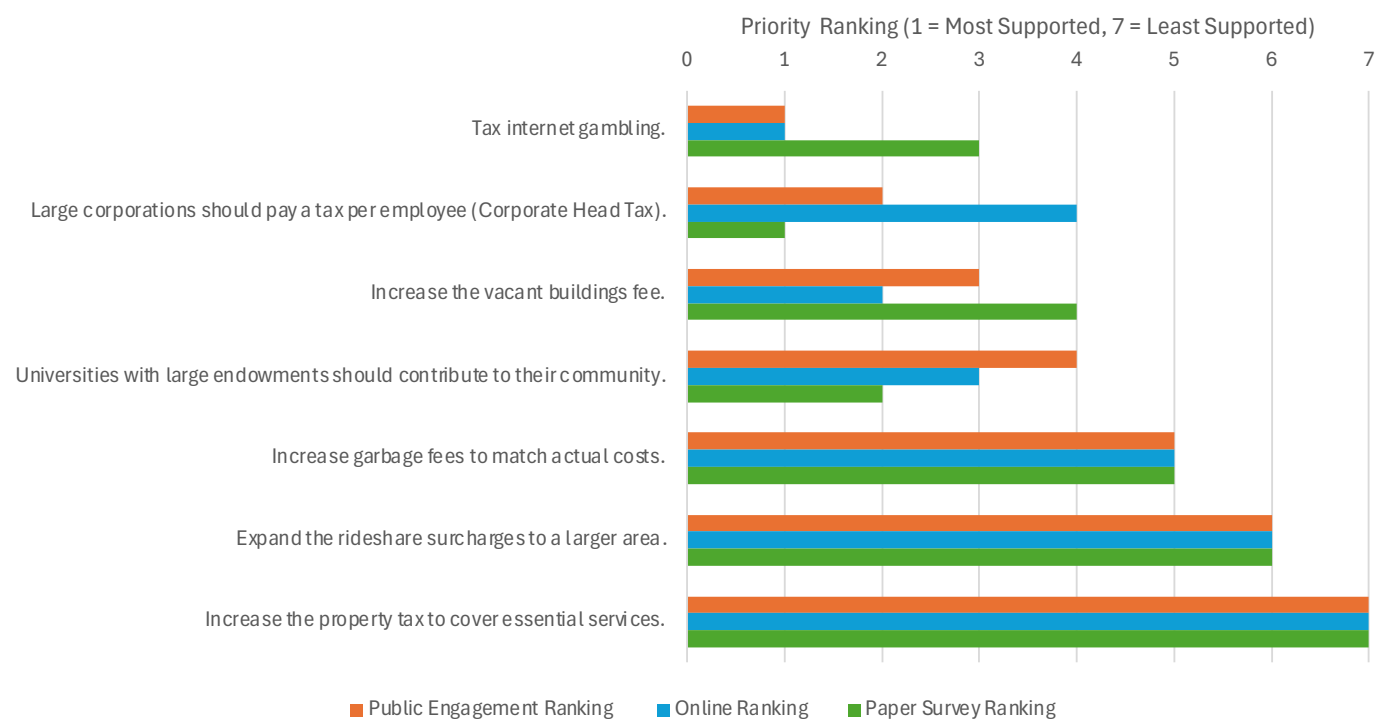
On spending, comments often highlighted fiscal accountability and oversight. Participants called for reducing duplication, trimming unnecessary programs, and managing staffing costs more tightly. Several also urged clearer reporting on program budgets and performance outcomes. These themes may indicate that while residents are open to raising revenue, they also want stronger guarantees that dollars are spent efficiently and equitably.

SUPPORT FOR NEW OR EXPANDED FEES
OVERALL

When asked about new or expanded revenue sources, respondents expressed stronger support for options that place responsibility on corporations, institutions, or property owners rather than on individual households.

The most favored options were taxing Internet Gambling (ranked #1 overall), reintroducing a Corporate Head Tax (ranked #2 overall and #1 among paper respondents), and increasing the Vacant Buildings Fee (#3 overall). Contributions from universities with large endowments ranked

FIG. 7. SUPPORT FOR NEW OR EXPANDED TAXES OR FEES



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

fourth overall, but slightly higher among online participants.

By contrast, household-directed fees drew far less support. Increasing garbage fees, expanding rideshare surcharges, and raising property taxes were consistently ranked lowest (positions #5–7 across all formats). The consistency across survey modes indicates a strong preference for revenue sources that emphasize institutional or nonresidential responsibility, with little appetite for options that would increase household costs.



RESULTS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

OVERALL

Within this subject area, participants were asked to select the one program they considered most important for investment.

Public survey respondents most often selected programs that prevent homelessness and support long-term stability (36%) and programs that connect people in crisis to shelters and related services (30%). This pattern may suggest that many residents view homelessness both as a challenge to be averted and as an immediate need requiring intervention.

Smaller shares highlighted homeownership support (18%) or renter assistance (16%), with the

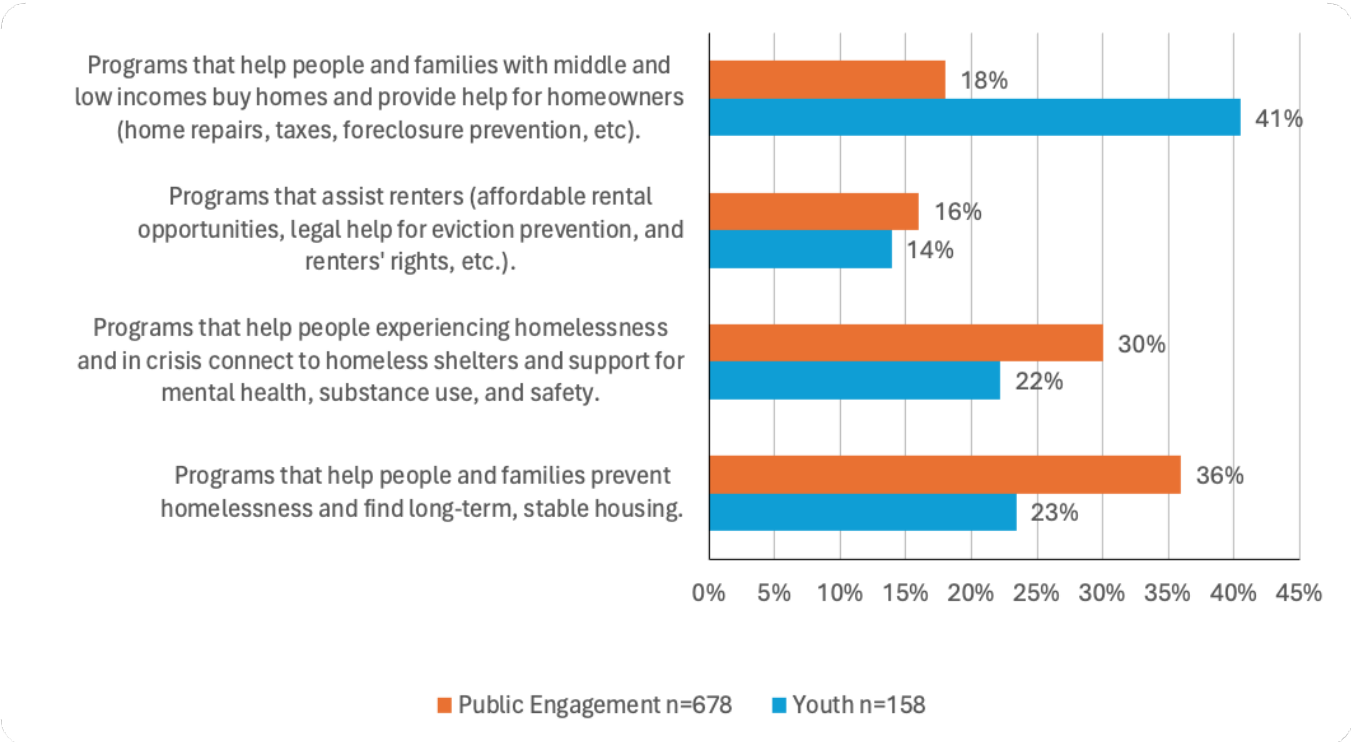
low emphasis on renter programs standing out given the size of Chicago’s renter population.

Youth responses showed a different emphasis. The largest share (41%) selected homeownership support, while smaller portions chose prevention (23%) or crisis services (22%).

Renter-focused programs again drew the lowest share (14%). This may indicate that youth participants were more likely to associate stability with the prospect of homeownership, while adults placed greater weight on preventing or responding to homelessness.

Overall, the results point to housing as a central concern across groups, while also highlighting different entry points: Adults leaned toward

FIG. 8. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

prevention and crisis response, and youth leaned toward ownership and long-term stability.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Participants across all events and online provided a total of 147 comments related to affordable housing and services for people experiencing homelessness (see the Appendix for individual comments). Several public and online comments cards repeated ideas and contained multiple ideas; therefore, the count tallies idea mentions—not unique participants or comments.

Within this area, many comments called for expanding the supply of affordable housing across underserved neighborhoods. Suggestions included a wider range of housing types and more supportive housing for people with disabilities and older adults. Participants also emphasized the need to improve access to housing and services for people experiencing homelessness, with recommendations to expand shelter capacity and strengthen connections to care.

Stabilizing renters was another common theme. Participants suggested expanding affordable rental options, strengthening tenant protections, creating or improving a rental registry, and bolstering eviction-prevention programs. Comments also highlighted homeowner repair and preservation supports—especially for seniors and people with disabilities—and urged the City to simplify application processes and improve how residents learn about available programs.

Additional feedback raised anti-displacement

strategies, such as community land trusts, and some participants noted the importance of pet-friendly housing policies.

Taken together, the comments reflect a broad interest in increasing affordable housing options, pairing housing with supportive services for people experiencing homelessness, and putting stronger measures in place to stabilize renters. Some suggestions—including rent control—would require action at the state level.



RESULTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

OVERALL

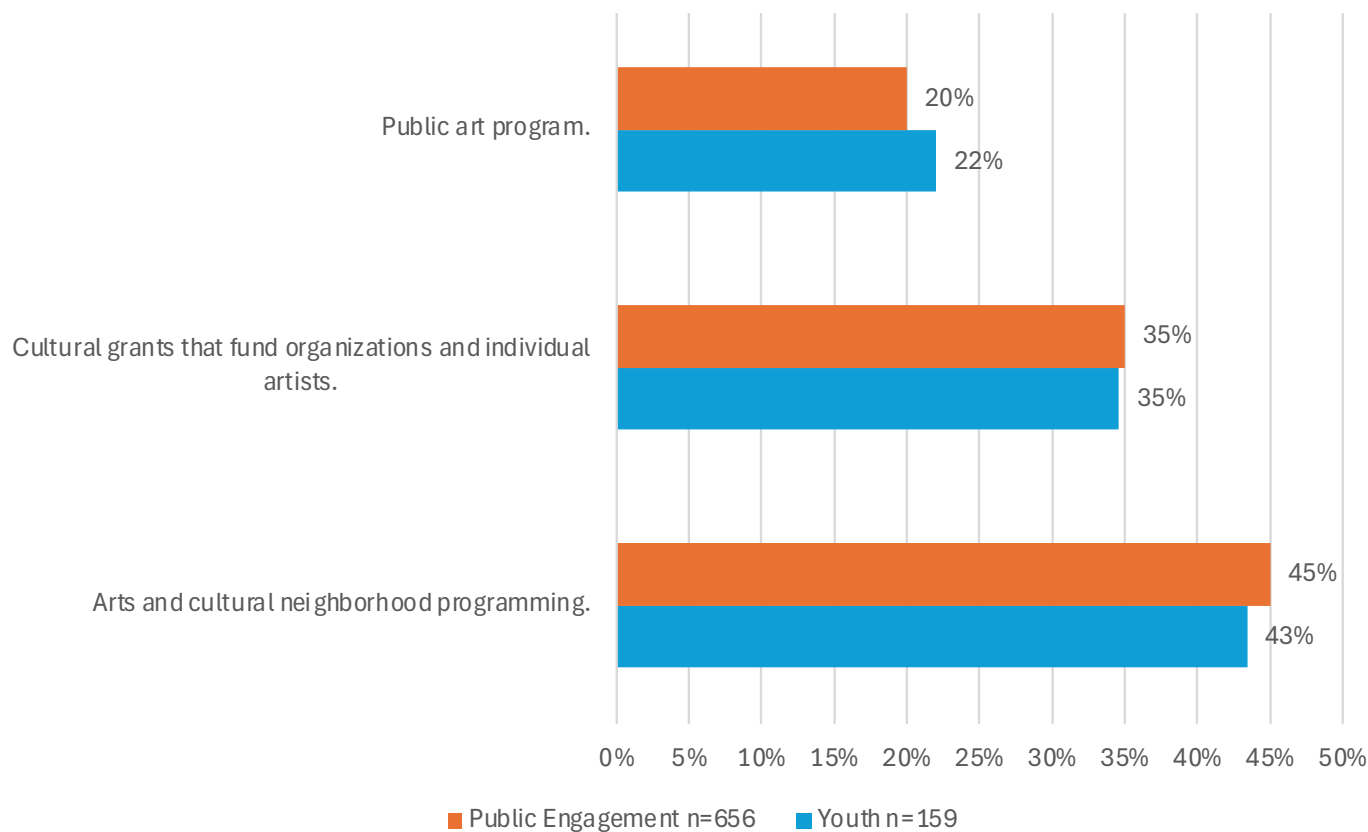
Within this subject area, participants were asked to select the one program they considered most important for investment.

Among public survey respondents, the strongest support went to arts and cultural neighborhood programming (45%), ahead of other options. Cultural grants for organizations and individual artists were the second choice (35%), while the public art program drew comparatively limited support (20%). This pattern may suggest that many residents associate the value of City funding with direct, community-level investment rather than citywide art installations.

Youth participants showed a similar distribution, with their top choice also being neighborhood programming (43%), followed by grants (35%) and then public art (22%). That alignment across groups may indicate broad consensus that resources should flow first to neighborhood-based programming and artist support.

Taken together, the results may highlight a preference for investments that bring cultural activity into local communities and provide tangible benefits for artists and residents. Both youth and adults placed less emphasis on high-visibility showcase projects, which could signal a desire for City support that feels equitable, accessible, and rooted in neighborhoods.

FIG. 9. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY: ARTS AND CULTURE



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Participants across all events and online shared a total of 15 comments related to arts and culture (see the Appendix for individual comments).

Many comments highlighted the importance of expanding neighborhood arts and cultural programming—bringing activities closer to where people live—and included ideas like artist residencies and youth public art opportunities. Participants also emphasized the need for dedicated funding and cultural spaces. Suggestions included increasing the size and availability of cultural grants, creating neighborhood museums that reflect local histories, and adding gallery spaces.

Some comments raised transparency and accountability concerns, with requests for clearer reporting on how arts funding is allocated and how grants are distributed. A few also called for inclusive workforce development in the arts, with specific attention to opportunities for people with disabilities.

Taken together, the comments reflect strong interest in expanding neighborhood access to the arts, strengthening grantmaking and cultural spaces, and improving transparency in City support for arts and culture.



RESULTS

COMMUNITY SAFETY

OVERALL

Within this subject area, participants were asked to select the one program they considered most important for investment.

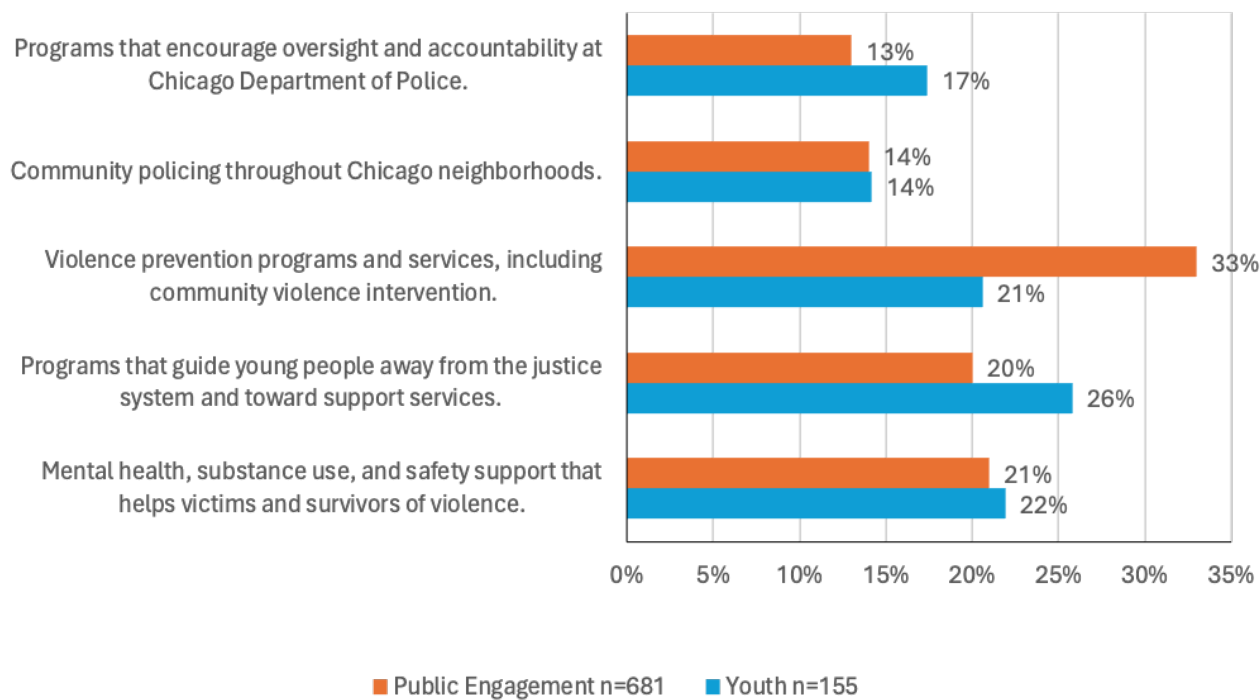
Among public survey respondents, the most frequent choice was violence prevention programs and services, including community violence intervention (33%).

Other priorities were more evenly distributed: mental health and victim support services (21%), programs that guide youth away from the justice system (20%), community policing (14%), and oversight and accountability at the Chicago Department of Police (13%). This may suggest

that residents see the greatest potential impact in front-end prevention strategies, while also recognizing the role of mental health and youth support services.

Youth participants showed a somewhat different pattern. While violence prevention (21%) was still a leading choice, they placed greater emphasis on programs that guide young people away from the justice system (26%) and on police oversight and accountability (17%). Mental health support (22%) and community policing (14%) drew similar shares to the general public. These responses may signal that younger participants view safety not only through intervention, but also through reform, accountability, and alternatives to the justice system.

FIG. 10. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY: COMMUNITY SAFETY



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

Taken together, the results may highlight a layered view of safety. Public respondents tended to prioritize immediate violence prevention, while youth participants emphasized upstream supports and systemic accountability. This divergence could signal a generational difference in how safety is defined and where investment is seen as most effective.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Participants across all events and online provided a total of 221 comments related to Community Safety (see the Appendix for individual comments). Several repeated ideas were noted across comments, and some comments contained multiple ideas; therefore, the count tallies idea mentions—not unique participants or comments.

Within community safety, comments encompass a diverse range of ideas and suggestions for enhancing public safety. A frequent theme is reducing police funding, with many participants supporting a reduction in the police budget and reallocating funds to public health and mental health services, alternative response programs, youth programs, and additional ambulance and paramedic services. Additionally, comments commonly emphasized the need for violence prevention programs, including the youth peacekeeping initiative specifically. These comments suggest that investments in public health and non-police community safety services could be more effective in addressing public safety.

Several participants shared stories about feeling safe in their communities, crime prevention, and

negative experiences with the police. Some called for an increase in police presence, a more visible police presence in communities and downtown, as well as proactive enforcement to deter crime. Others emphasized the need for trust-building, de-escalation strategies, and community policing, where officers have established relationships within the neighborhood.

Comments about police accountability were not just frequent but also underscored the necessity of transparency and oversight in law enforcement. Participants emphasized the need to implement the consent decree, strengthen the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA), and increase transparency on the police budget, program outcomes, police discipline, and use of force. Lastly, participants suggested enhancing public safety through improvements to community infrastructure, including better lighting, activating vacant lots, and increasing responsiveness to 311 calls – all steps to creating safer neighborhoods.

RESULTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OVERALL

Within this subject area, participants were asked to select the one program they considered most important for investment.

For both public respondents and youth, the overwhelming priority was programs that bring jobs, businesses, buildings, and infrastructure improvements to historically disinvested neighborhoods (64% and 63%, respectively). This strong majority may signal a shared belief that long-term neighborhood revitalization depends most on visible, structural investment.

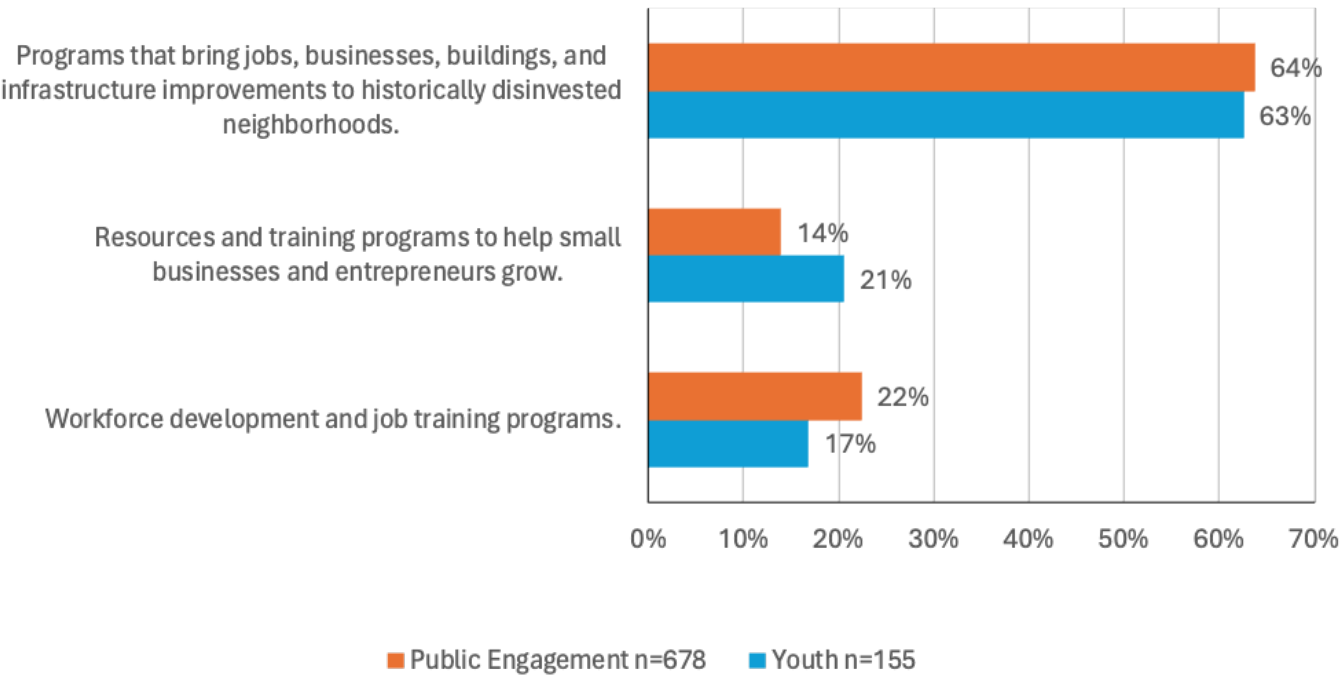
Other options drew considerably less support. Among the general public, 22% selected

workforce development and job training, while 14% emphasized resources and training for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Youth participants showed a slightly different secondary emphasis: 21% highlighted small business support, while 17% prioritized job training programs. These differences may suggest that young respondents place somewhat more value on entrepreneurship opportunities, whereas the general public leans more toward workforce-focused investments.

Taken together, the results point to broad alignment across groups on the primacy of large-scale neighborhood economic investment, with some variation in how smaller shares view the role

FIG. 11. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

of job training or entrepreneurship. This pattern could indicate that while structural improvements are seen as the foundation, respondents also recognize the need for complementary supports that build capacity for workers and small businesses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Participants across all engagement provided a total of 56 comments related to Economic Development (see the Appendix for individual comments).

Job creation and workforce development/ job training programs that prioritized underserved neighborhoods were a frequent theme. Participants' suggestions included apprenticeship-style pathways, hyper-local job creation through community-based organizations, and practical, accessible programs that connect residents to available jobs.

Participants also called for support of small business and entrepreneurial programs that advance equitable investment and business diversity, especially on the South and West sides of Chicago. Ideas included streamlining permits and licensing through a clearer, faster process; helping entrepreneurs find resources and funding, including micro-grants or seed capital; promoting neighborhood amenities and businesses more effectively; and developing co-owned/ cooperative commercial real estate to build community wealth. Several comments suggested shared kitchens and incubators to reduce start-up costs, as well as utilizing pop-ups and vacant storefronts to revitalize commercial corridors.

Finally, participants emphasized the importance of developing financial and digital skills, ranging from financial literacy and wealth management to the digital tools necessary for banking, budgeting, and e-commerce. Across the feedback, commenters emphasized the need to target support to communities that have experienced disinvestment.

RESULTS

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

OVERALL

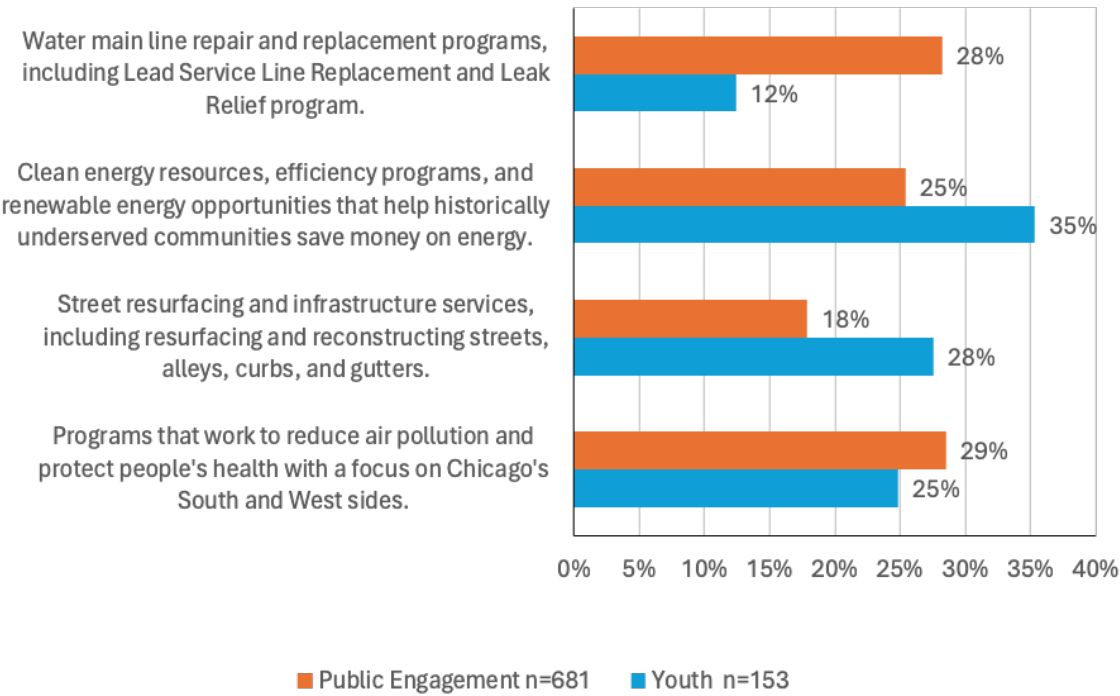
Within this subject area, participants were asked to select the one program they considered most important for investment.

Among public respondents, the leading priorities were programs to reduce air pollution and protect health, particularly on the South and West Sides (29%), and water main line repair and replacement programs (28%). Clean energy and efficiency programs (25%) and street resurfacing (18%) drew smaller but still notable shares. This mix may suggest that residents are weighing both immediate infrastructure concerns and environmental health risks.

Youth participants showed a different emphasis. Their top choice was clean energy and efficiency programs (35%), followed by street resurfacing (28%). Air pollution reduction (25%) and water main replacement (12%) drew less support. These responses may indicate that younger participants are more focused on visible sustainability initiatives and neighborhood infrastructure, while placing less importance on water system replacement.

Taken together, the results may highlight a generational difference in priorities: public respondents leaned toward traditional infrastructure and pollution reduction, while youth placed greater weight on renewable energy and neighborhood-level improvements.

FIG. 12. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

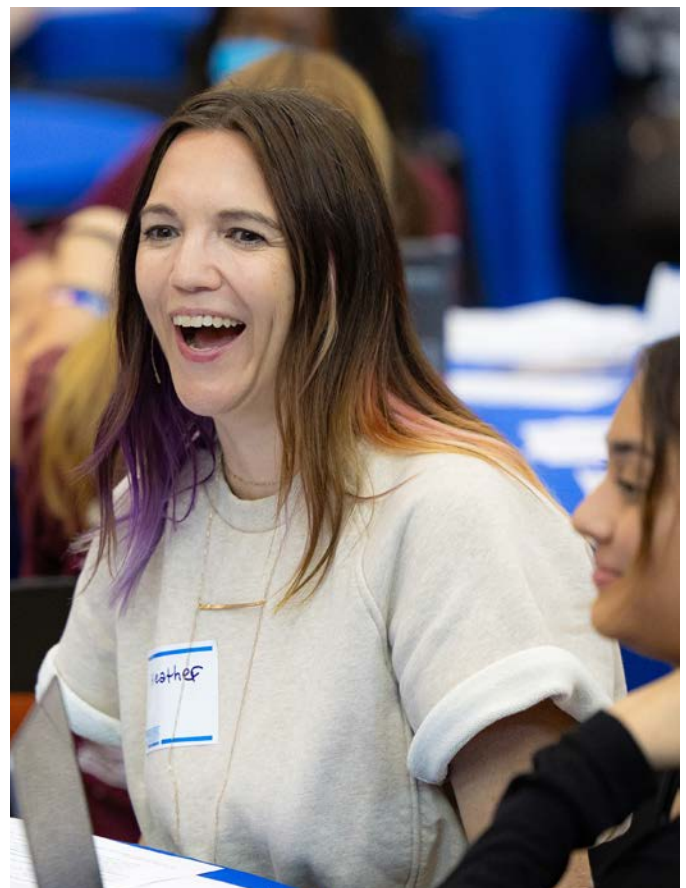
Participants across all events and online provided a total of 277 comments related to Environmental Justice (see the Appendix for individual comments). Several repeated ideas were noted across comments, and some comments contained multiple ideas; therefore, the count tallies idea mentions—not unique participants or comments.

Comments highlight the need to mitigate climate change, support environmental justice, and enhance basic infrastructure, with a focus on West and South Side communities. A frequent theme was expanding and maintaining the tree canopy to address urban heat and replace lost trees. Several raised concerns about air quality and the impact of freight and industrial activity, proposing rerouting truck traffic, installing additional air monitors near industrial corridors, and enforcing emissions more vigorously. Participants also requested an increase in the capacity and enforcement powers of the Department of Environment, as well as zoning and land-use tools to buffer homes and schools from industrial areas, and to accelerate the clean-up of contaminated sites (brownfields) to reduce exposure and promote reuse.

Participants called for flood mitigation through the expansion of green stormwater infrastructure (rain gardens, permeable alleys, and detention ponds, etc), alongside sewer upgrades and faster lead service line replacement. Some comments requested energy efficiency and building retrofits, including weatherization programs for low-income homes, solar power on public sites, and additional EV charging stations, all of which have the potential to significantly improve the City's

environmental sustainability and resilience.

Several comments emphasized the importance of safe streets and transportation, including street resurfacing, improved lighting, protected bike lanes, and a more accessible pedestrian network with ADA-compliant sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic-calming measures. Finally, commenters highlighted the importance of clean and safe neighborhoods, including more open space, green corridors, and trail/riverwalk connections, as well as expanded access to recycling and compost, more reliable garbage pickup, rodent abatement, and stronger enforcement against illegal dumping. Collectively, comments point to an equitable, climate-resilient Chicago.



RESULTS

NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OVERALL

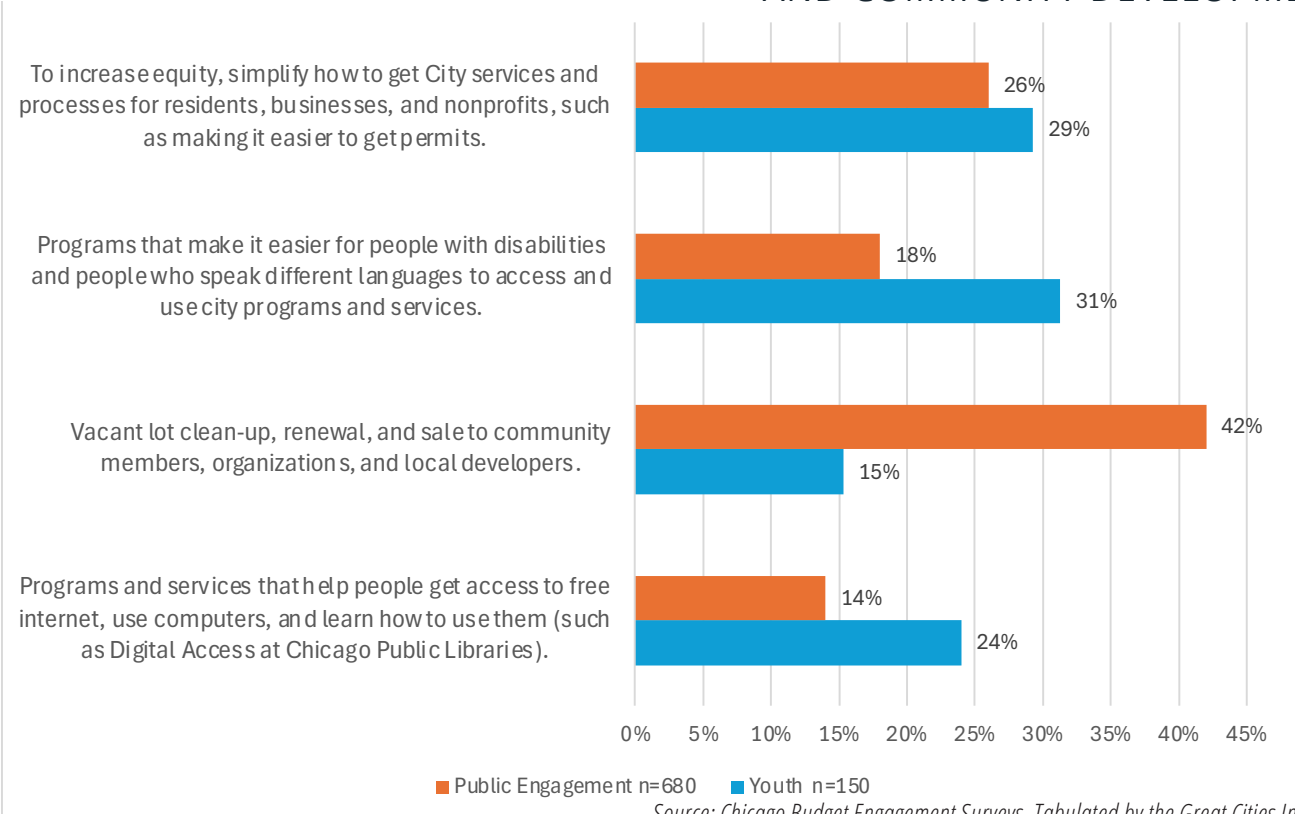
Within this subject area, participants were asked to select the one program they considered most important for investment.

Among public respondents, the top choice was vacant lot clean-up, renewal, and sale to community members, organizations, and local developers (42%). Simplifying how residents, businesses, and nonprofits access City services (26%) and improving accessibility for people with disabilities and non-English speakers (18%) followed at lower levels, while access to free internet and computer training drew the

least emphasis (14%). This distribution may suggest that residents prioritize visible, physical improvements in their neighborhoods, while still recognizing the importance of accessibility and streamlined processes.

Youth participants, by contrast, placed greater weight on accessibility and digital inclusion. Their leading choice was programs that make it easier for people with disabilities and non-English speakers to access City services (31%), followed by simplifying City processes (29%) and internet/computer access programs (24%). Vacant lot clean-up, which was the public’s top choice, drew just 15% among youth. These differences may indicate that younger participants are more

FIG. 13. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY: NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

focused on inclusion and equity in services. It is also possible that youth responses reflect what they observe their parents or caregivers navigating—such as language barriers, disability access, or challenges with City processes.

Taken together, the results may highlight a generational divergence in how community development is defined. Public respondents emphasized land use and physical renewal, while youth leaned toward accessibility, equity in service delivery, and digital inclusion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Participants across all events and online provided a total of 168 comments related to Neighborhood and Community Development (see the Appendix for individual comments). Several repeated ideas were noted across comments, and some comments contained multiple ideas; therefore, the count tallies idea mentions—not unique participants or comments.

A frequent theme (likely the result of the attendance and organizing efforts of animal care advocates) is the call for increased funding and support for Chicago Animal Care and Control. Participant comments highlight the shelter's limited budget in comparison to other major cities, emphasizing the need for expanded shelter capacity, improved facilities, additional staff, higher salaries, and dedicated leadership.

Community development practices that focus on equitable, neighborhood revitalization and preservation were a common theme. Participants called for the repurposing of vacant lots and buildings for community-serving uses, reducing

barriers to obtaining and reactivating vacant lots through programs like ChiBlockBuilder. Comments also paired these strategies with requests for affordable housing and anti-displacement measures to protect residents and small businesses, and more grocery stores to improve food access. Additionally, participants suggested streamlined City processes, including permitting, contracting, and payment processing, to enable neighborhood projects to begin and scale without delays.

Lastly, participant comments asked for improved neighborhood infrastructure, including enhanced streetscapes, comprehensive corridor planning, more open spaces and parks, and community “third spaces” that provide safe and accessible public gathering places reflecting a desire for improved public spaces that support community well-being.

RESULTS

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH
OVERALL

Within this subject area, participants were asked to select the one program they considered most important for investment.

Both public respondents and youth gave their strongest support to crisis response programs that send trained behavioral health professionals (48% and 51%). This broad agreement may point to a shared sense that mental health crises require specialized, non-police responses.

Other priorities showed some divergence. Adults placed more emphasis on maintaining public mental health clinics (24% vs. 15% among

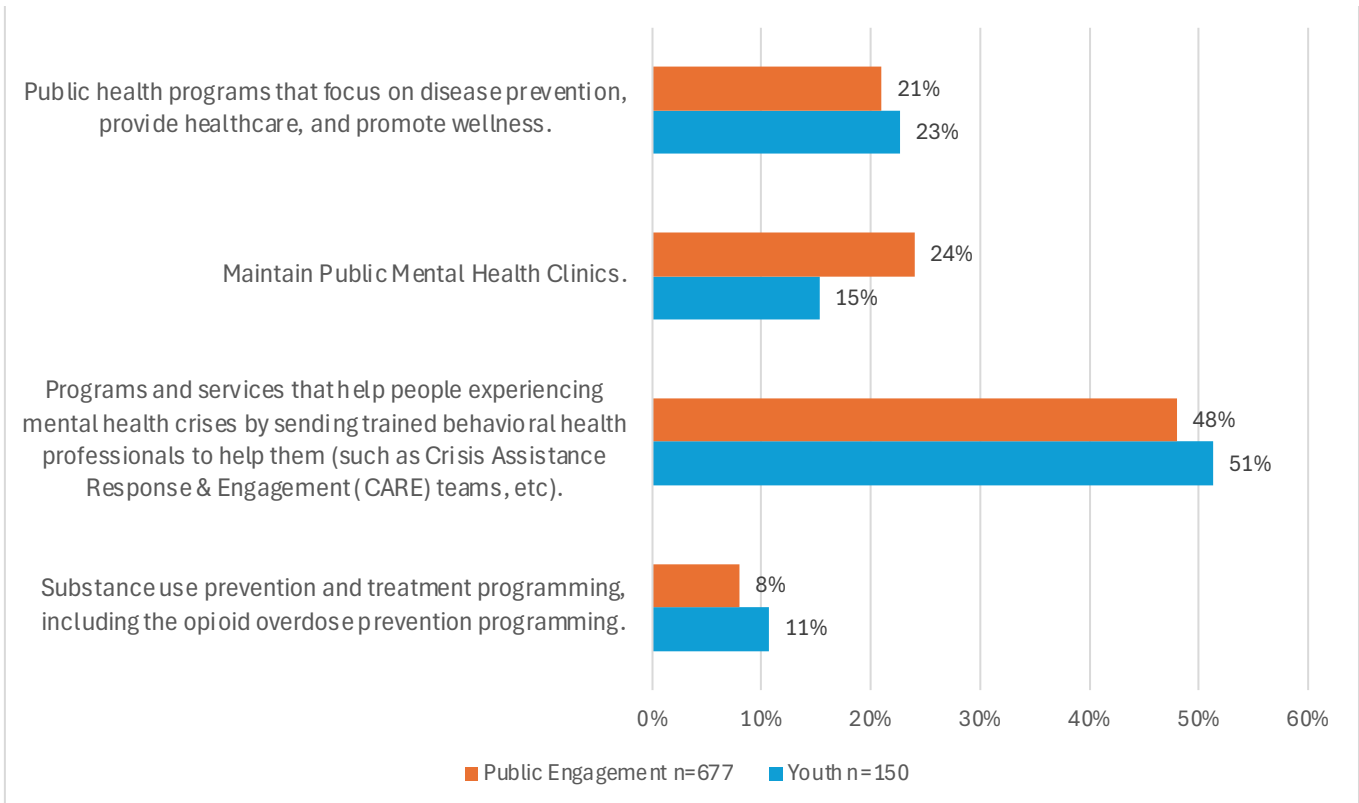
youth), while youth leaned slightly more toward prevention and wellness programs (23% vs. 21%). Substance use prevention and treatment drew the smallest share of support overall (8% and 11%).

Taken together, the results may highlight a consensus around crisis response as the top priority, with differences emerging in how secondary supports are valued—adults favoring clinic infrastructure, and youth showing more interest in preventive approaches.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Participants across all events and online provided a total of 168 comments related to public health

FIG. 14. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY: PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

and mental health (see the Appendix for individual comments). Several repeated ideas were noted across comments, and some comments contained multiple ideas; therefore, the count tallies idea mentions—not unique participants or comments.

Comments highlight critical health needs through a community-centered lens, focusing on expanding mental-health services and alternative crisis responses, preventing disease, and supporting community wellness through public health funding. A prevalent theme is expanding the City's CARE program for non-police crisis intervention—including adding health teams/co-responders, extending hours of operation, and enhancing program awareness among residents. Participants reported these investments are needed to ensure residents receive appropriate care, reduce use of force, and allow officers to focus on crime prevention.

Another common theme is strong support for increasing mental health services and expanding community mental health clinics, including improving access to counseling services to reduce wait times, particularly on the South and West sides of Chicago. Calls for support for trauma-informed care and survivor support services were also frequent, including ensuring continuum of care. Some also requested support for substance use treatment.

Participant comments emphasized the importance of investing in public health capacity, with requests for infectious disease preparedness and outbreak prevention, vaccinations, and increased funding for the Department of Public

Health to ensure program stability. Lastly, many called for improved access and equity through interpretation/translation services, ADA-compliant materials, and targeted outreach to underserved neighborhoods to ensure services reach those with the greatest need.

RESULTS

YOUTH AND CHILDREN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

OVERALL

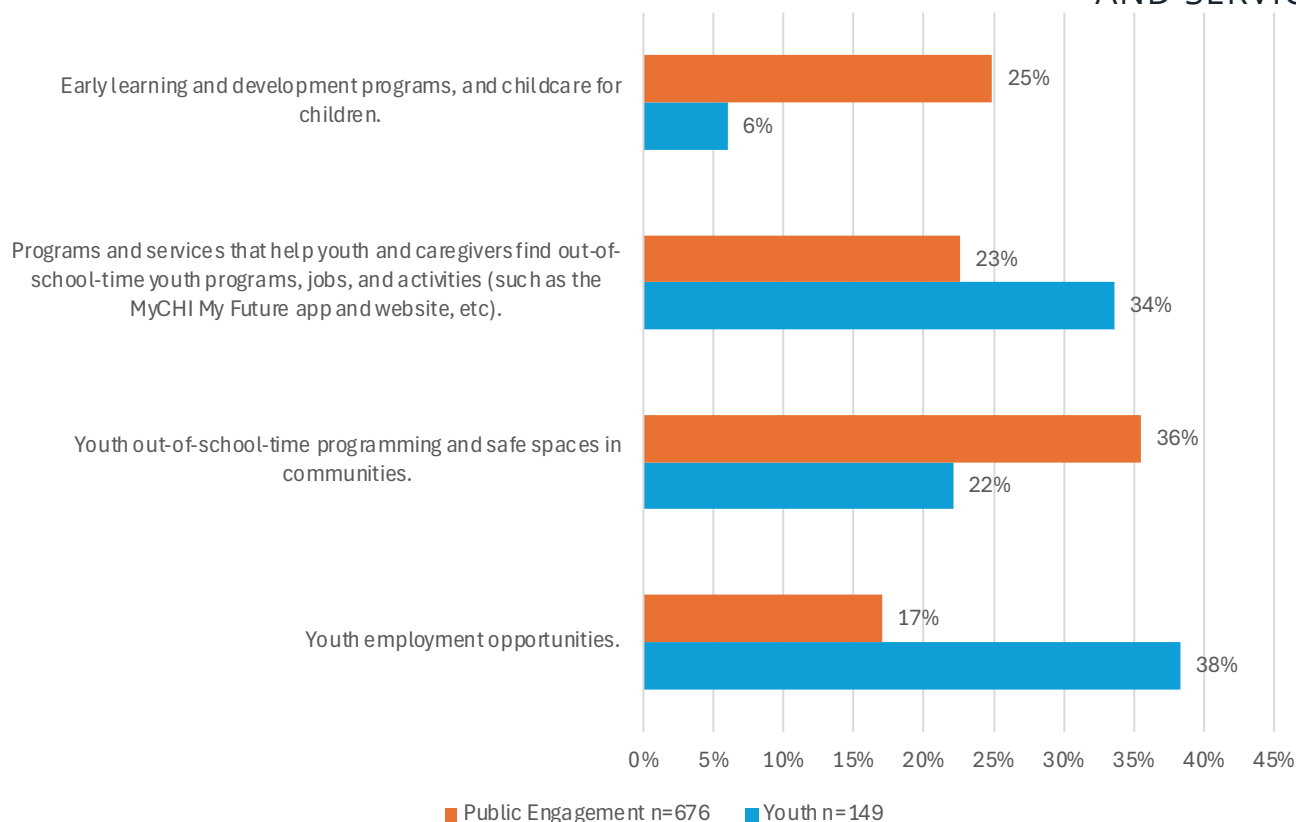
Within this subject area, participants were asked to select the one program they considered most important for investment.

Among public respondents, the leading choice was youth out-of-school-time programming and safe community spaces (36%). This was followed by early learning and childcare programs (25%), support services to help families connect with youth programs and activities (23%), and youth employment opportunities (17%). These results may suggest that residents view both structured activities and early learning as critical supports for young people and families.

Youth participants placed their strongest emphasis on employment opportunities (38%), followed by help accessing programs and activities (34%). Out-of-school-time programming (22%) and early learning and childcare (6%) received less support. This distribution may indicate that young people are more focused on opportunities that directly affect them—especially jobs and accessible activities—while placing less weight on early childhood services that primarily affect caregivers.

Taken together, the results may highlight a distinction between adult and youth priorities. Adults leaned toward childcare and structured programming as supports for families, while youth

FIG. 15. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY: YOUTH AND CHILDREN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

placed greater emphasis on employment and accessible activities that meet their immediate needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Participants across all events and online submitted a total of 107 comments related to Youth & Children's programs and services (see the Appendix for individual comments). Several repeated ideas were noted across comments, and some comments contained multiple ideas; therefore, the count tallies idea mentions—not unique participants or comments.

Participant comments emphasize the importance of investing in youth through year-round programs, including recreational activities (including sports, arts, and outdoor pursuits), after-school and mentoring initiatives, civic engagement, and youth empowerment opportunities delivered in neighborhoods where young people can easily participate.

Many participants also called for career-building pathways with direct job connections—such as paid training, internships, apprenticeships, and entrepreneurial incubators, so that youth can transition into fields like healthcare, technology/coding, and the trades. Across these ideas, commenters stressed equitable access for youth with disabilities and those in underserved neighborhoods, highlighting practical barriers such as safe transportation and the need for stipends or paid participation.

Another common theme was strong support for more affordable, high-quality early childcare, with suggestions including subsidized childcare,

food for childcare centers, and investments in the childcare workforce (higher wages, workforce-learning scholarships, and bridge programs) to expand access and stability. Finally, a smaller number of comments requested youth neighborhood centers/safe spaces, as well as cash assistance for young families. Overall, the feedback reflects a desire to invest in youth and children to promote healthier and more fulfilling lives.



RESULTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In addition to the roundtable discussions, the survey asked an open-ended question about how the City could improve its engagement with residents. Across all engagement activities, participants submitted a total of 456 comments on this topic (see the Appendix for individual comments).

Many comments called for more proactive outreach and partnerships with neighborhood organizations, schools, wards, and local businesses to reach people where they are—especially groups often missed, such as youth, seniors, and residents in specific neighborhoods.

Participants also requested clearer, plain-language materials and visuals shared in advance of roundtables, along with an improved survey that is straightforward and easy to complete. Several suggested brief “budget basics” explanations and simple tools to illustrate where money comes from and where it goes.

Feedback on format and logistics was mixed, though common themes emerged: keeping presentations shorter and easier to follow, starting on time, and leaving ample space for discussion and Q&A. Participants requested additional language access and options to make sessions easier to attend, such as livestreams, recordings, and virtual participation. They also pointed to practical improvements like better acoustics and AV, convenient locations and times, clearer parking and wayfinding, and small supports such as refreshments that make it easier for people to participate.

Residents emphasized wanting more budget conversations on a regular basis—earlier in the budget cycle, across all wards, and with additional follow-ups so more people can take part. A recurring theme was the importance of reporting back on what was heard and what changed, to make the connection between public input and budget decisions clearer.

Alongside these suggestions for improvement, several participants shared positive feedback, noting they felt heard, found the sessions informative, and appreciated the program.



BUDGET **APPENDIX A**

This appendix presents the full set of public comments collected through the City’s 2025 budget engagement process. In some sections, comments appear more than once. This duplication reflects a practice in which individuals or organizations circulated shared text for others to submit, with the understanding that repeating the language would strengthen its impact. To respect that intent, the database preserves duplicate comments exactly as received.

Because many comments speak to more than one theme, inductive coding allowed a single comment to appear across multiple subject areas rather than being restricted to only one. The appendix includes the text of each comment and the location where it was submitted:

- Harold Washington refers to the youth roundtable
- Online refers to the budget microsite or open-response survey submissions
- Names of City Colleges refer to the budget roundtables hosted at those sites

APPENDIX A. PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS AND BUDGET IDEAS SUBMITTED, BY TOPIC

Topic	Comment / Feedback	Event
Affordable Housing	Gentrification, labor training. Illinois EPA permit makes first facility, stricter environmental regulation, food for less still open, streets are crowded. 47th store walgreens and business for tourists, nothing for the residents. Tourist attractions, classica arts versus make shape for graffiti. Supermarkets, streets are bad, ashland, streets, violence	Harold Washington
	Public art - less for art, more \$ for homeless populations, more art programming in underserved communitie, too much downtown. Places to showcase local artists' work, funds for materials for artists, more direct \$ for artists in underserved communities	Harold Washington
	Free computers for youth entering college, year round youth employment, housing, public art - more funds for up and coming youth artists, invest some of the \$11M in youth artists supporting them to do public art in their own communities. More digital art investments, design art. Youth artists need more access to tech to create digital art, get tech experts into comm. to support the youth, chi block builder, lots should be easier to get, easier access to ownership. More investment needed, lots could be used for housing homeless. Youth centers, boys n girls club, youth employment, do work to help the city	Harold Washington
	public transit, communities shape people, want good changes. gentrification. need more development, more involved community, should see more roundtables, feel really alienated from government, hard to be heard. Need programs to build trust in the institution. They just don't engage. Meet people where they are at, listen to them, Englewood, a free barber shop, clothes could be done a help more youth get together, youth need more outside places to go to, safe to get there, and have a way to attend. Arts funds to reach more people, no advertises, more opporunities, access to city HB211	Harold Washington
	I say the community needs more housing and more opportunities for teens to work and stay out of trouble	Harold Washington
	we should advocate for programs that provide services like homeless shelters, clothing, books, hygiene products, and more. We should also care about city hygiene, Such as cleaning cabin cars at the CTA trains	Harold Washington
	"Gentrification is a massive issue on the Far Northside. We need stronger accountability for landlords & Loyola university to stop people from being displaced."	Harold Washington
	Free internet for everybody and stable housing.	Harold Washington
	improve it by using some of the budget for housing and healthcare	Harold Washington
	improve on place that are needed help. More housing and apartment	Harold Washington
	take other important needs in my community are more affordable housing	Harold Washington
	the homeless population	Harold Washington
	An important idea for my community is taking homeless people off the streets and providing them with housing and a stable job.	Harold Washington
	making housing more affordable and have heating and cooling systems in the units	Harold Washington
	The people in my community would need more opportunities for the youth and job opportunities. Remodeled Housing	Harold Washington

Topic	Comment / Feedback	Event
	An important idea for my community is taking homeless people off the streets and providing them with housing and a stable job.	Harold Washington
	making housing more affordable and have heating and cooling systems in the units	Harold Washington
	we should advocate for programs that provide services like homeless shelters, clothing, books, hygiene products, and more. We should also care about city hygiene, Such as cleaning cabin cars at the CTA trains	Harold Washington
	the citys needs are not reflected by the current budget. Instead of violecone prevention , pedestrian safety, affordable housing, school funding, and water/air quality monitors, the city continues to fund the CPD that is overpolicing and destroying our community	Harold Washington
	Have more rental service that are affordable for everyone	Kennedy King
	Low interest home improvement loans are badly needed to help keep up existing housings. Too much money is being spent on new construction like 800k per unity. All city departments need to cut their budget by 8%	Kennedy King
	I live in the Auburn Gresham community: And we desperately need access to low cost loans for home repairs that includes external and internal repairs to these homes in this neighborhood.	Kennedy King
	Special housing for handicap/disable (like blind, etc_ all age and affordable, mental health TNT, clinic Center (24hr service center, ex: like a living room to train them back into society) and incarcerated with less victim housing and jobs plus trainee set back into society	Kennedy King
	we need a rental registry for landlords - too many corporate landlords hide behind LLCs and make it difficult to find (??) landlord information	Kennedy King
	Housing (Affordable)	Kennedy King
	Black people in my neighborhood, paying taxes should not be bought out by illegal immigrants. They have houses, given by these programs supporting criminals but none for single black hard working tax paying citizens like myself who dont qualify for anything	Kennedy King
	"-please update/upgrade homelessness resources to be available as opps. -expansion of CARE teams to respond to emergency calls in more areas."	Kennedy King
	"Shelters rehab centers group homes"	Kennedy King
	"Stop single family homes to voucher program. After move in, houses not taken care of or inspected by owners, more moving into homes South Shore need home buyers to be used as their primary residence. During Beavers term as Alderman, South Shore became a [illegible] community"	Kennedy King
	Build more affordable housing that will stay low income	Kennedy King
	"-need for affordable housing -all city investors buying up housing"	Kennedy King
	INcrease accessibility for those who are deaf and hard of hearing to be inclusive in all city services.. Create tiny house villages to support homeless need temporary house	Kennedy King

Topic	Comment / Feedback	Event
	I feel the englewood community West 67th, West 69th Street, West 59th street from Ashland to Halsted has been neglected for years. There appears to be no concern for these areas especially affordable housing. The only businesses in these areas are fast food places and liquor stores. Would TIF dollars help bring in diverse businesses other than fried chicken (burger and liquor stores)?	Kennedy King
	More funding toward food access/ food security initiatives and affordable housing	Kennedy King
	I would like to see protection for housing whistleblowers. 2 month rent is a slap on the wrist for bad actors. Also enforcement of laws on book too many. Public showers for the homeless or rest pods.	Kennedy King
	Chicago needs RENT CONTROL IMMEDIATELY! A rent cap expeditiously! Owners should not be able to RAISE rent as they please! RENT CONTROL NOW!	Kennedy King
	Please put a cap on how much a landlord can charge a tenant for rent. If the prices continue to go up without paycheck going up it is a unbalance. Please realize that some landlords raise rent so they can care for their own wants not needs off the back of those who only get barely a 3% raise.	Kennedy King
	NEED rent control in Chicago. Better building inspection. Environment in the city building need to be an ordinance.	Kennedy King
	There needs to be an easy way to access lists of developments offering affordable housing and applying before they are built.	Kennedy King
	What do you do to all the landlords who are renting apartments to folk and their building have lead in the walls?	Kennedy King
	Too much money is being spent on new construction and not enough on existing homes in need of repairs. Roof and roach programs are underfunded. The city of Chicago has a spending problem not a revenue problem. Cut every department budget by 8% across the board.	Kennedy King
	I would like to see protection for housing whistleblowers. 2 month rent is a slap on the wrist for bad actors. Also enforcement of laws on book too many. Public showers for the homeless or rest pods.	Kennedy King
	Will the city have anything like the Tiny House program or other unconventional permanent housing programs? residents are interested in alternative housing programs. City has previously focused on ADVs but not really looked at other alternative programs. Why is the city building less 100% affordable public housing developments? Concerns about why mixed income developments are privately owned. expressing concerns about privately owned public housing because inherently that model supports profit of the private owners. Discussion on how to educate Chicagoans on basics of home ownership, life skills necessary to own and manage a home etc. as additional support that the city might offer. Emphasis on building housing next to transit hubs. Look at Singapore, Thailand, other countries for how they approach public housing.	Malcolm X

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	Housing support applications; lack of communication during application process and concerns around repeated rejections w/out explanation. Residents feel pushed out of their neighborhoods due to rising prices. Commodification of housing is an issue; promoting housing as a way to gather wealth versus focusing on housing as a place where people live and way to make life feel safe and reliable. Interested in penalizing investors who sit on vacant housing, concerns about seeing neighbors priced out of their homes, neighborhoods.	Malcolm X
	Affordable housing = why hasn't more funds from CHA been used to build housing to stave off the outward migration of city residents. What level of importance has been placed on determining why so many people are leaving the city.	Malcolm X
	ReEntry program, not enough housing, making reentry not a criminal offense	Malcolm X
	Not enough affordable housing, cap on rental increase, HUD-redevelopment in more affordable housing, quality housing	Malcolm X
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	Can we build more affordable housing close to public transportation? Can we require more affordable units in multi unit construction?	Malcolm X
	For the missing middle initiative how much of the \$10 million is allocated towards modernizing homes to meet section 504/ADA standards? (eg, elevators, ramps, wider doors, accessible bathrooms, etc?)	Malcolm X
	We need more affordable supportive housing in the city as there is rising rent across Chicago above the 30 percent of the residents' income. Real estate developers are building gentrifying neighborhoods pushing out low income residents. People with disabilities are the poorest of the poor receiving about \$900 a month from SSI leaving most of them either paying all of their income on rent or become homeless.	Malcolm X
	Why didn't anyone speak about seniors and people with disabilities? Better housing for seniors?	Malcolm X
	CHIBLOCK BUILDER and Missing M	Malcolm X
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	Repurpose closed schools: SRO, make rent affordable	Malcolm X
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	Would like to see money shifted from CPD slush fund into housing specifically to support ordinance which would fine landlords for maintaining vacant units to force market searching and increase rents across the city. This would prevent communities from losing housing and create access to housing that already exists, thereby reducing unhoused populations which would cut down on the housing crisis and police misconduct towards unhoused community members.	Malcolm X
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	Need protections against luxury developments. Access to more affordable groceries. CARE teams and education around how to utilize them. Support for immigrants/refugees. Reallocating slush funds - today's dollars for today's people	Malcolm X
	I need a building donated to me from Shelter, safe space programs, soup kitchen, to provide services through networking with other organizations. call me	Malcolm X

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	Rent-control. Increase busing, decrease bus/train max capacity for health/safety reason, free public transportation. Simplify process of accessing city services. Free internet access in public areas. more "snap" services for low income people w/ disabilities. Renovate soldier field. modernize Sped schools. increase housing support for homeless PWDs + vets	Malcolm X
	Chicago needs a rental registry and a proactive rental inspection system	Malcolm X
	Prospective rental housing inspections. Landlords/rental registry. Funding for eviction right to counsel programs. More shelter beds	Malcolm X
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	1 ambulance per community area. West Loop has a lot of vacant storefronts, so the ability to subdivide into smaller spaces and/or allow multiple rotating tenants to support a greater variety of small businesses. Legalize ADU's city-wide w/ no parking required (minimal requirements) and Block Builder lots by right. Relegalize 4-flat city wide. Increase the zoning of properties offered by missing middle/block builder and streamline applications to be decided in 10 days - PUBLIC BATHROOMS	Malcolm X
	The term Affordable housing that is thrown around is not actually affordable housing. To get on housing waitlists is also not transparent and much too complicated	Online
	Less breed restrictions for renters so that pets and families can stay together without fear of losing housing or a beloved family member.	Online
	If there's anything similar in structure to Bring Chicago Home, we should explore those funding sources. Please also prioritize pedestrian spaces over car spaces - the amount of times I have tripped and almost hurt myself on City sidewalks is huge; while the amount of times I have almost hurt myself or my car on City roads is zero. Please also actually ticket for traffic violations! There are so many cases of semi-trucks unnecessarily blocking crosswalks, bike lanes, intersections, entire driving lanes, etc. that go completely unenforced. It is an extreme safety concern and is infuriating to see the City not caring and letting a potential revenue source go untapped. We all know those giant corporations can afford it.	Online
	There should be more money set aside to assist homeowners needing to make upgrade and improvements to maintain their homes.	Online
	Its flooded with Disrespectful Immigrants. I go to work everyday & don't qualify for SHIT but Illegal Immigrants have about 30 plus houses in radius of blocks.. HOW... and im still trying to access one. I pray these boys deal with them. The Mayor can Go to HELL! BRANDON JOHNSON BY NAME!	Online
	Increased presence of care workers that specialize in providing services for un-housed people and people that may be un-housed due to alcoholism and drug addiction.	Online
	Find solutions for unhoused by dealing with each case one by one	Online
	More home repair services for seniors and people with disabilities with regards to accessibility ramps, steps and railings.	Online

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	Give more help to people who are experiencing homelessness/psychosis on the Red Line	Online
	Homeless outreach by the city, helping homeless find warm areas in the winter, supervision of places homeless congregate and helping them find services	Online
	There appears to be homeless people near 99th & Halsted panhandling. Who's responsible for addressing their needs?	Online
	Increase tiny homes not just for the homeless but also low income residents. Consider trailer homes for the homeless.	Online
	In 2023, Chicago spent \$747,000 per unit to build new, city-supported affordable housing. That's much higher than market-rate developments and more than double the cost of new affordable units in Houston, the country's next largest city (\$328,000). We need to build more and per unit costs have to come down	Online
	Affordable housing	Online
	Pass Just Cause Eviction legislation	Online
	Make housing accessible. The cost of rent is too high!	Online
	Adding budget line items to specifically address homelessness by providing more housing units and support services throughout the city	Online
	to forward affordable housing citywide, Alders should be encouraged to target some specific number of affordable units to be built annually and their "aldermanic prerogative" should be dismissed if the number of affordable units in their ward remains stagnant. In my own 45th Ward, I've seen Gardiner approve SFHs within walking distance of the Jefferson Park Transit Center instead of encouraging a better use with more housing and more affordable housing. Napolitano did the same thing with the Starbucks at Harlem and Bryn Mawr. The DPD should set ward level targets for affordable housing. Placing the affordable housing on bus routes would help.	Online
	Chicago is in dire need of the creation and maintenance of a rental registry that uses public available data.	Online
	Creation of a public rental registry	Online
	Affordable housing, grocery store incentives, youth employment, my chi my future safe spaces and anchor orgs, not laying off city workers (reallocate them to areas needing more staffing support), modernizing government services	Online
	The term Affordable housing that is thrown around is not actually affordable housing. To get on housing waitlists is also not transparent and much too complicated	Online
	Funding for gender-based violence survivors: continuing the Survivor Fund, and rapid re-housing programs for domestic violence victims	Online
	"Taxes need to increase but not blanketly. Increase property taxes on the wealthiest, on properties generating high incomes, on residences worth over \$1,000,000 retail value. Also RENT CONTROL. Rental limits based on median incomes and lease to lease rent increase limits are CRUCIAL to stabilizing housing."	Online

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	Bring budget engagement to DFSS Senior Centers. Older Adults have competing priorities and the majority feel that the City of Chicago is no longer a city that they can afford to live in. Older adult residents need more support to maintain their homes and find affordable housing.	Online
	Tax the rich! Every Chicagoan should have access to shelter. The City of Chicago needs to fund 11,000 beds in homeless shelters to ensure that every Chicagoan experiencing homelessness has access to a homeless shelter.	Online
	Homeless outreach by the city, helping homeless find warm areas in the winter, supervision of places homeless congregate and helping them find services	Online
	I am a strong supporter of a land value tax (tax that incentivizes building up vacant lots and doesn't tax big buildings more than parking lots or vacant lots that waste space) -If we're making jobs programs, please ensure that the jobs are contributing to actual community impact like lead pipe replacements or new train lines. We are far behind schedule for lead pipe replacements and need to fix this ASAP. -I'm a fan of taxing cars based on weight. Heavier cars are more likely to -For the "affordable housing" section, please make it easier for shelters to open up by cutting regulatory tape. Too often, shelters can't open in wealthy neighborhoods because of NIMBYism and biased public feedback that intrinsically favors older residents with more time on their hands. I think it should be a priority to get people off the streets and into stable housing. It's not fair to other people when they can't use spaces like bus stops, parks, or sidewalks because someone experiencing homelessness refuses to accept a bed in a shelter. There needs to be a city-provided offer for stable housing, but individuals should be removed from public spaces if they refuse.	Online
	Invest in their basic needs (food, healthcare, affordable housing) by showing them how their taxes dollars work. If people see how their environment is changing they will change and become more engaged.	Online

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	"More tools for the police to prevent crime and catch criminals. No longer having Chicago Teachers Union control city government or involved in politics. This city requires a competent mayor who isn't owned by anyone or any group. Chicago needs a mayor who truly is a mayor for all. Continually appointing the the small group of like minded individuals to roles they aren't qualified for is slowly ruining the city. - please provide immediate attention to removal and clean up of the multiple, ever growing tent encampments on the lakefront that largely begins at Irving Park Rd and goes north on both sides of LSD."	Online
	"I believe we need to take a massive slice of budget *away* from the Chicago Police Department and reallocate it to under-resourced solutions that research has proven make communities safer. We need to address social determinants of health and do a better job funding mental health crisis services, education, safe housing, etc. I also want to make sure the city does not spend ANY resources aiding ICE, CBP, or any other group aiding in mass deportations and detention of our neighbors."	Online
	Much of this administration's focus has been on the South and West Side and low income communities, and rightly so. However, as as North Side middle income family, I'd like to see programs that help middle income folks. There are a lot of great programs, like lead line replacement, or help for seniors to maintain their homes, that middle income people don't qualify for, but in reality will never be able to afford on their own. The folks trapped in that middle area are often the folks who keep neighborhoods and blocks stable, thriving, and welcoming - they are often nurses, teachers, police officers, etc people who make up the important middle class and do work that we need to make the city attractive to business investment and residents. One example of what happens - I hate to see my older neighbors forced to sell their homes, and be replaced by young wealthy folks who knock down their old home and build a giant one, only to move to the suburbs a few years later, leaving a home on the market that no middle income folks can afford to buy. I urge the administration to think carefully about how to support the middle class across the City in a long term way - after all, our hope is that the services we provide to low income folks will allow them to climb into the middle class, so we cannot abandon them when they get there.	Online
	This survey is a disappointment. The vast majority of the options sounded like increased spending. There were no options that clearly demonstrated a need for increased efficiency or fiscal accountability. Related to housing, there were no options about regulatory reforms that might remove barriers to building or reduce cost of building. I would like to see major reforms at CPS especially closing of low capacity schools and elimination of bureaucratic overhead. Policing needs to include a focus on truancy. The red line extension needs to be cancelled. If the city cannot fund existing services, why is it expanding? Overall, you need to cut costs and improve services through sound management practices. Tax increases are unacceptable.	Online

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	Please create more accessible, affordable housing for people with disabilities. In compliance with the Supreme Court's Olmstead Decision, as well as the Colbert (which is Cook County specific), Ligas, and Williams Consent Decrees that exist in Illinois, it is imperative that more accessible and affordable housing be developed in Chicago to meet these legal requirements. Having served as a Community Reintegration Advocate at Progress Center for Independent Living, assisting people who are living in nursing homes/long-term care facilities/institutions against their choice and transition into the community, I can confidently say that the biggest, most common barrier creating significant delays in their process is finding housing. In fact, because of the serious lack of housing, people can wait as little as 1 1/2 years but typically much longer (I've witnessed someone who 7 years) just to locate a home. To make someone wait this long is inhumane and something seriously needs to change. I truly hope you can make that happen. Our sister Center for Independent Living, Access Living, can also attest to this problem.	s
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	Funding to come up with solutions that benefit landlords who do not increase rent by a certain percentage. Invest in communications experts who can sell these ideas. Invest in legal experts who can work to lift the ban on rent control. Invest in research that shows data. With rent control can do + the impact on evictions -> homelessness, mental health, drug dependence	Truman
	Add funding for legal support to fight to legalize rent control in illinois. When rents are affordable everyone wins: less crime, less homeless, less 'drowning of sorrows' in alcohol and drugs = better mental healtth. \$ fund subsidies for landlords who do not increase rent over a certain % over a set number of years. let ladlords win too - they gain subsidies, they keep good tenants long term, foster loyalty	Truman
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	Propose a budget that fully replaces federal revenue for housing + social services + health with progressive locally generated revenue. + Extend period of affordability for non-profits that receive city funding and/or owned land to be perpetual	Truman
	We would like to see a more permanent source of funding for gender based violence survivors. While crime rates overall are down, the rate of domestic violence homicides are up. And many survivors will never reach out to police. More funding for DV survivors for : Legal aid, rapid rehousing + shelter beds, community-based, non-police services (counseling, advocacy, etc)	Truman
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	One of the main reasons for pet surrenders at CACC is due to housing restrictions on animals, so making it easier for people to stay with their pets and keeping them out of city shelters.	Truman
	"Keep people's pets in their custody ---not in the city animal shelter avoid landlords' insisting on breed restrictions"	Truman
	When developers are afforded opportunities to get city own land, the affordability period should not be finite.	Truman
	"- build shelters and housing in empty lots - stop displacement by supporting Just Cause Ordinance - invest in small businesses - I am not an expert in revenue but I suggest to start a Rental Registry so corporate landlords pay their fair share. And start to make this city sustainable. We cannot only depend on property taxes for Revenue. You are killing homeowner, small landlords, and tenants"	Truman
	The South Side of Chicago is definitely underserved, more low-income affordable housing is needed citywide. More youth programs are needed in the south side. Programs that can train youth and offer a little wage as incentives.	Truman
	I believe that there are significant regulatory issues that hinder the development of new housing in the city, which in turn depress population growth, tax base expansion, and city services provided. - Remove FAR minimums - Limit community and aldermanic input to block buildings. - Remove Parking minimums - Vacant lot developed	Truman
	"-permanent affordability in community land trusts or community investment trusts -prevent displacement of residents and small businesses -community ownership of clean energy projects -vacant lots for community benefit -green infrastructure -development must be paired with anti-displacement measures in historically underinvestment communities -zoning for environmental justice, get polluters out of South and West sides"	Truman
	Affordable housing units need to increase! Many LIHTC protections are expiring and the amount of units currently available are at risk.	Truman
	Well I would be more than happy to if I were not Homeless	Truman
	"Affordable housing that is actually AFFORDABLE. Some units that are deemed ""affordable"" are not. Increase % of truly affordable units that are built by developers. Rent controlled units. Bring Chicago Home initiative or similar. Fight for it again and educate the community about how the \$ would be raised and how it would be used. I made phone calls for Bring Chicago Home and many people did not want to discuss it or would not vote for it because they did not trust the city to use the funds appropriately. so TRUST is an issue."	Truman
	"Rent control and affordable housing wrap around services (sustainable community schools support) in communities connecting schools to business and other comm resources"	Truman
	Integrated (disability race) accessible affordable housing	Truman

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	"Chicago should do Tiny Homes or other means. Be known for solving this problem. I tried to help a blind person who panhandled in the same spot every day. People took advantage of him all the time. I went to the alderperson, the state senator, and 311. I gave my name and number but the man received no help!"	Truman
	Housing and education is key to this and all other communities. The (not legible) of people/loss of housing is so destructive to families anywhere. This community is at present is experincing that	Truman
	Creating Land trust and other programs that allow for reasonable increases in home and land values but also allow for affordable housing	Truman
	"Continued engagement with groups after passage of ordinances (eg Green Social Housing) More public seating and restrooms Assistance w/ Green Schools - easy to follow program Allocate police budget to trained deescalation people for cases where nonviolence is needed"	Truman
	Please fund the Chicago low-income trust fund	Truman
	More places for veterans of all ages to go for mental, housing, and food help	Truman
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	"Door to door official outreach to buildings and neighborhoods that house seniors! Health vehicles to serve neighborhoods inundated with low income families and seniors! Increase the # of public health employers who share the demographics of the target populations: e.g. seniors reaching out to seniors"	Truman
	"- funding for our domestic violence shelters -sustainable affordable housing -maintain existing services and funding"	Truman
	"Please expand the CARE program 24/7 citywide More affordable housing always! And make it more affordable to build affordable housing"	Truman
	As a city we need to do a better job of caring for our homeless pets. please provide additional resources for care staff. medical subsidies for spay and neuter, and veterinary care to help people keep their pets. Prohibit breed restrictions by landlords.	Truman

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	"- host community meetings with grassroots organizations - send the city government staff to do outreach outside in the communities - we need the leadership to spend some time outside the city hall to see face to face the challenges that residents are facing - talk to local leaders about how housing issues are being a barrier to take care of their mental health and access to a job - Thank you for hosting this meetings. I feel this year was better than last year"	Truman
	"Our schools need to meet greens standards, our students should have access to clean air and clean drinking water. We should expand and continue to invest in more bike lanes We should expand access to composting and community gardens We should be focusing funds toward affordable housing and making sure affordable units have access to clean energy Green standards and practices should guide the budget"	Truman
Arts and Culture	public transit, communities shape people, want good changes. gentrification. need more development, more involved community, should see more roundtables, feel really alienated from government, hard to be heard. Need programs to build trust in the institution. They just don't engage. Meet people where they are at, listen to them, Englewood, a free barber shop, clothes could be done a help more youth get together, youth need more outside places to go to, safe to get there, and have a way to attend. Arts funds to reach more people, no advertises, more opportunities, access to city HB211	Harold Washington
	Free computers for youth entering college, year round youth employment, housing, public art - more funds for up and coming youth artists, invest some of the \$11M in youth artists supporting them to do public art in their own communities. More digital art investments, design art. Youth artists need more access to tech to create digital art, get tech experts into comm. to support the youth, chi block builder, lots should be easier to get, easier access to ownership. More investment needed, lots could be used for housing homeless. Youth centers, boys n girls club, youth employment, do work to help the city	Harold Washington
	Public art - less for art, more \$ for homeless populations, more art programming in underserved communities, too much downtown. Places to showcase local artists' work, funds for materials for artists, more direct \$ for artists in underserved communities	Harold Washington
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	Increase grant amount for DCASE IAP beyond 6,000. Would like for there to be individual artist support as well as project based support. Additionally should be media and time specific grants.	Kennedy King
	DCASE IAP Grants should be larger than 6,000 compared to other major cities, Chicago is behind in terms of funding artists!	Kennedy King

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	Thank you for your support of the arts and arts education (in an out of school time)! Fed funding is being zeroed out, leaving a \$20M gap for IL Arts and Humanities orgs, mostly in CHICAGO! Need city and state to step up to keep arts accessible and equitable and expand access to disinvested communities	Kennedy King
	"more detailed and transparent reports on where departments are granting and spending public funds: specifically [?] arts and culture grants. Need geographic info on grantees, purpose of grants, amount of grants, and demographics of orgs, artists publish department budgets and requests in real time when they are prepared and refined"	Kennedy King
	I am a co-founder of a self-advocacy group called Chicagoland Disabled People of Color Coalition, which is supported by the Institute on disability and Human development At UIC. One of our main concerns is funding employment opportunities for our members, even in creative arts, which city departments outside of MOPD, we can connect and collaborate with to provide resources and opportunities for disabled people of color to work, get paid to make art, or creat on site or online businesses?	Malcolm X
	Arts and culture for youth	Malcolm X
	Clean streets, maintained housing, block clubs, usable active parks, programs, sports, music, arts, safe schools, SEL counseling, mental health services, affinity clubs, bring back shot spotter or and cameras at homes. Mentoring, [illegible] pay it forward	Malcolm X
	Every neighborhood in Chicago is historical, each community should have a history Musuem for example in Brighton Park: turning the monumental tcf bank into a Musuem with artifacts and pictures showing what the community used to be like.	Online
	Arts n culture, grants should reinforce artists n orgs for programs that bring culture events to neighborhoods	Online
	Expand arts residencies and programs (DCARE)	Truman
Community Engagement	Allow more time to discuss budget pillars because youth's opinion ARE importance, but taking the time to understand them is equally as important. Some people might only have until 7-7:30 before they have to leave, therefore making the budget talk an incomplete experience because they were not allotted the time to do so. possibly allowing for session ahead of time, virtual, to explain budgeting and the importance.	Harold Washington
	i only heard about this event because i applied for a scholarship on preventing things like the 2023 youth riots. I think for #17 specifically invest in keeping youth occupied in the summer. Summer camps, Community Engagement outreach, volunteering opportunities, arts, etc.	Harold Washington
	Engagement throughout the year, conversations with youth about how these policies influence their rights.	Harold Washington
	maybe spread the word more, take it to the media	Harold Washington
	this should be earlier. come talk to youth in their neighborhoods additionally to this event	Harold Washington
	I think they should go to high schools and share flyer so that more youth show up	Harold Washington
	more meeting to bring awareness	Harold Washington
	promote it in schools	Harold Washington

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	advertise the budget engagement more!!	Harold Washington
	Offering roundtables such as this one at locations closer to the west and south sides is very important to have equal representation when it comes to youth discussing the city budget	Harold Washington
	More roundtables. Increase accessibility, interpretation/translation services	Harold Washington
	more roundtables like this where you can have conversations with your neighbors	Harold Washington
	getting the word out more	Harold Washington
	always send out emails!	Harold Washington
	Spend more time on the roundtable component	Harold Washington
	cut the explaining in the beginning	Harold Washington
	We should promote this on flyers, social media, maybe LinkedIn and other websites	Harold Washington
	do a 100, 200 \$ raffle to encourage attendance. get every registered guest a raffle ticket when they enter	Harold Washington
	allow participants opportunities to engage with and learn from professionals who can guide them to understanding and impacting budget spending	Harold Washington
	government communicating that change is possible and that they care would encourage those to participate in a welcoming environment	Harold Washington
	send out emails (or flyers) and talk to people in the community (canvassing)	Harold Washington
	include more young people with organizing events like these; allow young people to help organize other events for their peers	Harold Washington
	let me know better and i show up and help (sounds arrogant im sorry) also critics of said ideas I proposed of course there them but i do a lot of through thinking they should be pretty full proof. even so feel free to critique	Harold Washington
	get outsiders statements	Harold Washington
	its 6:37pm as I write this and we still havent started bro please hurry up	Harold Washington
	making the powerpoint more accessible/ easy to understand	Harold Washington
	actually converse with the masses	Harold Washington
	We can improve the budget engagement by showing the benefits you can keep doing active activities like this.	Harold Washington
	"Promote more to sister agencies ADD CCPSA to community safety How can CCPSA assist and tap into CPD community policing budget?"	Harold Washington
	Bring people into schools to talk student and record answers/create speakers with youth programs to give feedback; create a Hotline.	Harold Washington
	"Wider screens if possible hard to see. More public comment opportunities. (unclear...) code to upload peer-review data"	Harold Washington

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	I think the mayor's office could do more to advertise budget and engagement sessions on social media.	Harold Washington
	More outreach- I only knew about this because of an organization I work with. Also please start on time !!!	Harold Washington
	Provide more refreshment variety and bring more tables.	Harold Washington
	Ensuring that these events are shared to high schools (maybe more schools post on their instagrams)	Harold Washington
	"Further outreach to schools, programs Engagement throughout the year"	Harold Washington
	More youth engagement (unclear) on a smaller scale in many different neighborhoods.	Harold Washington
	Have representatives show up to schools/libraries/colleges to keep everyone involved, talk about what is trying to be changed.	Harold Washington
	Advertising and Community Engagement.	Harold Washington
	"Engage all types of people better food and snacks like chips make it fun include other languages such as spanish and polish. more city government representatives such as the commissioner. There not were at the youth tables."	Harold Washington
	Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability should be united under community safety for input for 2026-27 budget engagement. Alise Buford-Johnson @ commission and district council city of chicago.org input would be valuable to these conversations.	Harold Washington
	HIGH IMPORTANCE - I had a great time discussing the concerns for the city of Chicago, Specifically, I would like to emphasize the importance of implementing regenerative economics as an important business, holistic paradigm for the mayor. This approach focuses on the holistic well being of our economy.	Harold Washington
	Why is ONE SUMMER CHICAGO grouped with "community safety" when it should be grouped with community and neighborhood development and arts and culture. It should be grouped with a community that helps the community with development. and resource help. The police should not have a budget increase or maintain if they do not do a good job, with the amount of budget they have Chicago should have been the safest city or one of the safest in the US.	Harold Washington
	How does the city decide which departments/initiatives get funding? Funding mental health services speak to me the most bc I've seen how lack of care impacts my community the most. [?] digital outreach. If the city has unused funds, they should be redirected to places that benefits residents. Mic quality is buns, slides are not accessible, went overtime and started late, fix slideshow	Harold Washington
	More sessions in more places, including SE Side, SW side, west side, online. Additionally with language accessibility	Harold Washington
	By focusing on important things in our communities	Harold Washington
	more youth roundtable events	Harold Washington
	more meetings and info sessions	Harold Washington
	do things like this! Im engaged now and would love to put in my input	Harold Washington

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	you can improve budget managing by including youth within the conversation/educating youth within the city about the budget with- in the city and how it becomes disperesed	Harold Washington
	host this again	Harold Washington
	food	Harold Washington
	free parking	Harold Washington
	a budget audit and retrospective so we can better understand how the money is spent and whether it was spent well	Harold Washington
	we can improve it by being more inclusive	Harold Washington
	show the whole budget!	Harold Washington
	dont force surveys on people please	Harold Washington
	Transparency in what we are voting in regards to the budget pillars instead of saying "robbery task force", label it what it is, the CPD. Make sure people know what they are voting for instead of finding alternative ways to coerce votes into the most overly funded department. Additionally, all of the issues that will be touched on today are so closely related that separating youth voices into sections only creates further divide in organizing justice for our communities. For example, lack of citywide environmental initiatives and environmental racism like the vastly disproportionate amount of factories on the south and west side compared to the north is a direct attack on public health. Furthermore investment in youth services like OBC should not be the same category as increased investment in the CPD. The CPD is a reason we need safe spaces for youth. CPD is not for youth safety, its youth punishment. DSC is community safety, but shouldnt be tied in with CPD	Harold Washington
	One (unclear...) is hosting street podcast- resident can join while its going live- they will join and share their ideas on budget- or they can even be educate. Many people tend to know the state budget but they don't know the biggest city of the state budget.	Harold Washington
	Allow more time to discuss budget pillars because youth's opinion ARE importance, but taking the time to understand them is equally as important. Some people might only have until 7-7:30 before they have to leave, therefore making the budget talk an incomplete experience because they were not allotted the time to do so. possibly allowing for session ahead of time, virtual, to explain budgeting and the importance.	Harold Washington
	Engagement throughout the year, conversations with youth about how these policies influence their rights.	Harold Washington
	this should be earlier. come talk to youth in their neighborhoods additionally to this event	Harold Washington
	More roundtables. Increase accessibility, interpretation/translation services	Harold Washington
	More outreach- I only knew about this because of an organization I work with. Also please start on time !!!	Harold Washington
	"Further outreach to schools, programs Engagement throughout the year"	Harold Washington

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	Invest more in community and educational resources. Advocate social justice. More programs, activities and festivals. More police in the neighborhood.	Harold Washington
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	public transit, communities shape people, want good changes. gentrification. need more development, more involved community, should see more roundtables, feel really alienated from government, hard to be heard. Need programs to build trust in the institution. They just don't engage. Meet people where they are at, listen to them, Englewood, a free barber shop, clothes could be done a help more youth get together, youth need more outside places to go to, safe to get there, and have a way to attend. Arts funds to reach more people, no advertisements, more opportunities, access to city HB211	Harold Washington
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	I don't love that only one program at the department is on the table for discussion (DCASE: public art) at this event.	Kennedy King
	Improve 311 system and language access.	Kennedy King

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	Aldermen should have list of churches in their ward, this should be shared in their newsletters as for mental health services and resources, as well as print flyers to leave at the churches. You have many seniors helping with childcare. So something printed is helpful too instead of always relying on digital. Utilizing the schools to get info out (show up to their PAC meeting, FARSCAC, PTA) show up to their community events (back to school night, open house, end of year event) and just remain in consistent contact with the school. Have CPS put in their newsletter. Lastly resource page for families.	Kennedy King
	Ward directors over Community Engagement and public safety: district counselors, community leaders, and CPD. Wards are better connected than districts.	Kennedy King
	My community needs safe spaces to have these conversations. NOT ONLY for the budget BUT IN GENERAL the city should be having ROUNDTABLES like this AT LEAST QUARTERLY	Kennedy King
	invite	Kennedy King
	More ads out on the radio to make the budget engagement known to everyone.	Kennedy King
	Hold meetings throughout the year in the neighborhoods to get grass-roots input prior to the budgeting process. These meetings would be topical, ie: 1) environmental justice 2) police reform 3) mental health and wellness 4) addressing homelessness/housing 5) city services and utilities, etc.	Kennedy King
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	You can share more on social media with ambassadors in all communities to share whats going on. More emails. or through roll calls. Through a call center	Kennedy King
	Allow for public comment <3 thank you!	Kennedy King
	By getting flyers regarding budget roundtables to students in college apart of public health research science and medicine	Kennedy King
	More meetings that are accessible to all individuals in each community. Some people don't have carfare, bus fare, etc. Offer free transportation and publicize as well.	Kennedy King
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	TOO NOISEY AT KENNEDY KING ROUNDTABLES	Kennedy King
	Expand opportunities for non-English speakers and people w/ disabilities	Kennedy King
	communicate communicate - social media and decrease all the paper.	Kennedy King
	"-Come for South w/ the roundtables -streamline -come to more local events"	Kennedy King
	Engage with Students, go to colleges, high schools, talk with young folks where they are at	Kennedy King
	more publicity	Kennedy King

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	text message alerts	Kennedy King
	it might be helpful to review budget to actual throughout the year using Community Engagement sessions	Kennedy King
	more of these funding meetings around the city	Kennedy King
	Roundtable is a good idea	Kennedy King
	Being present in community meetings and spaces. Englewood is still a door to door community.	Kennedy King
	I graduated from Roosevelt University iwth a BA in Integrated Marketing. I would love to see an expanded or new budget in community and marketing outreach for south side businesses. I have not heard/met Sara Mathers, but would love to discuss what initiatives are already in place for the SOuth Side and what specific neighborhoods.	Kennedy King
	This probably won't help in the next year but work being done to have more remote and asynchronous opportunities to comment/ vote on budget suggestions like surveys and live stream discussion of the budget on social media	Kennedy King
	Promotional advertisement and special guests aka celebrity or public figuers who were born and/or raised in the community	Kennedy King
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	keep transparency	Kennedy King
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	Encourage more people with disability to get involved	Kennedy King
	Give more information about current revenue sources and untapped sources	Kennedy King
	Maybe include one more centrally located session	Kennedy King
	improve coordination	Kennedy King
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	This event was very organized. We need to tax the rich and allow them to pay their share. Please don't increase user fees in the 2025 city budget!	Kennedy King
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	Neighborhood and community development is NOT only Arts and culture but EVERY single area. affordable housing/homelessness, public safety, environmental justice infrastructure etc	Malcolm X
	It was good to be heard! Thank you all so very much!	Malcolm X

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	more time for public participation	Malcolm X
	More advertising for events like this especially on social media and other platforms populated by young residents	Malcolm X
	by engaging students at Universities within public health, research, science, and medicine	Malcolm X
	go to colleges and engage with students!	Malcolm X
	go house to house explaining	Malcolm X
	I did not know about this until the last moment by accident. Word of mouth. Somehow it was not publicized in my neighborhood - Maybe it was online but that doesn't reach everyone	Malcolm X
	Roundtables should be available in multiple languages, hosted by community members native language. Registration should be shared/broadcasted widely in the city. Not just by email	Malcolm X
	it was disappointing to know immigration was not a focus in the roundtables (especially with everything going on). Protecting our immigrant communities should be a focus. When we discuss community safety without mentioning community members been attacked and kidnapped, is such a misuse of bringing people together	Malcolm X
	more meetings	Malcolm X
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	Share detailed budget expenditures (beyond high-level charts), shedding more light on where our tax dollars specifically go - allowing the community to make more informed improvement suggestions	Malcolm X
	dont do these sessions during a holiday week	Malcolm X
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	Make sure all communities participate	Malcolm X
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	promote heavily to youth	Malcolm X
	Shorter introduction, more locations. Do you hold sessions that are fully in Spanish, mandarin, Urdu, Arabic, and other languages? Collect responses to the priority questions (select 1, select 3) at busy train stations, food pantries, etc.	Malcolm X
	Better outreach to engage community members I found out about this by word of mouth	Malcolm X
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	These forums work	Malcolm X
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	Why is CPD working with ICE? how are we keeping CPD accountable to the welcoming city ordinance. How can CPD be trained in a trauma-informed/cultural competency. Should the police academy be longer? Why does our budget include public safety as half of the budget.	Malcolm X
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	Important to bring to the table youth and these services providers who are in the more disinvested neighborhoods	Online
	You covered it all.	Online
	How about you create a survey that lists choices that are NOT ALL SOCIALIST CHOICES????	Online
	This survey is incredibly stupid in that various of the options really speak to the same problem. It demonstrates, once again, the incoherence of this administration.	Online
	More money will not necessarily solve some of the social problems. More civic engagement on the why participation is important would be helpful. That is counter to what elected officials would prefer because they are only seeking a minimum winning coalition for re-election.	Online
	It's very frustrating to see how you have grouped these things, pitting equally important needs against one another. This is a badly designed survey.	Online
	The survey could be better crafted with options. You can ask participants to rank the options instead of choosing only one.	Online
	The prob with this survey is it doesn't include none of the above. Many of these options are unaffordable for the city's tax base.	Online
	"The way this survey was formatted, it felt like these issues were pitted against each other, which is not constructive and gives you false/inaccurate data results."	Online
	I would like to propose that these type of meetings be zoomed or live streamed in the future.	Online
	This is really a good start.	Online
	Survey has a question that is a select all that apply but you can only pick one	Online
	Promote event widely using social media, posters at libraries, schools and colleges, churches	Online
	We can IMPROVE Budget Engagement by adding a Fun Engagement, like an Entertainer keynote Singer from Chicago like Chaka Khan or Common, have Barack Obama come by and speak at a Budget Engagement Session. A Million people will take part and get to see Mayor Brandon Johnson is focused on ensuring that the City's Residents have access to Information, get to contribute to the City's Budget Process rather than complain in barber shops and beauty salons etc. Says, Michael L. Smith. Advocate of Civic Engagement and strong supporter of Mayor Brandon Johnson	Online
	Make flashy videos about this survey that make it look fun (which it is!) and post on TikTok	Online

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	more communications to the Neighborhood's so that they can understand what is happening with any changes that would affect them. How are communication being sent about the budget. think about what methods this messaging is getting to the neighborhoods.	Online
	Surveys are great! I have childcare and elder care needs that prevent me from attending a lot of community meetings, but I always have time for a survey	Online
	Surveys, town halls, articles in the newspaper	Online
	This is the first time I've seen this survey, thank you!	Online
	show that people are listening and care. look for the issues people are bringing up, decide whether they're true problems, and figure out on your own the best solutions. the problems people have are almost always real, but the solutions they suggest sometimes won't actually solve anything	Online
	Hold them in each ward	Online
	Work with neighborhood and nonprofit groups to hold community town halls about the budget.	Online
	I think make and have other languages available on site	Online
	Performance metrics that illustrate service demand and outcomes addressing that demand	Online
	Action	Online
	I thought it was done well logistically. Not all facilitators were knowledgeable.	Online
	Have a project where participants can take an actionable step and have follow up dates.	Online
	Forums. Share what's worked in other cities. Be more transparent. Be more open to ideas. Where is the alignment to values in this budget? How do we know that?	Online
	Circulate and promote survey more widely (email, social media)	Online
	I like the idea of round table discussions. The Alders could host meeting.	Online
	Make the information available to more people.	Online
	Simply and shorten beginning presentations to allow more time for actual discussion. Powerpoints in font that is not small (too hard for audience to read fine print). Encourage the online survey completing on-site with free wifi access versus paper as the preferred method; pen/pencil was not provided at same time, also online is less likely to get lost. Some discussion around the percentage of services that are funded with federal funds. Raise awareness of the budget engagement events months before they happen, on all social media platforms and public spaces, such as CPLs.	Online
	Instead of round tables, there should be listening sessions where city residents can attend sessions on the subject matter they are most interested in, and provide critical feedback and ask specific questions to city staff experts. The idea of moving from one table to another takes away from people sharing their ideas on matters that mean the most to them.	Online
	More publicity via radio, barber and beauty shops, churches, organizations, etc.	Online

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	I didn't even know this survey existed until a coworker sent it to me! Definitely increase advertisement of survey possibly on social media. Include sample questions and answers that are in the survey because I felt compelled to complete the survey because of the answers options given.	Online
	I would like future government surveys to have a captcha for security reasons. If there is a way to avoid these being filled out by bots, that would be great.	Online
	Improve reach to less engaged members of the community	Online
	To improve budget engagement in communities like Austin, the City of Chicago must prioritize accessibility, trust, and transparency. This means hosting budget sessions in familiar, trusted neighborhood spaces like churches, schools, and community centers, not just downtown or online. Materials should use plain language, visual aids, and translations to ensure everyone can understand how budget decisions impact daily life. Partnering with local leaders and organizations already rooted in the community builds trust and helps increase turnout. The city should also consider compensating residents for their time and insights, especially working families, seniors, and youth. Implementing participatory budgeting, where residents directly vote on how certain funds are spent, can make engagement feel more real and impactful. Most importantly, the City must follow up, showing how community feedback shaped decisions. This kind of inclusive, transparent approach ensures communities like Austin don't just get a voice in the process, but real power in shaping the outcomes.	Online
	Instead of taking notes by hand, trained notetakers should be taking notes on computers or the conversations should be recorded and transcribed (but protect the identities of participants). This way, residents who attend these budget roundtables and share their concerns and priorities are recorded systematically and can be coded for major themes that in turn inform the administration's fall budget proposal. These budget roundtables are not simply listening sessions, they are data gathering sessions and should be treated as such (like focus groups). Thank you!	Online
	Hols mtgs throughout the yr in the neighborhoods to get grassroots input PRIOR to the budgeting process. These mtgs would be topical, ie.: environmental justice, police reform, mental health and wellness, addressing homelessness, housing, city services & utilities, etc.	Online
	Send out more reminders like this one to help promote engagement, and also make sure the survey can be taken in multiple languages.	Online
	Post digital out of home billboards in the city at bus stops and on the trains with QR codes people can scan to take the budget survey. Engage with local community activists or community-minded influencers and have them post the surveys across social media.	Online
	Advertise and distribute this survey more broadly!	Online
	Additional sessions throughout the month?	Online
	make this more widely promoted	Online
	Be open to new ideas vs. limiting true consideration to ideas that fall in already defined areas of focus.	Online
	More public canvassing would be appreciated.	Online

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	A mailer w a QR code	Online
	Figure out a way to involve more people not affiliated with advocacy groups to attend and comment on the budget process versus being drowned out by loud voices advocating in a group for their perceived needs.	Online
	Make this survey easier to access please!!	Online
	Not due it with events bookended the around July 4th holiday weekend.	Online
	Continue with surveys	Online
	Public meetings. Get into the neighborhoods and see what is important to the people.	Online
	Publish quarterly reports and send them to all major news outlets to be shared by finance experts.	Online
	Write a survey that actually solicits feedback and doesn't give categories of options that aren't really open ended.	Online
	Provided a info session at local libraries	Online
	Create a better survey	Online
	Hose monthly meetings to figure out what we need and what we want in our communities and a plan of how to get it and how much it will actually cost so that we can actually see what we have in our communities as far as like resources and people who would want to participate and be a part of that	Online
	Send to emails	Online
	Be transparent. Report how much this data impacts decisions that will be made in the future	Online
	This program is adequate	Online
	"The City of Chicago can improve by expanding access to information and opportunities in ways that are equitable, culturally responsive, and technology-driven. That includes amplifying community voices in planning, policy, and funding decisions, especially from neighborhoods that have historically been underrepresented. We also encourage stronger collaboration between city departments, community-based organizations, schools, and tech partners to ensure more coordinated, measurable impact. How can we improve budget engagement? To improve budget engagement, the city could offer interactive, multilingual, and mobile-friendly tools, such as digital town halls, community budgeting apps, AI-powered chat support, and real-time feedback dashboards, to demystify the budgeting process and invite deeper participation. Hosting hyperlocal pop-ups at schools, libraries, and community centers, with incentives like digital stipends, food, or childcare, can also drive inclusive turnout. Young people especially want to feel that their input has real weight, so clearly showing how community feedback shaped funding priorities will build trust. What can we do to help you and others participate next year? "	Online
	Make sure our voices are heard	Online
	Actually listen to people.	Online

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	Talk about the programs that are important, showing where the tax money goes.	Online
	Encourage alderpersons to have monthly meetings in different parts of their district.	Online
	Double the number of roundtable sessions. Have a couple downtown also -- south loop and near north residents want to participate. Distribute or make summary of each roundtable available to all of us who registered. Thanks	Online
	Aldermen should hold virtual community meetings to discuss budget priorities in each ward.	Online
	By coming up with better surveys. This one was terrible.	Online
	Advertise everywhere and offer transparency and accountability. I never got the result of last year's survey.	Online
	Make sure that residents are kept engaged yearlong, not just at budget balancing time.	Online
	Host virtual budget engagement events for those encountering mobility inaccessibility.	Online
	Drawings for gift cards for participants	Online
	Have virtual options or host sessions for northwest side residents like at Wright College or the parks or the aldermen office.	Online
	When having a budget forum, have staff from each city dept that can directly answer questions	Online
	Bring budget engagement to DFSS Senior Centers. Older Adults have competing priorities and the majority feel that the City of Chicago is no longer a city that they can afford to live in. Older adult residents need more support to maintain their homes and find affordable housing.	Online
	Open forums, town hall meetings, surveys, neighborhood budget committees	Online
	CREATE A REAL SURVEY!	Online
	Is it in person? Maybe if it's offered online and it's recorded that would make it easier to attend.	Online
	Reach out to those most vulnerable to food insecurity, homelessness, and those with mental illness and or substance abuse issues.	Online
	Demonstrate a commitment to cut spending as well as identifying additional revenue sources. Provide access to meetings via zoom and access to video recordings of meetings for those who could not attend in person or zoom.	Online
	Have a town hall meeting with the neighborhoods to increase/improve budget engagement.	Online
	Actually listen to the people who are participating and voting.	Online

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	The next meeting should be held closer to people that use public transportation or provide transportation.	Online
	You should have it on TEAMS so that those that can't come in person can participate online. More budget engagements. Every ward should host a budget engagement, which ward residents can participate and suggest what is vital to their ward.	Online
	Provide more online access to budget roundtables.	Online
	Write a form letter the Alders can customize and email the Budget Survey to their constituents list.	Online
	More frequent, earlier communication and awareness of the budget process, timing and survey itself. Also, don't require us to select from a list of terrible services that we don't want (that skew the survey results) - allow for the ability to write-in answers in the survey.	Online
	Do this twice a year & publish the findings from the feedback.	Online
	Shorter sessions with a focus on less main topics	Online
	I think these surveys and townhalls you are doing is a great way to get engagement	Online
	Publicize these engagement opportunities more widely. All residents should know that their voices can be heard, and I think the City should be much more proactive in reaching out about engagement opportunities.	Online
	Introduce the budget engagement into the communities to be able to participate	Online
	More engagement and surveys. Have Chicago people vote more frequently on issues.	Online
	More awareness in radio.	Online

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	There is currently a lack of trust between the city budget and the residents. Political differences have led to unrecognized voices, and discussions often lean too far to the left. It is essential to create spaces that welcome all perspectives, regardless of political beliefs, and encourage conversations that bring people together. This will help ensure that everyone feels safe expressing their opinions.	Online
	Collaborate and coordinate with alderpeople to hold these conversations with residents at the park districts in their communities.	Online
	This survey is a great step. Follow up with a summary of the answers you get and the actual actions you take to help the Chicago communities thrive, especially the ones with large amounts of violence.	Online
	Make sure Alderman reach out to constituents about this survey, share survey via QR code at libraries and senior centers and train stations.	Online
	work with ward alderman	Online
	local meetings could be very helpful or attending already scheduled community meetings or other community gatherings like religious services, etc. to talk about budgeting. Go where people are already meeting instead of asking people to come to a separate event.	Online
	Instead of selecting only one priority in the policy areas, allow for rank choice. This survey seemed to be tilted toward advancing the Mayor's political agenda not a fiscally sound, long term, sustainable policy agenda.	Online
	Make it more transparent. Publicize it in newspapers, on social media, and make sure TV news is aware.	Online
	We need to see whether or not you take into consideration the community recommendations	Online
	I don't look at local news to TV all that much, however I do have family members that have the TV on all day. Maybe work with local news outlets to inform the public about how to participate in upcoming budget engagement activities with instructions if they are interested, they should go to a particular website and enter their phone number or email to receive additional information and the link to the survey. Also, put out social media videos along the same line.	Online
	Promote survey in public transportation	Online
	Distribute these surveys to parents through their local school.	Online
	Keep doing what you are doing	Online
	inform people of needs for their participation in the city and their communities issues prior to the discussion.	Online
	I only found out about this survey through Openlands. Where has it been publicized? Perhaps more outreach is needed.	Online
	Ask the alderman to hold town halls to input from their communities.	Online
	Continue surveys such as these! Thank you!	Online

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	Development of community email chains, directories and neighborhood resource pages that are user friendly and allow for community connection and ease of contacting. I found out of this survey through a third party, not Chicago government. How can I help if I do not even know what you need. News reel clips with important information should also be easily accessible and chronological on the city website.	Online
	More marketing in the neighborhoods.	Online
	Do a better job of designing this survey.	Online
	More surveys like this	Online
	Surveys and town hall meetings, open to public.	Online
	Earlier engagement and more options addressing whole city having needs	Online
	More roundtables and surveys with community stakeholders via social media to increase reach.	Online
	put ideas to a vote as to what's most needed	Online
	"I have no idea what the difference between the options in the ""arts and culture"" section. How is a ""public art program"" different than ""arts and cultural neighborhood programming?"" When I think of arts and culture I think of murals on walls in neighborhoods. That fits into all 3 categories. Please word this better. -Please ask residents more about CPS's impact on the budget. As a young resident, I am not a fan of my generation going into debt because some teachers wanted excessive raises even though the student body is shrinking. -Please go out of your way to ask more young residents about their perspectives on the budget. We're the ones who are going to be stuck with the bills. Meet them in high schools, on college campuses, at train stations, etc. Don't just email out a survey link and call it a day - you have to target groups who will be affected but aren't currently likely to engage."	Online
	Ask the Alders to host public meetings with the Mayor and city officials.	Online
	I attended the June 30 public RT with the mayor at Malcolm X College. My group was excited to join for the first time, however, the mayor left immediately after he gave a short speech in the auditorium. Then he left and didn't listen in at the breakout sessions. That felt like our voices didn't matter and weren't important enough for him to stay and listen in, and it felt performative to give a speech then leave with no explanation.	Online
	Don't wait until the last minute and let people speak at meetings.	Online
	Engage in a marketing campaign to advise all residents of Chicago that their input on budget is needed.	Online
	Use of multiple media sources to notify people of meetings in a timely fashion well in advance of the meetings.	Online
	Please make sure all public tv, radio, and other outlets inform more Chicagoans.	Online
	Public hearings where the public has a real say.	Online
	Improve this survey to gather meaningful feedback. This instrument forces respondents to pick an option for a budget line item even if none of the options are desired.	Online

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	the survey is a good idea. Can we see the results of the survey and what choices were made based on the survey?	Online
	Solicit feedback using instruments that are less biased and allow for a broader scope of feedback	Online
	town hall meetings in our neighborhoods. Continue surveys like this, share with aldermen/ women to share with community.	Online
	Maybe two or three roundtable sessions for each area	Online
	Your budgeting needs to reflect that input from city residents matter. It seems the budget is constructed without input from residents...pay the pension and the police and then anything else seems to be the mayor's or a particular alderperson's pet project. I don't hear that community input was a part of *any* budget decision.	Online
	Mailer to registered voters so we know	Online
	More meetings at Ward level that bring forward community ideas to the budget process.	Online
	Hold forums at local non profits where you can get input from people in the community regarding services they need and want	Online
	This Survey is bullshit. The options regarding increasing city revenue are limited. Tax the fucking rich you fools. Put on your big kid pants and win the battle for a change! Instead of dinking around with the same cronyism as the bad guys like firing good staff and bringing in your pals. That is not how a "progressive" administration should run. These choose one multiple choice questions are a surrender from the start! For example question 16 - YOU SHOULD BE DOING ALL OF THOSE THINGS. It is a moral imperative. We elect you to figure out how. Get back to work and cut the bullshit!	Online
	Invite input Earlier and often	Online
	Host meetings after 5:00 on weekdays or on weekends. Also, host in a virtual or hybrid fashion.	Online
	More surveys and round tables	Online
	use media to let people be aware this survey exists.	Online
	A portal to see where all money is going and spent compared year over year open to all and updated quarterly.	Online
	I only heard about this because someone told me about it. Have a more expensive ad campaign for this kind of thing. Put posters on the street.	Online
	Send email announcements. Public service information signs and noticed throughout public spaces and transit	Online
	Nobody listens anyway. Our wishes have been denied for years. Ask citizens to vote on whether or not they want to be/can afford to be a sanctuary city, and not let king mayor decide how we squander our money?	Online
	Do a better job working with City Council. Sycophants in budget office should be removed	Online
	This survey is a good way!	Online
	Engage community orgs in conversation to support increasing awareness with people they serve.	Online
	Send a mailing, more press releases and news releases.	Online

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	I've not seen this survey advertised very widely, so maybe better communication, outreach	Online
	Make the survey landing page have button options for multiple languages and have canvassing teams if possible	Online
	Increase the ways people would hear about the budget and provide an incentive to respond like a gift card	Online
	Advertise on several billboards around the city making citizens aware that they have an opportunity to participate in the City budget, and providing a deadline for engagement.	Online
	Add additional budget forums	Online
	Maybe send this through the mail with a QR Code to the survey. Many people don't have social media and don't follow the right accounts to find out about this. Getting this in your mailbox helps cause we all have to check it from time to time	Online
	Continue with participatory budgeting.	Online
	Encourage recipients to share this with their social circles. Have influential Chicago performers and business owners share this on their social media pages / stories!! Plug into queer spaces and marginalized communities via performers / school administration, and business owners to share this with their circles.	Online
	It would good to have the options in this survey rank order of the options rather than all or nothing options.	Online
	Send dedicated emails to every citizen	Online
	More people will participate when they see their feedback implemented.	Online
	Continue sharing the survey for feedback.	Online
	Educate families in a more proactive manner. Most people do not know how or if they can be involved at all due to work and family responsibilities.	Online
	I found this by accident so maybe you need to advertise it more. I did not feel like this survey was set up well. You are forced to make one choice rather than rank ordering items and there was no place to add an "other" option. There was no cost associated with choices. Survey not well done.	Online
	Surveys like this are helpful	Online
	Increase outreach to citizens	Online
	Put large banners digital or physical on the buses and the L. Do the same or similar for all public schools and libraries. Finally expand this to as many languages as possible. Thank you staff for all your hard work!	Online
	Make sure that members of the city council are sharing the link to this survey.	Online
	We need more Community Engagement to make people's lives better.	Online
	How do we get more transparency on where money is going. Everything should be on the table. There should not be just one option for each section. This should be more than just a survey. Where is the vision?	Online

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	My community needs to feel more connected to the rest of the city. We are a diverse neighborhood but feel worlds away from south and west sides. We need more strategy and initiative to connect various parts of the city together and build a larger sense of community. This impacts SO much of how we care for our city and its people!	Online
	You forgot to poll the 1% grocery tax reinstatement.	Online
	This survey is a disappointment. The vast majority of the options sounded like increased spending. There were no options that clearly demonstrated a need for increased efficiency or fiscal accountability. Related to housing, there were no options about regulatory reforms that might remove barriers to building or reduce cost of building. I would like to see major reforms at CPS especially closing of low capacity schools and elimination of bureaucratic overhead. Policing needs to include a focus on truancy. The red line extension needs to be cancelled. If the city cannot fund existing services, why is it expanding? Overall, you need to cut costs and improve services through sound management practices. Tax increases are unacceptable.	Online
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	We can IMPROVE Budget Engagement by adding a Fun Engagement, like an Entertainer keynote Singer from Chicago like Chaka Khan or Common, have Barack Obama come by and speak at a Budget Engagement Session. A Million people will take part and get to see Mayor Brandon Johnson is focused on ensuring that the City's Residents have access to Information, get to contribute to the City's Budget Process rather than complain in barber shops and beauty salons etc. Says, Michael L. Smith. Advocate of Civic Engagement and strong supporter of Mayor Brandon Johnson	Online
	Surveys are great! I have childcare and elder care needs that prevent me from attending a lot of community meetings, but I always have time for a survey	Online
	Work with neighborhood and nonprofit groups to hold community town halls about the budget.	Online
	I thought it was done well logistically. Not all facilitators were knowledgeable.	Online
	Forums. Share what's worked in other cities. Be more transparent. Be more open to ideas. Where is the alignment to values in this budget? How do we know that?	Online
	Simply and shorten beginning presentations to allow more time for actual discussion. Powerpoints in font that is not small (too hard for audience to read fine print). Encourage the online survey completing on-site with free wifi access versus paper as the preferred method; pen/pencil was not provided at same time, also online is less likely to get lost. Some discussion around the percentage of services that are funded with federal funds. Raise awareness of the budget engagement events months before they happen, on all social media platforms and public spaces, such as CPLs.	Online
	I didn't even know this survey existed until a coworker sent it to me! Definitely increase advertisement of survey possibly on social media. Include sample questions and answers that are in the survey because I felt compelled to complete the survey because of the answers options given.	Online
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	Send out more reminders like this one to help promote engagement, and also make sure the survey can be taken in multiple languages.	Online

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	Double the number of roundtable sessions. Have a couple downtown also -- south loop and near north residents want to participate. Distribute or make summary of each roundtable available to all of us who registered. Thanks	Online
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	"The City of Chicago can improve by expanding access to information and opportunities in ways that are equitable, culturally responsive, and technology-driven. That includes amplifying community voices in planning, policy, and funding decisions, especially from neighborhoods that have historically been underrepresented. We also encourage stronger collaboration between city departments, community-based organizations, schools, and tech partners to ensure more coordinated, measurable impact. How can we improve budget engagement? To improve budget engagement, the city could offer interactive, multilingual, and mobile-friendly tools, such as digital town halls, community budgeting apps, AI-powered chat support, and real-time feedback dashboards, to demystify the budgeting process and invite deeper participation. Hosting hyperlocal pop-ups at schools, libraries, and community centers, with incentives like digital stipends, food, or childcare, can also drive inclusive turnout. Young people especially want to feel that their input has real weight, so clearly showing how community feedback shaped funding priorities will build trust. What can we do to help you and others participate next year? "	Online

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	We need more gun safety and graffiti clean-up services. Also, an info session on how TIF funds are used in the community and see the accountability of the projects regarding TIF funds.	Online

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	All resources are available	Truman
	I think you are doing a good job.	Truman
	Pop-up directly in communities - existing events, street fests, etc. No grocery tax.	Truman
	Have a round table with YOUTH they have the answer, can help me with jobs my children or grandchildren have never had a summer job in the city of Chicago. Bring back to CPS-Parent able to volunteer in school as well as parent classes, for parents, trips for parents that can help themselves and their families	Truman
	More marketing across social media	Truman
	"More of these Bring these to CPS schools"	Truman
	"Let the public know quarterly (state of the city) We can't help if we don't know Next time, don't have this in a gym. We can't hear."	Truman
	Make the appropriate transformations to ensure the participation	Truman

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	I only ever hear about these sessions through non-profits I'm involved w/ so doing more to engage folks who might not hear about it through those orgs is important.	Truman
	More visibility on social media	Truman
	go to every community to engage with the people.	Truman
	Broaden the categories.	Truman
	more directed toward engaging young people- internet presence, public transit ads, etc	Truman
	Bring budget discussions directly to CPS classrooms and courses so students can directly engage, study, learn and offer informed input	Truman
	Promote and get the word out about these budget events. I found out about this because of my involvement locally, but maybe there's ways to get the word out more broadly. Get out and promote this survey virtually via a QR code on flyers and through a city wide email or text	Truman
	"Allow us to select multiple answers. Why? Because all are needed. \$300 million are available show ASL interpreters on the TVs! Keep working on getting public mass transport funded to actual need. let us select multiple choices for each question. Maybe rank 1 for most important to #x for least important in that question. Truman college's gym has terrible acoustics. It's hard to hear because of that."	Truman
	More widely advertise budget roundtable in community via physical ads, social media, newsletters, colleges/universities, etc. Prioritize getting young people involved (youth)	Truman
	More advertising to the communities	Truman
	Improve budget engagement by getting flyers to students in the surrounding universities. Especially those in the public health, research, medicine, and science	Truman
	Create more roundtables, forums, town halls regularly so there are consistent and frequent opportunities for the community to show up and engage. Invest in youth engagement. Talk to high schoolers and college students	Truman
	Make sure Alders tell their constituents and also show up	Truman
	More of this	Truman
	Earlier in the Spring/Summer/ City Departments have already started.	Truman
	"- host community meetings with grassroots organizations - send the city government staff to do outreach outside in the communities - we need the leadership to spend some time outside the city hall to see face to face the challenges that residents are facing - talk to local leaders about how housing issues are being a barrier to take care of their mental health and access to a job - Thank you for hosting this meetings. I feel this year was better than last year"	Truman
	"More education opportunities around the budget More focus on discussing revenue options - not just in the survey but in depth discussion"	Truman

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	Go to actually poor communities like Hermosa, Belmont Cragin, Humboldt Park, etc...	Truman
	Would love to see more engagement in the downtown area? Haven't seen much stuff in the area about budget.	Truman
	The acoustics are not great. It would be a good idea to have another closed caption screen at the back of the room. Also it is unfortunate all of the side conversations going on by city employers at the side of the room. It was distracting and made it even more difficult to hear.	Truman
	This was great, next expanded to ward level round tables?	Truman
	"-more publicity -reach out to universities and community organizations -go to community events (farmers markets, festivals, resource fairs)"	Truman
	I appreciate the roundtable!	Truman
	virtual options for mobility restricted people	Truman
	Have adequate city officials and note takers for each budget round table	Truman
	This is not for the northside, but making the budget roundtable more accessible, time-wise. I noticed that the time says 5pm and that is not acceptable for people who have to work 9-5 jobs. The times need to be changed so Black and Brown people can show up and share their hopes for the city.	Truman
	We can improve budget engagement by working together and bring community leaders together all over the city of Chicago. we have to unionize the city of Chicago.	Truman
	Host more events like this... GREAT JOB!!	Truman
	Transparency of process. What will you do with this survey information? How will our participation impact decision making? Explain that up front. Make this process a huge event that all Chicagoans will want to be a part of.	Truman
	It would be great to have an education focused table as city dollars should go to fund early childhood workforce and services	Truman
	Love the fact that a youth engagement session is available. Not super clear on how we're supposed to engage w/ city council - need name tags or something. It was eventually made clear but our table missed out on valuable time	Truman
	I think if you offered free food more people would come	Truman
	"Send out priorities beforehand Follow up w/ how ideas are being used - summaries of feedback, regardless of if pieces are used or not"	Truman
	"Signs on vision directing folks coffee, snacks"	Truman
	virtual option?	Truman
	Have more community forum regarding the budget and make sure that the disability community are included	Truman
	Community involvement and (??) that are needed in the community and or race discrimination or disability discrimination	Truman
	Process needs to be easier to follow. More engagement with disabled people (they are approximately 18% of the city population)	Truman

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	Resident voices need to count! not the corporate real estate banks interests that exploit the people. More attention to the gaps in state and federal spending.	Truman
	This was great! I'd love to see also more smaller scale engagement on a more frequent basis for neighbors who couldn't make it or are not plugged in as much.	Truman
	I feel that every person living in this city is a gift. To protect these gifts, lets allow ourselves to be more open. How? Why not broadcast budget meetings on social media, local TV stations like WTTW, NBCS would be interested in showing said meetings. The above mentioned are effective ways of reaching a broader audience	Truman
	Water/refreshments would be nice	Truman
	This even (6/28/25) is a good start! Actually, follow up by sending info to our email addresses that we gave during registration!	Truman
	"-offer online options (such as over zoom) -include screens with live captions on both sides of the room beside both screens with the presentations"	Truman
	Visit more senior apartment buildings	Truman
	More opportunities to engage with communities. Three events might not be enough	Truman
	"Door to door official outreach to buildings and neighborhoods that house seniors! Health vehicles to serve neighborhoods inundated with low income families and seniors! Increase the # of public health employers who share the demographics of the target populations: e.g. seniors reaching out to seniors"	Truman
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	"- host community meetings with grassroots organizations - send the city government staff to do outreach outside in the communities - we need the leadership to spend some time outside the city hall to see face to face the challenges that residents are facing - talk to local leaders about how housing issues are being a barrier to take care of their mental health and access to a job - Thank you for hosting this meetings. I feel this year was better than last year"	Truman

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	Love the fact that a youth engagement session is available. Not super clear on how we're supposed to engage w/ city council - need name tags or something. It was eventually made clear but our table missed out on valuable time	Truman
	"Send out priorities beforehand Follow up w/ how ideas are being used - summaries of feedback, regardless of if pieces are used or not"	Truman
	"Signs on vision directing folks coffee, snacks"	Truman
	Community involvement and (??) that are needed in the community and or race discrimination or disability discrimination	Truman
	Process needs to be easier to follow. More engagement with disabled people (they are approximately 18% of the city population)	Truman
	Resident voices need to count! not the corporate real estate banks interests that exploit the people. More attention to the gaps in state and federal spending.	Truman
	This was great! I'd love to see also more smaller scale engagement on a more frequent basis for neighbors who couldn't make it or are not plugged in as much.	Truman
	This even (6/28/25) is a good start! Actually, follow up by sending info to our email addresses that we gave during registration!	Truman
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Community Safety	Community safety- COPA's Mediation program deserves more funding - there's no reason that CPD has \$4M. There would be less need for CPD if there was more mediation. Environmental Justice and infrastructure - it gets so hard to breathe on certain days - why does DSS ... [?]	Harold Washington
	Mayor's office of community safety (violence prevention), enterprise fund (both airports/dept. water management/gran revenue, city council/mayor/city clerk/treasurer) Safer agencies, CPS/CTA/CHA/ city council	Harold Washington
	gun violence is a problem around my community and cops always show up late	Harold Washington
	i feel like you guys NEED to fix our streets, but also i feel like you guys should put time into the middle class, working class, we hardly get any support from the government and I dont feel like we should defund the police cause people die a lot here	Harold Washington
	when it comes to allocating funds and having to prioritiz different programs, so much of the cities budget is spent on police misconduct settlements. We need to work on preventing police misconduct. There are so many opportunities during the COPA and BIA process for disciplinary accountability to get derailed. Dont process needs to get strengthened to ensure transparency and accountability	Harold Washington
	a safer community with police and others, I dont feel safe. Some Police arent following the rules, and arent responding to 911 emergencies. (running over people, going against people's rights). Lots of people dont trust them because of their actions during the past years. we need more options in case of emergency.	Harold Washington
	the rough grounds in our neighborhood (loitering)	Harold Washington
	"More money towards the community re-enetry center budget increase the budget to the COPA mediation Budget"	Harold Washington
	I think anything with violence prevention should be prioritized. We need to allocate more resources to before the crime occurs. De-escalation is also super important, that's why I believe in the peace book.	Harold Washington
	The safety of students who are commuting, this can be more lighting in the area or security/officers/cameras in places where it's neglected from the rest of the city. Additionally, busses/trains arriving more quickly/ an increase of vehicles to decrease commuters to feel unsafe.	Harold Washington
	Safety zones, preventing youth from substance abuse, violence prevention, summer programs, and summer jobs, public mental health services.	Harold Washington
	hold ghost cops accountable and hold them accountable in general they dont use the money we give them how we want to and its annoying	Harold Washington
	less guns	Harold Washington
	\$300 million slush fund for police vacancies overtime (barely used) should go to public health department, EMT/ambulance services, mental health crisis response without police, and youth employment/job trainings	Harold Washington
	Defund the police. Give the money to organizations that actually help the people. no corruption, just love.	Harold Washington

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	Reallocate CPD's \$300 million in overtime funds to youth jobs, mental health resources and the Chicago department of public health-help fund community based organizations to provide jobs to those in the community. offer research opportunities targeted towards youth, perhaps through city colleges. Reopen mental health facilities all throughout the city.	Harold Washington
	Defund the police. Put that money in youth programs. Abolish ICE. give the money to youth and mental services. Universal food and income.	Harold Washington
	Advocating more funds for CPD, replinish empty lots (contains thing being seen) and gardens	Harold Washington
	its important to invest in the resources that have kept us safe. the CARE team has already changed countless lives and reduced the strain on CPD. We need to reallocate money from their slush fund to programs that benefit every Chicagoan	Harold Washington
	Defund the police and provide increased investment in education public health public infrastructure and resources and investment in communities. The police dont prevent crime. they punish those who commit them after the fact. people do crime out of desperation for help. if we invested in them early on there wouldnt be a need for them to be policed. Education is power, safety, and a way out of hardship. Equitable education saves lives. Schools on the south and westsides and neighborhood schools are disinvested and dont have equal opportunity to selective enrollments and schools in wealthier neighborhoods. youth should not have to travel 30+ minutes for a fair education. It should be accessible in their own neighborhoods. You dont need to take resources from other schools, take the funding from the historic CPD "ghost positions"	Harold Washington
	the citys needs are not reflected by the current budget. Instead of violence prevention , pedestrian safety, affordable housing, school funding, and water/air quality monitors, the city continues to fund the CPD that is overpolicing and destroying our community	Harold Washington
	Increase police proactivity / # of patrols / officers have a mediator mental health/social security accomany them in needed areas and situations. ex. when they get a potentially dangerous call. Make use of empty lots/abandoned buildings restoration build more houses, community gardens. Have police/epa officials deter littering community pollutting by stoping talking to those who liter and after seeing them do it a few times small fine/ org that literal job is to constantly everyday go around pick up trash source of employment/revenue and mitigates problems. Worn road markings and pavement , transit rime (more close relation to CPD would help) dont raise taxes to help budget it will push people and business to move hence less people to tax anyway	Harold Washington
	defund cpd by reallocating their 300 million in overtime pay	Harold Washington
	Defund and abolish the CPD. Fund youth jobs, mental health, trans and queer services	Harold Washington
	why does cpd get a large sum of money thats guaranteed to them if they dont have any record of doing their jobs? will part of that money be used to actually correct cops instead of administrative leave?	Harold Washington
	Heard there's a \$300 million bucket of funds used for police overtime but I think they should invest that in childcare programs, public health centers, ambulances, mental health crisis response w/o police and violence prevention youth.	Harold Washington

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	"Please ensure that money allocated for a specific purpose is actually being used for that purpose.	
	In 2025, CPD received \$300 million to fill vacant positions. So far they have fill less than 2% of the positions that money was supposed to fund. Ot's not fair for CPD to receive a slush fund while vital services face budget cuts."	Harold Washington
	The \$300 million police slush fund budgeted for overtime abuse and police vacancies should be used to fund root cause solutions such as youth peacekeeping jobs, public health that's under threat from Trump, expansion of CARE teams, expansion of public mental health centers, and for ambulances. This will support community all over the city, save money on policing, and make Chicago a safer place for all.	Harold Washington
	defund police by refunding the amount a lawsuit would be to somebody who experienced police brutality. Use the money for WIC or other stuff	Harold Washington
	defund the police and reallocate those funds to youth and community services. For next year start on time, have educational materials available ahead of time	Harold Washington
	stop giving Cops money when they are part of the problem. give that money (or part of it)	Harold Washington
	Reduce/reallocate money (300m) meant for ghost cops.	Harold Washington
	Reduce money given to ghost policing, reduce budget for CPD in general, invest in mental health	Harold Washington
	youth reformation	Harold Washington
	use the budget on important things and not just fund the police department	Harold Washington
	One Program most importance. 1. park program 2. preschool, making peace, uplifts youth to use restorative practices instead of relying on police, 3. CPH care program, mental health issues	Harold Washington
	"Promote more to sister agencies ADD CCPSA to community safety How can CCPSA assist and tap into CPD community policing budget?"	Harold Washington
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	others needs I would say are immigrant resources and supporting immigration lawyers. I would also say PAY ATTENTION TO THE WEST SIDE. there's so much youth gang activity ad unused lots and broken buildings near my school (GWCP) and it makes me feel unsafe in an environment like that	Harold Washington
	more trees and safety	Harold Washington
	need more trash can. More policing at nigh	Harold Washington

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	Why is ONE SUMMER CHICAGO grouped with "community safety" when it should be grouped with community and neighborhood development and arts and culture. It should be grouped with a community that helps the community with development. and resource help. The police should not have a budget increase or maintain if they do not do a good job, with the amount of budget they have Chciago should have been the safest city or one of the safest in the US.	Harold Washington
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	Mental health resource should be free and easy to access, fund more community centers and mental health clinics. Mental health clinics should be in every neighborhood, deescalators should be in every neighborhood, expand care team 24/7, awareness around resources that already exist	Harold Washington
	improve fundamental infrastructure. Hospital. Teenagers. Public transportation. Gun control	Harold Washington
	Budget for 311: increase long wait times. Cutting budget for S&S?	Kennedy King
	Increase the \$ service for 311. Need more and better response from 311 operators to the people that provide the service.	Kennedy King
	Neighborhoods security is how you feel about security. Wants to tell people about quality of life increase. Need to change how people operate. Wants to be part of trying to resolve how people interact more with the budget and help with CCPSA. CPD needs to do more to engage people with justice involvement. Needs more funding for CVI. People need to be brought more to the table. Needs to bring everyone. More violence prevention and relationship building. Housing and mental health care are community safety.	Kennedy King
	Make Chicago the safest city for people experiencing harassment, conflicts or a mental health episode by providing training in various congregations, schools, libraries, and community organizations. Conflict resolution, bystander intervention to address hate-based or gender-based harassment, self-regulation for trauma survivors.	Kennedy King
	I think everyone working on public safety should be paid fairly, including CIV workers. District counselors and CCPSA commissioners. Englewood needs support, resources, all the things it was diverted of for years	Kennedy King
	Why does the city of Chicago continue to fund the CPD's vacancies that the city has failed to fill for the last 6 years?	Kennedy King
	We can fund more of these programs (mental health, public health, and youth jobs) if we take \$ from police vacancies!	Kennedy King
	I think the CPD slush fund of \$300 million should be redirected to immediate and preventative needs like mental health, youth programs, and first response medical care. The slush fund is not really being used for safety, so it should be given to things that have a proven, long term benefit for the community	Kennedy King

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	Defund CPD and Fund the services that prevent violence. Drain the \$300 mil slush fund and fund housing, mental healthcare, and youth jobs,	Kennedy King
	Please invest in mental health infrastructure. Would also like to see the CARE system expanded. No cops for mental health crises.	Kennedy King
	Put more money in the emergency funding mental health instead 911. 24 hour crisis center and living room help the mental patient get back in society. More training for the police department mental health department, 40 hours is not enough. Need to be required for every policeman trainee. 25,000,000 budget every years.	Kennedy King
	Wants to allocate CT to CDPH. Many individuals harmed are police. Non police response. Expansion of sex ed. Public mental health care. New ambulance and better staffing for CFD. Needs to respond more appropriately where family members killed. Wants the budget to reflect reality. Protect the black community at all costs. SROs are not helpful to create peace in the school. City functioning as an alternative response for dispatch.	Kennedy King
	More allocation to community policing, need more culturally appropriate learning. Need to increase budget. Community mediation that was not in existence. Community needs to take accountability too. CARES and CPD should both be sent to calls. Need more officers living in community. CAREs and CPD as partners, CPD here should be plain clothes. Need fewer new programs. Do a pilot with district CAPs, CCPSA, and DAC--fund them. District councilors need salary. Strategic plans for district corridors need to be resourced. Communities need to be treated differently. Community Engagement looking like a real seat at the table--need to broaden.	Kennedy King
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	No public funds should go toward the Quantum Campus. The Quantum facility must not be built. Discontinue police slush funds and put that investment into the ambulance shortage, expand the CARE non-police crisis response system so that it reaches everyone, expand public mental health centers, and protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs to prevent violence.	Kennedy King
	I was raised on the south side. seeing the difference in police response, restaurants, fitness gyms, parks, I see a lot of businesses may open on the South Side , but dont last. It could be the residents and lack of visiting/supporting but really want to see an expansion of job training and marketing initiatives for awareness of the business on the South Side	Kennedy King
	Special housing for handicap/disable (like blind, etc_ all age and affordable, mental health TNT, clinic Center (24hr service center, ex: like a living room to train them back into society) and incarcerated with less victim housing and jobs plus trainee set back into society	Kennedy King

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	Less money for settlements in police misconduct cases and less money for police vacancies. Redirect \$300 million in police dept slush fund to 24/7 nonpolice mental health crisis response and mental health centers	Malcolm X
	Young ppl respect their peers and folks in their neighborhood, the OGs, not the police. The victims of violence and also the perpetrators want peace. We just need to let them know and see that they're worth investing in by giving them jobs where they can reach out to their peers and do the emotional work of peacekeeping. I like what works. I've seen violence intervention work, anecdotally as well as in terms of data. Safety means met needs. When ppl's needs are met safety builds itself. Needs differ across community, takes relationship building and intention, not armed guards. Police compromise community safety in ways we need to be honest about because of their positions to communities	Malcolm X
	Reducing violence, through providing awareness of support services. Allocating funds to provide hotlines for reentry Community Engagement workers	Malcolm X
	Continue community investment of alternatives to criminal activity by violence prevention. Build grocery stores in impoverished neighborhoods	Malcolm X
	Community safety = programs to assist previously incarcerated reenter the community should be considered a housing issue, low wages, access to resources and information. Could there be more community based city offices to assist residents? (ALL of us)	Malcolm X
	Protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs. protect public health resources - impacts mental health. Expand CARE non-police crisis response. Fund ambulances, fund reentry programs	Malcolm X
	The idea of the police having to pay for malpractice insurance, saving the city millions. More funding shifted from police (specifically the money somehow allocated for police overtime) to mental health services, youth programs. How about a program for ex incarcerated, and youth maybe, being trained and working on rehabilitating abandoned housing	Malcolm X
	What action can I take if the police in my community make me feel unsafe?	Malcolm X
	I would like to see that all programs relating with community safety were for all of us... my family got a stressful experience when last year our car was shoot and the guy run after that I went to get help with COPA and they dismissed our case...I went to COPA because a person in district 10 CPD tried to my family who were victims. really bad.	Malcolm X

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	How can we expand restorative culture justice services not only in our schools, but for families, nonprofits, and corporations? Background: conflict is at an all time high in many communities (businesses, families, nonprofits, etc) These communities should have access to restorative services, peace circles, restorative culture justice 4-day trainings, and more	Malcolm X
	Lots of crime in disinvested neighborhoods	Malcolm X
	Consistent failure to implement consent decree and accountability commission actions. Eye-popping misconduct settlements (\$100s of millions). One of the highest per capita spending on police. Re-allocate vacant positions and overtime funds to proven violence prevention programs: mental health, youth jobs, case management, summer activities	Malcolm X
	Work more closely with non-profit orgs to ensure they are more accountable with the public funds they receive.... in other words, accountability is crucial to reducing crime and violence in my community...	Malcolm X
	I detest the red light cameras. No crimes are solved even if its in front of the camera. They didn't help anything. the money should be used to help not hurt	Malcolm X
	want to see the \$300million that goes to CPD's vacancies and overtime be reallocated to: 24/7CARE teams in every ward, 24/7 public mental health centers in every ward, fully staffing ambulances, scale up youth peacekeeping jobs, and more toward upstream public health solutions, including affordable housing	Malcolm X
	I want to see \$300 mil CPD slush fund reinvested in CVI, CARE, and other public health resources. And I'd like to see the city fund co-operative real estate programs to incentivize co-owned commercial real estate as a community wealthbuilding and anti gentrification tool	Malcolm X
	reallocate CPD funds for repurposing vacant lots, automating and creating environment infrastructure... more trees planted, way more! dedicated and protected environmental e-fund, fund our department of environment	Malcolm X
	Would like to see money shifted from CPD slush fund into housing specifically to support ordinance which would fine landlords for maintaining vacant units to force market searching and increase rents across the city. This would prevent communities from losing housing and create access to housing that already exists, thereby reducing unhoused populations which would cut down on the housing crisis and police misconduct towards unhoused community members.	Malcolm X
	I personally focus on: protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs, protect public health services, expand the CARE non-police crisis respond system, expand the public mental health centers, solve the crises of understanding and ambulance shortages in the fire dept.	Malcolm X
	More for youth jobs and violence prevention programs like peacekeepers. Ensure expansion of mental health access in all neighborhoods and trained professionals to respond to mental health crisis calls. \$300 million for CPD overtime and vacancies will not make our community safer. Access to healthy foods, childcare, good paying jobs, and affordable housing and healthcare makes our families safer and healthier.	Malcolm X

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	cut the 30 million out of CPD budget. Put them funds in more mental health centers being open, jobs, and housing	Malcolm X
	commercial version of SEIP. use \$300m CPD Slush fund to fund CARE.	Malcolm X
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	Redirect the \$300 million police department slush fund into community health + safety programs: Expand non-police response system. Expand public mental health services. protect +scale youth peacekeeping jobs	Malcolm X
	Move 300 million from CPD to Public Health	Malcolm X
	reallocate CPD into housing dept of environment + public health	Malcolm X
	I think by getting closer to residents to find the root of violence and crime problem and trying to find possible solutions together...	Malcolm X
	Mental health clinics and programs in every community use schools, libraries to reach more people. expand CARE services, use the 300 million slush fund more	Malcolm X
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	I am a rich white, cis-het etc etc male - the one thing I want you to listen to me no is: Tax me. Tax eople like me. Tax corporations (esp. those owned by people like me.) (and then more CPD's 300 million slush fund to public health and youth services)	Malcolm X
	We need programs that combine more mental health programs - prevention & response in every community and violence prevention.	Malcolm X
	Need protections against luxury developments. Access to more affordable groceries. CARE teams and education around how to utilize them. Support for immigrants/refugees. Reallocating slush funds - todays dollars for todays people	Malcolm X
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	24/7 CARE services across the city. Public Mental health centers reopened in each police district. CPD relationships with youth organizations. Actually diverting young people to YIP providers	Malcolm X
	Stop the school and street violence	Online

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	Re-invest the safety budget toward prevention, CARE response and mental health. Police have a role, but we over rely on their response rather than investing in root causes like poverty and mental health. Invest in access, more clinics, guaranteed income! Use the police slush fund. Reduce reliance on police and overtime the city will also save MILLIONS on misconduct lawsuits and settlements.	Online
	more police	Online
	Public safety and good schools	Online
	More stringent traffic and parking enforcement. More police patrols.	Online
	Increased security to fight rampant crime along State Street, Red Line, and shops and garages in the area	Online
	Youth peacekeeping jobs, public health services (vaccines, STI/HIV prevention), public transit, public mental health centers, housing for disabled and unhoused people, CARE team, support for child care workers and caregivers	Online
	PLEASE defund the police! We spend WAY TOO MUCH money on policing. This money could be spent on supporting people. Raise taxes for rich entities, and put money back into communities.	Online
	Expanded CARE teams to be city-wide and 24/7	Online
	REDUCE POLICE BUDGET BY 50% - A GOOD START	Online
	"Instead of continuing police slush funds and responses to violence that don't work, let's invest in public health and safety programs that do. Right now, there is a \$300 million police slush fund budgeted for widely abused overtime and for vacant officer positions that CPD has made clear it cannot fill. By prioritizing public health and safety in our budget, we can," Protect & scale youth peacekeeping jobs, one of the most data-backed way to prevent community violence Protect public health services from being slashed by Trump cuts Expand the C.A.R.E non-police crisis response system so that it reaches everyone (24/7, citywide) and takes the burden of mental health response off of police officers Expand the public mental health centers so that there's one in every area of the city, and decrease the number of crises that happen"	Online
	Significantly reduce funding for the police department in order to fund more comprehensive and robust community-based services, such as violence prevention, healthcare, jobs, and safe, stable, and healthy housing, to create more flourishing communities for all.	Online
	"LESS funds to the chicago police department. stop paying them billions in overtime for doing nothing but sitting in cars all day and/or harassing people especially for protesting and nonviolent crimes! also fund the committee for immigrant and refugee rights! allow them to continue the great work they do while the federal government makes it harder for those groups of people to survive."	Online
	Defund CPD, open more cooling & heating centers, increase city personnel salaries & improve benefits, and housing assistance programs.	Online
	Get rid of traffic management and have venues have their own traffic like salt shed and parking enforcement needs to go	Online

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	The level of police expense is absurdly high - if it's in any way effective, show us the numbers of how. To the public it feels like more money is going towards police militarization, such that police officers don't feel like safe figures to anyone I know.	Online
	We need more restorative culture justice services that train youth, parents, workers, and elders on how to implement restorative practices in their home to prevent conflict, practice conflict resolution skills, and create safe spaces for positive relationship building.	Online
	Decrease funding from CPD. That money can best be used elsewhere, like constructing community centers that are controlled by community stakeholders	Online
	The police should be defunded entirely. Trans people should be protected unequivocally	Online
	teen takeovers	Online
	Better communication and reactivity on neighborhood requests through 311. Tree cutting, trees planted, clean up operations	Online
	We have to stop the violence. Stiffer penalties for offenders. It's not the only solution but we have to deter violence	Online
	"More tools for the police to prevent crime and catch criminals. No longer having Chicago Teachers Union control city government or involved in politics. This city requires a competent mayor who isn't owned by anyone or any group. Chicago needs a mayor who truly is a mayor for all. Continually appointing the the small group of like minded individuals to roles they aren't qualified for is slowly ruining the city. - please provide immediate attention to removal and clean up of the multiple, ever growing tent encampments on the lakefront that largely begins at Irving Park Rd and goes north on both sides of LSD."	Online
	Funding to protect sanctuary spaces	Online
	"I believe we need to take a massive slice of budget *away* from the Chicago Police Department and reallocate it to under-resourced solutions that research has proven make communities safer. We need to address social determinants of health and do a better job funding mental health crisis services, education, safe housing, etc. I also want to make sure the city does not spend ANY resources aiding ICE, CBP, or any other group aiding in mass deportations and detention of our neighbors."	Online
	More funds to police and crime prevention. Consolidate schools that are below capacity.	Online
	Provide full manning on CFD engines/trucks and provide better CFD vehicle maintenance	Online
	Look in to the cost of police issues with the lawsuits and ensure that the persons involved share their burden of the cost. Move resources to the neighborhoods with moving the number of visible police downtown.	Online
	Robbery and crime. You refuse to assist the downtown property owners with proper police assistance against violent crime and robberies.	Online
	Safety is my main concern	Online

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	The complacency with open drug dealing and use via aggressive panhandling and loitering in the Public Sectors of the City needs to be addressed. Homeless setting up camp at bus stops preventing Public Trans consumers to use provided shelters. Cleaning areas where known homeless sneak in and sleep or use drugs. Bleach isn't that expensive. Patrols on CTA and Train lines to prevent illegal activities .	Online
	The 50th aldermanic area desperately needs an ambulance. Building a annex at engine 71	Online
	Use "Broken windows" policing. Aggressively target minor offenses, like public drinking, vandalism, or 'wheels on the sidewalk' in an attempt to prevent more serious criminal activity.	Online
	Start making police officers pay their own settlements and carry insurance. Their bad behavior is bankrupting the city.	Online
	We need more gun safety and graffiti clean-up services. Also, an info session on how TIF funds are used in the community and see the accountability of the projects regarding TIF funds.	Online
	My neighborhood is inundated with gang violence, particularly one block west of my house. While violence may be down in the city overall, it is up in my community. Raising a family in this neighborhood shouldn't be scary but it is. The city and state are not doing enough to end gang violence. I am all for community programming that gets kids off the streets, but that does nothing to dispel the active gang members. Why pay more in property tax when taking advantage of the services puts my family at risk? Also, ending the shotspotter contract with nothing to replace it was a horrible idea. I definitely feel less safe in Little Village because of it.	Online
	We need to improve relationships with our police.	Online
	"My two top priorities are investing in the environment and reducing access to guns. Openlands has some specific notes on the environmental piece: Continue the funding of the Tree Inventory so Chicago can have a proper inventory of all street trees and improve tree equity across the city. Fund staff positions within the Department of Environment that enforce laws against environmental pollution. Full funding for the Bureau of Forestry to fill all current staff vacancies. Funding for a new enforcement and training position within the Bureau of Forestry. Allocate funds for green stormwater infrastructure maintenance so projects that protect communities from flooding can continue to be maintained"	Online
	Reducing crime all around the city!	Online
	My number 1 concern is feeling safe in the community.	Online
	More cameras for traffic enforcement, especially along the lake-front,	Online
	The police should be defunded entirely. Trans people should be protected unequivocally	Online
	We have to stop the violence. Stiffer penalties for offenders. It's not the only solution but we have to deter violence	Online
	Make the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share. Stop funding corrupt policing and put that money back into communities. Hold businesses that don't pay their workers enough accountable for leeching off taxpayer money when social services have to subsidize their low wages.	Online

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	-Close and consolidate Chicago Public Schools and offer school voucher programs. -Increase enforcement of criminal laws including low level offences and all traffic offenses. -Build a robust "trade school" infrastructure focusing on the high demand trades; electrical, HVAC, plumbing, automotive repair, carpentry... -Aggressively seek out new industries to come to Chicago; A.I., Technology, Software Development, Construction Contactors, etc.	Online
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	More stringent traffic and parking enforcement. More police patrols.	Online
	stop spending so much money on programs that don't work and more funding to the police.	Online
	Youth peacekeeping jobs, public health services (vaccines, STI/HIV prevention), public transit, public mental health centers, housing for disabled and unhoused people, CARE team, support for child care workers and caregivers	Online
	"Instead of continuing police slush funds and responses to violence that don't work, let's invest in public health and safety programs that do. Right now, there is a \$300 million police slush fund budgeted for widely abused overtime and for vacant officer positions that CPD has made clear it cannot fill. By prioritizing public health and safety in our budget, we can," ,úîÔ]è Protect & scale youth peacekeeping jobs, one of the most data-backed way to prevent community violence ,úîÔ]è Protect public health services from being slashed by Trump cuts ,úîÔ]è Expand the C.A.R.E non-police crisis response system so that it reaches everyone (24/7, citywide) and takes the burden of mental health response off of police officers ,úîÔ]è Expand the public mental health centers so that there's one in every area of the city, and decrease the number of crises that happen"	Online
	Significantly reduce funding for the police department in order to fund more comprehensive and robust community-based services, such as violence prevention, healthcare, jobs, and safe, stable, and healthy housing, to create more flourishing communities for all.	Online

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	"LESS funds to the chicago police department. stop paying them billions in overtime for doing nothing but sitting in cars all day and/or harassing people especially for protesting and nonviolent crimes! also fund the committee for immigrant and refugee rights! allow them to continue the great work they do while the federal government makes it harder for those groups of people to survive."	Online
	Don't spent millions of dollars on imaginary projects that cover your money laundering. Who do you help? Absolutely nobody. Stop bankrupting the city and telling us to shut up when we can walk around at night due to racist crime towards downtown property owners. If 300 white teens caused problems in teen takeovers of black communities - it would be stopped immediately. Your policies are racist and delusional	Online
	The level of police expense is absurdly high - if it's in any way effective, show us the numbers of how. To the public it feels like more money is going towards police militarization, such that police officers don't feel like safe figures to anyone I know.	Online
	Fully fund transit; DEFUND THE POLICE!	Online
	If there's anything similar in structure to Bring Chicago Home, we should explore those funding sources. Please also prioritize pedestrian spaces over car spaces - the amount of times I have tripped and almost hurt myself on City sidewalks is huge; while the amount of times I have almost hurt myself or my car on City roads is zero. Please also actually ticket for traffic violations! There are so many cases of semi-trucks unnecessarily blocking crosswalks, bike lanes, intersections, entire driving lanes, etc. that go completely unenforced. It is an extreme safety concern and is infuriating to see the City not caring and letting a potential revenue source go untapped. We all know those giant corporations can afford it.	Online
	Please increase the budget for Chicago Animal Care and Control. They are overwhelmed and under-resourced, and animals are being turned away or left on the streets. We need more staff, space, and support to give animals the care and protection they deserve. Also, please consider increasing funding for community development, environmental justice, mental health, community safety, and immigration defense & education.	Online
	We need to prioritize funding and expanding the cta L and bus service, by a substantial increase to vacant lines I'm talking 10-20 times increase if not more. By doing this we will force landlords to stop squatting on valuable land that can be developed into more publicly owned affordable housing by using a portion of the money from the vacant lot fines, and the more the population grows the more taxes the city will be receiving. If that isn't enough to cover both of the above ideas put a tax or raise the tax on hotels and airbnbs and other tourism businesses. Make the CPD stop anyone who is running around kidnapping Chicagoan's saying they are police federal or state. My god we just saw in Minnesota someone disguised as police officers assassinated a house speaker. We cannot allow that to happen here again the police must stop anyone who is running around armed and masked in the streets of Chicago kidnapping people in broad fucking daylight. DO SOMETHING! Thank you staff for all you do.	Online
	If federal funding has fallen from CDPH, funding for hiring CPD and providing CPD overtime needs to be redirected toward ensuring public health is not interrupted and continues to be funded adequately - That includes chronic illness programs, vaccines, food safety, peace keepers, care teams, and outpatient mental health services and community health workers would give us to make sure people who have barriers accessing care get what they need.	Truman

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	Use police slush fund for public health + safety! CDPH needs \$52mil to sustain basic operation + care services	Truman
	youth peacekeeping jobs, too, would increase neighborhood spirit and safety	Truman
	Fully fund mobile case managers for folks experiencing mental illness and or substance abuse disorder + take money from CPD overtime funds / unfilled positions and use for this!	Truman
	Funding for community health workers. maternal healthcare. closing the life expectancy gap. Use Police Slush Fund for Public Health+Safety	Truman
	Hello! I want CPD's spending/allocated funds to be seriously evaluated and reappropriated to departments + programs that provide essential public safety, mental health, physical health, and community services. Please expand the CARE program using CPD's Vacancy fund. Chicago has one of the highest sworn officer per capita ratios in the world. and the Inspector General's office has determined CPD abuses overtime funding. Please reallocate the money to CARE, reopening mental health centers, funding CDPH from the corporate fund, youth jobs+programming, prevent violence	Truman
	I would like to encourage the city to reallocate the \$300m of CPD funds that are allocated towards "Vacancies" that can't be filled towards useful and important projects including, CARE, non-police response. Treatment not traum. CPDH HIV/STI prevention, youth jobs, ambulances/fire response and mental health centers. We would also like to see more funding for childcare workers' pay and for programs to support local artists + art programs	Truman
	We need to use the 300 million police funds that currently go toward police overtime and vacant officer positions. The overtime funds are known to be abused and in these tumultous times we cannot afford to allow this. Instead as a community member I would like to see these funds go toward youth peacekeeping jobs, public health services, expanding CARE. Non-police crisis response systems, expanding public mental health centers, and funding more staff for ambulance services and the fire department	Truman
	Particularl given the fact that the federal government currently provides over 3/4 of the funding fro CDPH we should redirect some of the \$300 million that CPD gets for unfillable vacancies towards the crucial work CDPH does, including the CARE program, HIV/STI treatment, public/mental health centers, and other support systems for people across the city. Many people at our table noted the importance of the CARE program in making sure there is a non-police resource for situations where people need emergency mental health support. I would also like to see additional funding for the start of early post partum visiting program. There's also a need for more outreach/awareness around more programs and other supports the city provides.	Truman
	\$300 million should be redirected to expand the CARE non-police crisis response program, add more ambulances, add more public health centers, and continue to increase youth jobs + programming	Truman
	"-reduced police presence. Seeing police with assault rifles patrolling Cubs games does not make me feel safe. -Every resident should have access to mental health services -More youth peacekeeping jobs -Improve the ambulance shortage crisis"	Truman
	"- funding for our domestic violence shelters -sustainable affordable housing -maintain existing services and funding"	Truman
	-protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs	Truman

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	I support raising taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations to close the budget gap as well as reducing the \$200 million unused slush fund reserved by the Chicago Police Department	Truman
	Public Health + Safety Coalition - Care teams 24/7 Citywide - Public MH Centers - Youth Peacekeeping Jobs. Use \$300 million from CPD Vacancies	Truman
	Reallocate 300 million from the CPD overtime budget to fund and expand CARE - Shielding this essential program from federal grants being revoked and expanding the program to support our communities and bring more jobs. Chicago Public Health and safety coalition	Truman
	"I support reallocating the UNUSED \$300 mil. from CPD to make up any shortfall w/ as little tax increase as possible. (what other department would be allowed to keep that on the books and continue receiving it? If there are cuts, everyone should deal w/ it proportionally). Also, higher tax on ""investment properties"" (maybe up that proportionally to lowering taxes for people living there?) Limiting private equity acquisition of business/properties."	Truman
	City leaders, elected and not, who have the power to scrutinize details of the city's budget should be asking questions about the police department's use of funds and where that money should be going to actually support citizens (health, safety) to PREVENT violence. CPD has been allocated \$300 million/year for vacancies they cannot fill and overtime they abuse (according to the Inspector General's office). That money should be going to CARE, reopening mental health clinics, to take responsibility from CPD that they do not want and services they cannot provide. Mayor Johnson should continue to fund youth jobs and programming. CPD does not prevent violence by addressing any root cause.	Truman
	"The \$300 million dollar CPD slush fund for vacancies could instead be used to : - Scale up youth peacekeeping jobs - protect public health services cut by Trump admin - Expand CARE teams to be 24/7, city wide - Expand public mental health centers to every ward (24/7) - fully staff ambulances in the fire dept ...and there would still be money left over."	Truman
	Use and reallocate funding from the \$300 million CPD slush fund originally designated for hiring and overtime --- putting it more towards mental health experts as responders in mental health crises	Truman
	There are about \$300 M in the police slush fund for open positions that will not be filled and OT that has been abused that can be reallocated to the CARE program, expanding mental health centers, scaling peacekeeping programs, and funding ambulances for the fire department.	Truman
	Please support the PHS coalition proposal to reallocate funds from the \$300 mil CPD vacancy slush fund to programs like youth peacekeeping and mental health	Truman
	"CPD gets way too much funding, that should be redirected elsewhere CARE teams need more funding -> we need actual alternatives to police in times of crisis More libraries should get public health vending machines"	Truman
	Using unused police funds (300 million in overtime or unfilled positions) for health services, peacekeeping jobs, ambulances, mental health centers and expanding CARE teams.	Truman

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	Reallocate the \$300 million police slush fund towards protecting and scaling youth peacekeeping jobs, protect public health services, expand the CARE non-police crisis response system to be 24/7 and citywide, expand public mental health centers especially on the south and west sides, and solve the crisis of understaffing and ambulance shortages in the fire department. Protect HIV prevention and treatment services, and support queer and trans community health and safety	Truman
	Given the budget crisis, divert unused funds to vital programs and services. For example, divert funds from CPD that sit unused to public health/mental health. Only increase the property tax if on high end property.	Truman
	Re-allocate from the 300 million in police OT + vacancies to public safety efforts like CARE and youth violence prevention initiatives so we know this process works and is worth our time.	Truman
	Please take funds away from Police and use it for our youth, mental health, CARE, etc.	Truman
	"1. Protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs 2. Expand non-police crisis response system. Have correct, trained traige-ing for the right response to mental health/suicide ideation/ drug calls - not police 3. Better public education/publicity for mental health crisis numbers"	Truman
	"-protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs -protect public health services -expand the CARE non-police crisis response system so that it reaches everyone -expand the public mental health centers -solve the crisis of understaffing and ambulance shortages in the fire department"	Truman
	need tables for various languages (Spanish, Hindu, Etc) - The Public Health and Safety Coalition want to see root cause approaches to Public safety and public health. Move the \$300 million slush funds to public health and community safety	Truman
	"Continued engagement with groups after passage of ordinances (eg Green Social Housing) More public seating and restrooms Assistance w/ Green Schools - easy to follow program Allocate police budget to trained deescalation people for cases where nonviolence is needed"	Truman
	"-Prioritizing transit expansion and micro-mobility led street and city design -reduce CPD slush fund -increase funding to dept. of Environment -Legalize ADOs and multi-family zoning city-wide"	Truman
	We need to tax wealthy corporations! No need to raise taxes on working class folks. CPD budget is bloated.	Truman
	"Tax the rich Pitting programs taht we need against each other is not helpful. Move funding for the police to mental health teams and public health, and treatment not traumaa and violence prevention. Violence prevention means jobs. Mental health clinics and in schools, affordable housing, public health. Home Modifications for disabled are urgently needed"	Truman
	Use the \$200 million reserved for CPD open jobs for public health programs and violence reduction programs	Truman

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	\$52 million more for CDPH for CHWS, Chronic disease, HIV/STI, Vaccines, mental health. - Take from Police Slush Fund!	Truman
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	"Private, non tax paying organizations need to be recruited to financially support public services they/their employees and those they serve use. I'm talking about the large universities, hospitals, private K-12 schools, etc Use the \$200 M reserved for CPD unfilled positions for public health jobs and programs that will reduce violence Do not cut services to fill the budget deficit. Raise revenue especially for those wealthy corporations that can afford to pay"	Truman
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	Dedicated revenue source for young families. Youth: program w/ mental health - make sure there is a space for. CPS has another budget - how does DFSS interact w/ them? Public schools have a seat where, not all of them do -> community safety should be in schools to attract the most. -> how can we aid that, who to interact. More resources for GBV and how best to involve police presence	Truman

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Economic Development	Communities need access/resources to financial literacy wealth management and entrepreneur programs. with financial literacy not only do we shift economic mobility but we also reduce crime and violence in the process	Harold Washington
	My community need more available resources in tech, business development, investment, real estate classes, construction class	Harold Washington
	More work for people that need it	Harold Washington
	"Cyber Security Job Opportunities Digital Literacy"	Harold Washington
	help those who are neurodivergent have easier access to getting work, healthcare, and necessities they need	Harold Washington
	Gentrification, labor training. Illinois EPA permit makes first facility, stricter environmental regulation, food for less still open, streets are crowded. 47th store walgreens and business for tourists, nothing for the residents. Tourist attractions, classic arts versus make shape for graffiti. Supermarkets, streets are bad, ashland, streets, violence	Harold Washington
	HIGH IMPORTANCE - I had a great time discussing the concerns for the city of Chicago, Specifically, I would like to emphasize the importance of implementing regenerative economics as an important business, holistic paradigm for the mayor. This approach focuses on the holistic well being of our economy.	Harold Washington
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	Reallocate CPD's \$300 million in overtime funds to youth jobs, mental health resources and the Chicago department of public health- help fund community based organizations to provide jobs to those in the community. offer research opportunities targeted towards youth, perhaps through city colleges. Reopen mental health facilities all throughout the city.	Harold Washington

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	The people in my community would need more opportunities for the youth and job opportunities. Remodeled Housing	Harold Washington
	No public funds should go toward the Quantum Campus. The Quantum facility must not be built. Discontinue police slush funds and put that investment into the ambulance shortage, expand the CARE non-police crisis response system so that it reaches everyone, expand public mental health centers, and protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs to prevent violence.	Kennedy King
	How are you all giving awareness to entreprenurs about the funding you provide for entrepreneurs in thier community? ... I would like to start discussing tactics to enhance local communication about amenities and businesses within residents communities. To enhance foot traffic and longevity for their business.	Kennedy King
	financial literacy courses	Kennedy King
	More support for new state of the art buildings to drive employment and investments into community. Such as teaching [illegible], lab spaces etc.	Kennedy King
	I was raised on the south side. seeing the difference in police response, restaurants, fitness gyms, parks, I see a lot of businesses may open on the South Side , but dont last. It could be the residents and lack of visiting/supporting but really want to see an expansion of job training and marketing initiatives for awareness of the business on the South Side	Kennedy King
	I feel the englewood community West 67th, West 69th Street, West 59th street from Ashland to Halsted has been neglected for years. There appears to be no concern for these areas especially affordable housing. The only businesses in these areas are fast food places and liquor stores. Would TIF dollars help bring in diverse businesses other than fried chicken (burger and liquor stores)?	Kennedy King
	SE Chicago prepares for "quantum computers"	Kennedy King
	Focused job training for the jobs of tomorrow, accross short periods of time with stipends	Kennedy King
	Employment opportunities, sports opportunities, and help with mental health.	Kennedy King
	The big problem is lack of money - b/c of Trump, huge transfer of money from poor and working and middle class to the very rich. Cities need to band together, not compete to try to keep investment from leaving, to keep corps from playing one off against the other.	Kennedy King
	I think everyone working on public safety should be paid fairly, including CIV workers. District counselors and CCPSA commissioners. Englewood needs support, resources, all the things it was diverted of for years	Kennedy King

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	Please continue funding and bringing child care worker's salaries aligned with CPS ECE workers salaries. Expand paid leave to domestic workers. Protect and hold the line on One Fair Wage for tipped workers. Establish the creation of a Director of Workplace position. Enforce construction equity goals for the construction workforce. Fund OLS for enhanced enforcement of workers protections.	Kennedy King
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	I live near the Target in West Loop on Jackson and Aberdeen. There are A LOT of vacant store fronts on my street. I'd love if the city could encourage these large spaces to be subdivided into smaller spaces and/or allow multiple rotating tenants to support a greater variety of small businesses. More popups! More markets! Consider model like Pike Place in Seattle for small business incubator (1 location limit, no chains). More street food! Chicago doesn't have much street food compared to NYC or LA and that's a huge missed opportunity.	Malcolm X
	Emphasize small business incubation. Priority permit processing for entrepreneurs and 2-4 flat developers	Malcolm X
	I am a co-founder of a self-advocacy group called Chicagoland Disabled People of Color Coalition, which is supported by the Institute on disability and Human development At UIC. One of our main concerns is funding employment opportunities for our members, even in creative arts, which city departments outside of MOPD, we can connect and collaborate with to provide resources and opportunities for disabled people of color to work, get paid to make art, or create on site or online businesses?	Malcolm X
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	I want to see \$300 mil CPD slush fund reinvested in CVI, CARE, and other public health resources. And I'd like to see the city fund co-operative real estate programs to incentivize co-owned commercial real estate as a community wealthbuilding and anti gentrification tool	Malcolm X
	cut the 30 million out of CPD budget. Put them funds in more mental health centers being open, jobs, and housing	Malcolm X
	Utilize resources already on hand to provide income such as restoring bike rentals and repairs at the north end of millennium park and allow a restaurant to reopen on the south end of the park currently being used to store landscaping equipment.	Online
	More entrepreneurial events	Online

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	The government should subsidize the hospitality industry for hourly workers because there's no such thing as a local economy without hospitality workers and higher wages shouldn't fall on independent operators alone.	Online
	Opportunities for people who have lost their job to do more volunteer work to gain hours for example, if they need LCSW hours, LSW hours or even some type of certification to close the gap of services in the community	Online
	Young people who have finished college cannot get jobs in the city, county or state because these public entities always have some unnecessary restrictions. Therefore the same people get hired or transferred over and over again to city Departments. These young people get depressed and disgusted.	Online
	Rental assistance for commercial spaces for small businesses.	Online
	How to build volunteer networks to support the gaps in education, childcare, workforce training, financial budgeting, building support and skillsets into the communities.	Online
	"Our community needs fiscal responsibility, accountability, and real follow-through from city leadership. We are tired of seeing bloated budgets and mismanaged spending while basic services suffer. Public schools are not underfunded , they are poorly managed, and recent financial decisions like the massive loan only deepen public distrust.	
	We need to see support for small businesses and local developers, who are constantly buried under bureaucracy. The city must stop stifling growth with outdated permitting processes and inconsistent regulations. There must be measurable progress on the Red Tape Agenda, with public updates and accountability for agencies that delay or obstruct investment in our neighborhoods.	Online
	Stop throwing money at problems. Start demanding results."	
	I am a strong supporter of a land value tax (tax that incentivizes building up vacant lots and doesn't tax big buildings more than parking lots or vacant lots that waste space) -If we're making jobs programs, please ensure that the jobs are contributing to actual community impact like lead pipe replacements or new train lines. We are far behind schedule for lead pipe replacements and need to fix this ASAP. -I'm a fan of taxing cars based on weight. Heavier cars are more likely to -For the "affordable housing" section, please make it easier for shelters to open up by cutting regulatory tape. Too often, shelters can't open in wealthy neighborhoods because of NIMBYism and biased public feedback that intrinsically favors older residents with more time on their hands. I think it should be a priority to get people off the streets and into stable housing. It's not fair to other people when they can't use spaces like bus stops, parks, or sidewalks because someone experiencing homelessness refuses to accept a bed in a shelter. There needs to be a city-provided offer for stable housing, but individuals should be removed from public spaces if they refuse.	Online

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	In communities like Austin and across Chicago's West and South Sides, there's a troubling imbalance: we have more liquor stores than grocery stores. This reflects deeper issues of disinvestment and harmful zoning patterns that continue to impact our health, safety, and economic well-being. Liquor stores are disproportionately concentrated in our neighborhoods, while access to essential resources like fresh food, youth programs, and safe public spaces remains limited. As the city works to balance its budget and set funding priorities, we urge leaders to redirect resources toward what our communities truly need, affordable grocery stores, wellness centers, support for local Black- and Brown-owned businesses, and investments in arts, culture, and entrepreneurship. Budgeting with equity in mind means addressing these disparities head-on and creating opportunities that allow our neighborhoods to thrive, not just survive. Real change starts when we listen to and prioritize the voices of those most impacted by these long-standing issues.	Online
	The lead pipes need to be removed and it shouldn't take 30 yrs to do it. Existing industrial polluters, who look a pollution fines as simply the cost of doing business as usual, should be fined to the point that it cuts their profits. New, high tech industries with new types of pollution emissions need better regulation. Brownfield need remediation.	Online
	-Close and consolidate Chicago Public Schools and offer school voucher programs. -Increase enforcement of criminal laws including low level offences and all traffic offenses. -Build a robust "trade school" infrastructure focusing on the high demand trades; electrical, HVAC, plumbing, automotive repair, carpentry... -Aggressively seek out new industries to come to Chicago; A.I., Technology, Software Development, Construction Contractors, etc.	Online
	How is the city showing its commitment to the small business community through its current budget priorities? Technology updates are needed now for long-term savings. More funding for BAVP for service agencies like Chicago Business Center	Truman
	Increased funding for small business and economic development organizations, such as NBDC + CBC programs. Technological investments to streamline city services + applications (one portal vs CBD, DOB, IDI, etc.) which will lead to long-term savings. Tech Literacy continues to be a barrier.	Truman
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	"-if we have afterschool programs for all of our children and JOB programs for everyone, esp. adults on probations and parole, you can CUT crime >50% in 2025, SAVING LIVES and millions of tax dollars a penny of prevention is worth a dollar of care if we cut crimes drugs and joblessness 10% we SAVE >\$400 M/yr, 30% >\$2B/year"	Truman
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	- build shelters and housing in empty lots - stop displacement by supporting Just Cause Ordinance - invest in small businesses - I am not an expert in revenue but I suggest to start a Rental Registry so corporate landlords pay their fair share. And start to make this city sustainable. We cannot only depend on property taxes for Revenue. You are killing homeowner, small landlords, and tenants"	Truman
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Environmental Justice	more trees and safety	Harold Washington
	there should be more green spaces especially in south and east side	Harold Washington
	"Neighbor clean after trees fall down after rain disaster or crack/holes on the roads need faster responds to remove trees to avoid (unclear...) Also fix holes (unclear) to avoid the hole to get bigger"	Harold Washington
	improve fundamental infrastructure. Hospital. Teenagers. Public transportation. Gun control	Harold Washington
	cleaning the streets. better parks	Harold Washington
	you need to change the sidewalks and clean up	Harold Washington
	more air monitors in the south and west side. More regulations on the sacrifice zone where penalties are not just monetary because those could easily be paid off	Harold Washington
	need more trash can. More policing at night	Harold Washington
	more compost availability. Not only will it help the environment for the greenhouse emission problem, but it may or I should say it will help with income for Chicago if done correctly. Create compost to strike deals with farmers or the people of Chicago to create healthy dirt. In short I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE COMPOST BINS IN EVERY CHICAGOAN HOME	Harold Washington
	Accessibility needs should be incorporated when thinking about infrastructure and public transportation for people with mobility issues and audio/visual impairment	Harold Washington
	I would say beautification!	Harold Washington
	Free internet for everybody and stable housing.	Harold Washington
	Community safety- COPA's Mediation program deserves more funding - there's no reason that CPD has \$4M. There would be less need for CPD if there was more mediation. Environmental Justice and infrastructure - it gets so hard to breathe on certain days - why does DSS ... [?]	Harold Washington
	i feel like you guys NEED to fix our streets, but also i feel like you guys should put time into the middle class, working class, we hardly get any support from the government and I don't feel like we should defund the police cause people die a lot here	Harold Washington
	Advocating more funds for CPD, replinish empty lots (contains things being seen) and gardens	Harold Washington

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	the city's needs are not reflected by the current budget. Instead of violence prevention, pedestrian safety, affordable housing, school funding, and water/air quality monitors, the city continues to fund the CPD that is overpolicing and destroying our community	Harold Washington
	Gentrification, labor training. Illinois EPA permit makes first facility, stricter environmental regulation, food for less still open, streets are crowded. 47th store walgreens and business for tourists, nothing for the residents. Tourist attractions, classical arts versus make shape for graffiti. Supermarkets, streets are bad, ashland, streets, violence	Harold Washington
	The safety of students who are commuting, this can be more lighting in the area or security/officers/cameras in places where it's neglected from the rest of the city. Additionally, buses/trains arriving more quickly/ an increase of vehicles to decrease commuters to feel unsafe.	Harold Washington
	Increase police proactivity / # of patrols / officers have a mediator mental health/social security accompany them in needed areas and situations. ex. when they get a potentially dangerous call. Make use of empty lots/abandoned buildings restoration build more houses, community gardens. Have police/epa officials deter littering community polluting by stopping talking to those who litter and after seeing them do it a few times small fine/ org that literal job is to constantly everyday go around pick up trash source of employment/revenue and mitigates problems. Worn road markings and pavement, transit time (more close relation to CPD would help) don't raise taxes to help budget it will push people and business to move hence less people to tax anyway	Harold Washington
	To improve budget management it is wise to look at the root of cause for anything and everything. How can youth from separated neighborhoods grow up to be an individual that helps their community? Corporate businesses should be taxed more than usual youth who are starting out in life. Infrastructures, community resources, affordable housing all around Chicago should be priority. Health should be second and CPD should definitely be last! WHY? if they have the highest budget why is Chicago considered to be the highest crime rated city? if they can't do well, lower their budget	Harold Washington
	Street repair, tree trimming, rodent problems, safety	Kennedy King
	I didn't select this as my environmental justice priority but street repair is critically needed. the potholes are like trying to navigate landmines. I'd love to see more bus stops w/ shelters. This may not be the city's budget concern or domain but the increase in ride-share charges is ridiculous	Kennedy King
	The Dept of the Environment should be expanded so as to provide regulatory oversight. Industrial polluters are getting fined but not enough to set them to clean up their acts. High tech industries with 21st century types of pollution new to the Chicago area (cryogenic chemicals, heated water, infrasound, noise) are completely unregulated. Expanding the scope of the department of the environment would greatly impact meeting this need.	Kennedy King
	What are some ways that the city is continuing to support South Side neighborhoods have better air quality? And can we get some better equipment to mitigate the health consequences of poor air quality danger? Ex. masks, air purifiers giveaways	Kennedy King
	More replacement of the lead pipe service line programs. Filter for faucets of homeowners, residents and residential buildings.	Kennedy King

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	Please return environment enforcement and inspection positions back to the Dept of Environment in order to improve environmental protection and create self sustaining and funding DOE. Speed up LSLR. Water affordability and protection in wake of PSI Quantum and rise of data centers--consider higher water rate for these uses. More and improved bike lanes on south side especially along wider street corridors like Stony Island.	Kennedy King
	Funding for Dept of Environ. Enforcement. Full staff for B of Forestry with enforcement position.	Kennedy King
	More funding, staff and engagement for dept of enviro. More focus on wildlife protection.	Kennedy King
	Replace garbage grid system, community garbage cans and collection to prevent litter bugs dropping trash in the streets. More after school programs for teens	Kennedy King
	Programs that provide financial assistance in inner cities to natural disasters such as flooding and tornado damage	Kennedy King
	City should make sure the tenants have clean water.	Kennedy King
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	fund the items that make Chicago a safer, healthier, affordable city by reforming a legacy aspect of the budget that are inefficient/wasteful and poorly/unfairly designed ; Reformed workers compensation strategies that root out and prevent fraud. Restructured business model that funds city worker judgements (for policy violations, etc) out of offending worker paychecks/pension/insurance. Elimination of city worker double pensions. Innovate efficiencies in smaller programs (replace annuals with perennials within the greenery program, use reclaimed water to care for greenery; pro-actively work with communities to improve infrastructure and other deficiencies, etc.	Malcolm X
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	More green space and trees, maintenance on trees. Understanding that the public park are not in the city budget - other green spaces should be priorities for recreation and health	Malcolm X
	Clean streets, maintained housing, block clubs, usable active parks, programs, sports, music, arts, safe schools, SEL counseling, mental health services, affinity clubs, bring back shot spotter or and cameras at homes. Mentoring, [illegible] pay it forward	Malcolm X
	Flood recovery (fund allocation, basement restoration, issues w/ contractors	Malcolm X
	More money for environment to enforcement	Malcolm X
	Ensure that neighborhoods are clean therefore it reinforces positive activity.	Malcolm X
	How can DSS collaborate with high schools with SPED programs or occupational high schools like [?] or south side occupational academy? to help students with disabilities navigate the labor trainee program, ask for job and program accommodations, and land equitable paying meaningful work base don their strengths, interests, and accommodation needs? what are other programs available where high school students with disabilities can learn trades like cosmetology, carpentry, etc?	Malcolm X
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	Libraries! We need longer hours on Sundays. Solar panels on city buildings?	Malcolm X
	Why aren't there more electric CTA buses? There aren't enough or any electric vehicle charging stations. Environmentally stagnant. Need to have the EV charging infrastructure move faster, doesn't need to be publicly owned, public-private ownership. EJ needs to have more teeth and departments need to have more enforcement. Damen Silos-need to give depts. more authority	Malcolm X
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	reallocate CPD funds for repurposing vacant lots, automating and creating environment infrastructure... more trees planted, way more! dedicated and protected environmental e-fund, fund our department of environment	Malcolm X
	Green schools resolution -> collaboration between CPS and city departments. Limitations how to federal funding which impacts some of DOE's 2026 strategy. Are green solutions/technology/infrastructure becoming the priority for the city? or are they still just nice to haves? investment is going to libraries, police buildings. focus on making libraries community centers. Focus on energy efficiency investments in city-managed buildings. As the fleet moves to electric, there is the challenge to ensure there are enough charging stations. CPS is looking at an automotive tech training program on EV technology, CPS is applying to a state grant for this programming. Interest in partnering with Dept. of Env. emphasis on the Green Schools Resolution, need to promote green investments as improvement to city managed buildings, we shouldnt settle for old technologies.	Malcolm X
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	Adding greenery to public spaces (south and west sides) to decrease temperatures	Online
	More transparency and public education about the city environmental and climate change goals and programs. Nobody believes that the city recycles the items in the blue bins. Making it more affordable to transition to green technology ie gas to electric stoves, solar panels, home insulation.	Online
	Road pavement improvement, increased safety measures for pedestrians including red light cameras and improved crosswalk signals and signage, more frequent tree maintenance in and out of parks, improved sewer drainage to prevent flooding on roads, rat/rodent control	Online
	Tree planting and trimming	Online
	Climate mitigation , green corridors, renewable energy assistance,, public education about environmental issues such as native plantings and. Pollinators	Online
	Better intersection control (ie. Left green arrows)	Online
	Fund natural solutions to environmental problems, including a tree inventory, filling positions in the Departments of Environment and Forestry for better enforcement, and fund green infrastructure to prevent flooding.	Online
	The amount of trash in public spaces is appalling. We need to limit the use of single use plastics and encourage reusables in on site dining and fast food places.	Online
	To eliminate the street cleaning signage in neighborhoods where street parking is already a significant issue. Especially since there is no daily street cleaning done as the signs indicate, this is just another revenue grab by the city.	Online

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	Repairing potholes and maintaining bike lines so that my bike commute is less scary !	Online
	Speed bumps are not bike friendly. There should be narrow cut-outs that permit bikes to ride through the speed bump rather than over it. Some speed bumps are not visible ...all speed bumps should have bright reflective paint	Online
	Street repair and resurfacing is needed in Norwood Park.	Online
	We can benefit from a cleaner community, smoother streets and more services for youth.	Online
	In Albany Park, there are a lot of trees in bad shape, many of which were recently planted and haven't taken and a number of mature trees that will need to be cut down and will create even larger gaps in the tree canopy. It's great the city has moved to grid-based trimming, the city also needs to care for recently planted trees and work to start filling in gaps. There are nearly entire blocks that will not have trees.	Online
	Street pavement cleanup and alley and street renovation.	Online
	Maintain and expand tree trimming and planting services	Online
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	invest in planting trees to mitigate effects of climate change	Online
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	More trees and green space	Online
	"A. Continue the funding of the Tree Inventory so Chicago can have a proper inventory of all street trees and improve tree equity across the city. Chicago continues to lose tree canopy, especially compared to other cities. B. Fund staff positions within the Department of Environment that enforce laws against environmental pollution. You can easily make back what you spend on funding via fines while doing a critical public service. C. Full funding for the Bureau of Forestry to fill all current staff vacancies. D. Funding for a new enforcement and training position within the Bureau of Forestry. E. Allocate funds for green stormwater infrastructure maintenance so projects that protect communities from flooding can continue to be maintained"	Online
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	Rebuilding the tree canopy.	Online

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	I believe in the benefits of trees and all that it takes to plant them and care for them	Online
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	Save trees and plant trees.	Online

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	Please apply more waste-management to the west-side. There's no reason why there's limited receptacles to disperse trash/recycling	Online
	Funding for environmental projects such as increasing the tree canopy city wide.	Online
	Please preserve public nature areas and never privatize boat launches or fishing areas.	Online
	Please continue city wide tree planting at Schools -city buildings -parkways-residential neighborhoods and all parks-	Online
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	The city's infrastructure needs a fair amount of work. Safer and cleaner public transportation would be where I would start.	Online

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	Finish the unfinished first. I have been waiting for three years for the city to install a water meter in my house. I overpay for garbage and water as a result.	Online
	Please start fining people for not cutting their grass . I k ow this sounds prejudice STOP putting low income individuals in a working jhomeowners community . It does not work.	Online
	Plant more trees	Online
	Urban agriculture programs	Online
	How can we revamp Aldermanic Menu money so disinvested neighborhoods have a greater share of the 'pie' in order to right wrongs, and get the neighborhoods on more level playing field	Online
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	They keep stealing are plastic garbage cans from are alley	Online
	Caring for and expanding the urban forest to continue reaping the benefits it provides, including stormwater management, cooling, removing carbon from the atmosphere, producing oxygen, and crime reduction .	Online
	We need to replace our tree canopy throughout the city in all neighborhoods. My neighborhood has had much tree damage from storms and our trees are not properly trimmed or taken care of. Causing future damage to property. Healthy well cared for trees do so many good things for us. clean the air divert rain water overflow and shade to keep temperatures down. Please make this a bigger goal.	Online
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	Complete the tree census. Fully fund the forestry dept. Fund tre replacement programs.	Online
	Transportation -- improving the reliability and headways on CTA, improving bike lanes throughout the city, closing Lake Shore Drive to cars	Online
	Road pavement improvement, increased safety measures for pedestrians including red light cameras and improved crosswalk signals and signage, more frequent tree maintenance in and out of parks, improved sewer drainage to prevent flooding on roads, rat/ rodent control	Online
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	Repairing potholes and maintaining bike lines so that my bike commute is less scary !	Online
	We can benefit from a cleaner community, smoother streets and more services for youth.	Online
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	More money being input in animal welfare and roads.	Online
	Please increase the budget for CACC. Please increase the budget for sidewalk repairs. Please get the parking meters back.	Online
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	Much of this administration's focus has been on the South and West Side and low income communities, and rightly so. However, as as North Side middle income family, I'd like to see programs that help middle income folks. There are a lot of great programs, like lead line replacement, or help for seniors to maintain their homes, that middle income people don't qualify for, but in reality will never be able to afford on their own. The folks trapped in that middle area are often the folks who keep neighborhoods and blocks stable, thriving, and welcoming - they are often nurses, teachers, police officers, etc people who make up the important middle class and do work that we need to make the city attractive to business investment and residents. One example of what happens - I hate to see my older neighbors forced to sell their homes, and be replaced by young wealthy folks who knock down their old home and build a giant one, only to move to the suburbs a few years later, leaving a home on the market that no middle income folks can afford to buy. I urge the administration to think carefully about how to support the middle class across the City in a long term way - after all, our hope is that the services we provide to low income folks will allow them to climb into the middle class, so we cannot abandon them when they get there.	Online
	We need more gun safety and graffiti clean-up services. Also, an info session on how TIF funds are used in the community and see the accountability of the projects regarding TIF funds.	Online

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	Climate mitigation , green corridors, renewable energy assistance,, public education about environmental issues such as native plantings and. Pollinators	Online
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	Tax huge cars like SUVs + trucks, Suburbans, because they take up so much space on the street. They're dangerous they damage our streets. We should disincentivize their use through high tax on having them in the city	Truman
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General Community Services	Why is the community services percentage only 3.5%; why do police get \$300 million just to sit on it; gatekeep	Harold Washington
	Your a grown ass man begging youth to solve this budget crisis when you refuse to stand on business and hide from the people. YOUR PEOPLE. If you won't ride for us or with us, then respectfully step down off that high horse and retire yourself for us. We are tired of being tired, so we do things differently.	Harold Washington
	there's no other ideas at the moment that i would want you to know about	Harold Washington
	I'm not sure	Harold Washington
	No ideas	Harold Washington
	spend more on what's needed and less on what is less important	Harold Washington
	we can improve it by spending it on things that matter	Harold Washington
	give freely what was given to y'all \$	Kennedy King
	Standardized data disaggregation for ethnic minorities (population counts, health data, etc.). year round early childhood education programs. CCAP for students with special needs	Malcolm X
	Get rid of the mayor!	Online
	Stray cats!	Online
	Stop wasting our money	Online
	Think of the citizens who are paying. We are hurting too!	Online
	hire people who look and act professional	Online
	i know the cops do NOT need that much money	Online
	Let the Bears go, tax the rich, place huge penalties on residential teardowns and deconversions of 2-flats	Online
	Cut the amount of Alderman	Online
	Better represent teen out events. Report say 50,000 teens interacted responsibly for 4 hours at/near navy pier, then went home. A few hundred bad actors stayed late, acted in ways unsafe to others, and became the whole story. If police and media don't tell whole truth, you miss great opportunity to say "WHAT WENT WELL FOR THOUSANDS OF GOOD KIDS, WHO DESERVE SAFE SPACES ACROSS THIS CITY. " DO BETTER MAYOR FOR OUR CHILDREN, THE FUTURE. THANKS	Online
	Businesses in Chicago, large, mid size and small do not contribute enough philanthropic support to the city of Chicago communities. This type of support appears to have declined over the last few decades.	Online
	My community would like to see the mayor sometimes. If the mayor would come to the community (Calumet Heights) where I live, that would be great.	Online
	I live in a privileged community and would like to know how to link up with someone in a poor community who could be my guide in working in that community.	Online
	There is redundancy of work being performed in City departments. Monitoring of compliance for workforce hiring and small business initiatives should be done in the Procurement Department and not in the City's Housing Department. Rule of Law Dictates so!	Online
	slash it to shreds	Online

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	You can not improve budget engagement. It is your job, which you are doing badly.	Online
	Nobody listens anyway. Our wishes have been denied for years. Ask citizens to vote on whether or not they want to be/can afford to be a sanctuary city, and not let king mayor decide how we squander our money?	Online
	Its flooded with Disrespectful Immigrants. I go to work everyday & don't qualify for SHIT but Illegal Immigrants have about 30 plus houses in radius of blocks.. HOW... and im still trying to access one. I pray these boys deal with them. The Mayor can Go to HELL! BRANDON JOHNSON BY NAME!	Online
	"More tools for the police to prevent crime and catch criminals. No longer having Chicago Teachers Union control city government or involved in politics. This city requires a competent mayor who isn't owned by anyone or any group. Chicago needs a mayor who truly is a mayor for all. Continually appointing the the small group of like minded individuals to roles they aren't qualified for is slowly ruining the city. - please provide immediate attention to removal and clean up of the multiple, ever growing tent encampments on the lakefront that largely begins at Irving Park Rd and goes north on both sides of LSD."	Online
	Continued funding	Truman
	I need keep our A.S.L. Interpreter workshop and meeting at city	Truman
	You're doing the best you can right now and its an uphill battle, but continue to focus on upgrading the human condition in all neighborhoods. Right now, despite all controversy, Chicago is strong. People have hope on all levels in 90% of neighborhoods	Truman
General Budget Expenditures	by taking out taxes or cutting it low	Harold Washington
	make our state representatives and senators accountable for pushing the need for dollars to invest in blighted areas such as Englewood	Kennedy King
	Low interest home improvement loans are badly needed to help keep up existing housings. Too much money is being spent on new construction like 800k per unity. All city departments need to cut their budget by 8%	Kennedy King
	Please return environment enforcement and inspection positions back to the Dept of Environment in order to improve environmental protection and create self sustaining and funding DOE. Speed up LSLR. Water affordability and protection in wake of PSI Quantum and rise of data centers--consider higher water rate for these uses. More and improved bike lanes on south side especially along wider street corridors like Stony Island.	Kennedy King
	Too much money is being spent on new construction and not enough on existing homes in need of repairs. Roof and roach programs are underfunded. The city of Chicago has a spending problem not a revenue problem. Cut every department budget by 8% across the board.	Kennedy King
	Dept. Monitoring all Departments and or Department Heads	Malcolm X
	I would like to be more active about healing my community. Sadly the funds we need goes to people who work for their own interest and not for everyone in need...	Malcolm X
	give the money to the needed people and not usual business	Malcolm X

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	Truly evaluate every aspect of government to eliminate duplication and waste	Malcolm X
	fund the items that make Chicago a safer, healthier, affordable city by reforming a legacy aspect of the budget that are inefficient/wasteful and poorly/unfairly designed ; Reformed workers compensation strategies that root out and prevent fraud. Restructured business model that funds city worker judgements (for policy violations, etc) out of offending worker paychecks/pension/insurance. Elimination of city worker double pensions. Innovate efficiencies in smaller programs (replace annuals with perennials within the greenery program, use reclaimed water to care for greenery; pro-actively work with communities to improve infrastructure and other deficiencies, etc.	Malcolm X
	Engage city agencies and social service nonprofits who are already doing some of this work and can identify the gaps and inefficiencies that are making public investments less impactful than they could be	Online
	stop spending so much money on programs that don't work and more funding to the police.	Online
	"Our community needs fiscal responsibility, accountability, and real follow-through from city leadership. We are tired of seeing bloated budgets and mismanaged spending while basic services suffer. Public schools are not underfunded , they are poorly managed, and recent financial decisions like the massive loan only deepen public distrust.	
	We need to see support for small businesses and local developers, who are constantly buried under bureaucracy. The city must stop stifling growth with outdated permitting processes and inconsistent regulations. There must be measurable progress on the Red Tape Agenda, with public updates and accountability for agencies that delay or obstruct investment in our neighborhoods.	Online
	Stop throwing money at problems. Start demanding results."	
	Please stop spending money on all of this stuff, none of it is necessary, there is not an option for "NONE OF THE ABOVE"	Online
	Stop wasting time and money and focus on being financially responsible and lower all of Chicago's debt	Online
	Overhaul staff	Online
	"To save money on pensions: 1 - Consider freezing the Colas for about 2-3 years. I know it's an unpopular proposals but the city would save millions of dollars. 2 - To save on personnel costs - consider a 4 day work week. Fridays the city is closed or would have a computer ""AI"" kiosk available to answer questions. 3 - to save on personnel costs - consider early retirement buyouts. 4 - I saw a segment on TV that it took an apartment bldg build 6 years to plan and get finance. Something is wrong about that and it should only take 3 years. There needs to be a cuthrough red tape to get projects done. 4 - for the CPS - consider a 4 day work and school week which is something other munis are doing. On day 5 the students would go online and complete homework, for example."	Online
	Cut government bureaucracy and show that the city leadership is interested in the expense side of the ledger and not just increasing taxes	Online
	Match grant allocation with federal funding	Online

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	Cut the budget and the BS do nothing programs	Online
	Look at reduction of non essential staff and build efficiencies into the operations including work force reduction.	Online
	Don't spent millions of dollars on imaginary projects that cover your money laundering. Who do you help? Absolutely nobody. Stop bankrupting the city and telling us to shut up when we can walk around at night due to racist crime towards downtown property owners. If 300 white teens caused problems in teen takeovers of black communities - it would be stopped immediately. Your policies are racist and delusional	Online
	Discussion on pension debt and a real solution plan to resolve this	Online
	Respect the Inspector General's job and look at how departments, budgets and planning can be streamlined and improved. FIX the BUDGET and address the deficits before we follow Detroit into bankruptcy.	Online
	Have public officials peg their salary to the medium income of the city	Online
	Stop the waste of tax payers money. Cut costs and stop raising our taxes.	Online
	Provide more opportunities for people to request the budget be lowered. Service cuts aren't necessarily bad.	Online
	Do not reduce contracts with consultants by 3 percent. That's not a good look for the City.	Online
	full disclosure about growth of programs using covid funds and how they will be streamlined to get the financial budget back in line. Focus not on what we want, but what we can afford. Cut waste, don't just try to increase revenue.	Online
	In communities like Austin and across Chicago's West and South Sides, there's a troubling imbalance: we have more liquor stores than grocery stores. This reflects deeper issues of disinvestment and harmful zoning patterns that continue to impact our health, safety, and economic well-being. Liquor stores are disproportionately concentrated in our neighborhoods, while access to essential resources like fresh food, youth programs, and safe public spaces remains limited. As the city works to balance its budget and set funding priorities, we urge leaders to redirect resources toward what our communities truly need, affordable grocery stores, wellness centers, support for local Black- and Brown-owned businesses, and investments in arts, culture, and entrepreneurship. Budgeting with equity in mind means addressing these disparities head-on and creating opportunities that allow our neighborhoods to thrive, not just survive. Real change starts when we listen to and prioritize the voices of those most impacted by these long-standing issues.	Online
	The City of Chicago providing residents more access to Bitcoin.	Online
	Fiscal responsibility, reducing overhead costs and inefficiencies, stop graft and cronyism.	Online
	I think it is going to be important for the city to find ways to reduce expenses. This may be by encouraging early retirements, hiring freezes, travel freezes for city employees, etc.	Online

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	We need to support the good community organizations that are already doing the work in communities and not try to duplicate the work by having the City invest resources trying to duplicate it (such as by reopening public mental health clinics). The City can't afford it and community based organizations can likely do it better. The City should financially support organizations in the communities already doing mental health, violence prevention, youth development, housing, workforce development and other related supports instead of trying to create new things - that is a waste of taxpayer dollars. It's inefficient and and not effective to start something new, when there are proven programs that can just be scaled with support.	Online
	Charge bike & other non autos for both vehicle & driver licenses	Online
	you need to cut you'll salaries. because you Anit doing a damn thing right	Online
	For the love of God, reduce the mounting debt of city PENSIONS. Hardly any organizations in the private sector have pension programs. Phase them out, then eliminate pensions altogether. Rip off the band-aid and give them lead time to plan for retirement on their own, like the rest of the city residents that don't have pensions anymore,	Online
	Reduce waste	Online
	Even though economic resources are always highly limited, could we make better use of them by assigning more than one goal? For instance, the tree canopy level in economically disadvantaged neighbors is bad, in blunt terms. Maybe the city doesn't have enough money for substantially budget for providing trees in various neighborhoods. However, at my neighborhood's school, there is a teacher that grows various flora, including trees every year as part of his science class. He begins by collecting seeds and tree saplings from donors. As part of CPS' Energy and Sustainability, could it a program in which one school per neighborhood has faculty engage in growing native plants, grasses, shrubs, and trees for donation in the neighborhood? This program can be implemented in concert with other programs and Nonprofits such Openlands and the ComEd Green Region Grant. Maybe have an academic program in which students grow, plant, and maintain the trees and other flora for X amount of credit that will go towards a stipend or their diploma and/or dual degree? In short, having and making use more than one purpose for the assets that we do have as a community.	Online
	Demonstrate a commitment to cut spending as well as identifying additional revenue sources. Provide access to meetings via zoom and access to video recordings of meetings for those who could not attend in person or zoom.	Online
	"Tackle safety on the CTA and enhance rider experience (cleanliness, smoking, etc.) so people will actually want to ride it. Reform the pension system and close near-empty schools so those expenses will stop eating up more than half of our tax dollars."	Online
	full disclosure about growth of programs using covid funds and how they will be streamlined to get the financial budget back in line. Focus not on what we want, but what we can afford. Cut waste, don't just try to increase revenue.	Online
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	We pay a ridiculous amount of taxes on everything, and often more than once for the same things. Stop giving our money away. Nobody helped me, nor did they make freebies a lifestyle. Where in the constitution does it say the the people are fiscally responsible for everyone else's troubles? Same sanctuary city thinking-why are we responsible for this invasion that you all promote?	Online
	"Our community needs fiscal responsibility, accountability, and real follow-through from city leadership. We are tired of seeing bloated budgets and mismanaged spending while basic services suffer. Public schools are not underfunded , they are poorly managed, and recent financial decisions like the massive loan only deepen public distrust. We need to see support for small businesses and local developers, who are constantly buried under bureaucracy. The city must stop stifling growth with outdated permitting processes and inconsistent regulations. There must be measurable progress on the Red Tape Agenda, with public updates and accountability for agencies that delay or obstruct investment in our neighborhoods. Stop throwing money at problems. Start demanding results."	Online
	Defund CPD, open more cooling & heating centers, increase city personnel salaries & improve benefits, and housing assistance programs.	Online
	Equal opportunity and access to the programs that better the living conditions of all Chicago residents which the equal protection of law demands	Truman
	We've decided that resources need to be distributed more. Better public health outreach. People' don't know about the mental health clinics, especially the YOUTH program. Better mental health outreach beyond LinkedIn and Youtube. Public Meetings.	Truman
	Why is so much of the budget directed to CPD?	Truman
	Seek opportunities to increase funding to DFSS. To ensure that nonprofits that are doing the on the ground work/services can continue doing the critical work they do. Programs that were supported through AARPA dollars which have now sunset, are creating significant pressure, particularly during a time when Federal funding is at jeopardy.	Truman
	In the spirit of governmental efficiency, all programs should undergo [illegible] Benefit Analysis measuring OUTCOMES (eg readivism, increase school test scores, #inds employed x #months/years) v. Services Rendered (eg giving heroin to heroin addicts is a service? but it does NOT decrease addictions or increase employment	Truman
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	The next meeting should be held closer to people that use public transportation or provide transportation.	Online
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	Provide more online access to budget roundtables.	Online
	Write a form letter the Alders can customize and email the Budget Survey to their constituents list.	Online
	More frequent, earlier communication and awareness of the budget process, timing and survey itself. Also, don't require us to select from a list of terrible services that we don't want (that skew the survey results) - allow for the ability to write-in answers in the survey.	Online
	Do this twice a year & publish the findings from the feedback.	Online
	Shorter sessions with a focus on less main topics	Online
	I think these surveys and townhalls you are doing is a great way to get engagement	Online
	Publicize these engagement opportunities more widely. All residents should know that their voices can be heard, and I think the City should be much more proactive in reaching out about engagement opportunities.	Online
	Introduce the budget engagement into the communities to be able to participate	Online
	More engagement and surveys. Have Chicago people vote more frequently on issues.	Online
	More awareness in radio.	Online
	There is currently a lack of trust between the city budget and the residents. Political differences have led to unrecognized voices, and discussions often lean too far to the left. It is essential to create spaces that welcome all perspectives, regardless of political beliefs, and encourage conversations that bring people together. This will help ensure that everyone feels safe expressing their opinions.	Online

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	Collaborate and coordinate with alderpeople to hold these conversations with residents at the park districts in their communities.	Online
	This survey is a great step. Follow up with a summary of the answers you get and the actual actions you take to help the Chicago communities thrive, especially the ones with large amounts of violence.	Online
	Make sure Alderman reach out to constituents about this survey, share survey via QR code at libraries and senior centers and train stations.	Online
	work with ward alderman	Online
	local meetings could be very helpful or attending already scheduled community meetings or other community gatherings like religious services, etc. to talk about budgeting. Go where people are already meeting instead of asking people to come to a separate event.	Online
	Instead of selecting only one priority in the policy areas, allow for rank choice. This survey seemed to be tilted toward advancing the Mayor's political agenda not a fiscally sound, long term, sustainable policy agenda.	Online
	Make it more transparent. Publicize it in newspapers, on social media, and make sure TV news is aware.	Online
	We need to see whether or not you take into consideration the community recommendations	Online
	I don't look at local news to TV all that much, however I do have family members that have the TV on all day. Maybe work with local news outlets to inform the public about how to participate in upcoming budget engagement activities with instructions if they are interested, they should go to a particular website and enter their phone number or email to receive additional information and the link to the survey. Also, put out social media videos along the same line.	Online
	Promote survey in public transportation	Online
	Distribute these surveys to parents through their local school.	Online
	Keep doing what you are doing	Online
	inform people of needs for their participation in the city and their communities issues prior to the discussion.	Online
	I only found out about this survey through Openlands. Where has it been publicized? Perhaps more outreach is needed.	Online
	Ask the alderman to hold town halls to input from their communities.	Online
	Continue surveys such as these! Thank you!	Online
	Development of community email chains, directories and neighborhood resource pages that are user friendly and allow for community connection and ease of contacting. I found out of this survey through a third party, not chicago government. How can I help if I do not even know what you need. News reel clips with important information should also be easily accessible and chronological on the city website.	Online
	More marketing in the neighborhoods.	Online
	Do a better job of designing this survey.	Online
	More surveys like this	Online
	Surveys and town hall meetings, open to public.	Online
	Earlier engagement and more options addressing whole city having needs	Online

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	More roundtables and surveys with community stakeholders via social media to increase reach.	Online
	put ideas to a vote as to what's most needed	Online
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	Ask the Alders to host public meetings with the Mayor and city officials.	Online
	I attended the June 30 public RT with the mayor at Malcolm X College. My group was excited to join for the first time, however, the mayor left immediately after he gave a short speech in the auditorium. Then he left and didn't listen in at the breakout sessions. That felt like our voices didn't matter and weren't important enough for him to stay and listen in, and it felt performative to give a speech then leave with no explanation.	Online
	Don't wait until the last minute and let people speak at meetings.	Online
	Engage in a marketing campaign to advise all residents of Chicago that their input on budget is needed.	Online
	Use of multiple media sources to notify people of meetings in a timely fashion well in advance of the meetings.	Online
	Please make sure all public tv, radio, and other outlets inform more Chicagoans.	Online
	Public hearings where the public has a real say.	Online
	Improve this survey to gather meaningful feedback. This instrument forces respondents to pick an option for a budget line item even if none of the options are desired.	Online
	the survey is a good idea. Can we see the results of the survey and what choices were made based on the survey?	Online
	Solicit feedback using instruments that are less biased and allow for a broader scope of feedback	Online
	town hall meetings in our neighborhoods. Continue surveys like this, share with aldermen/ women to share with community.	Online
	Maybe two or three roundtable sessions for each area	Online
	Your budgeting needs to reflect that input from city residents matter. It seems the budget is constructed without input from residents...pay the pension and the police and then anything else seems to be the mayor's or a particular alderperson's pet project. I don't hear that community input was a part of <i>*any*</i> budget decision.	Online
	Mailer to registered voters so we know	Online
	More meetings at Ward level that bring forward community ideas to the budget process.	Online

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	Hold forums at local non profits where you can get input from people in the community regarding services they need and want	Online
	This Survey is bullshit. The options regarding increasing city revenue are limited. Tax the fucking rich you fools. Put on your big kid pants and win the battle for a change! Instead of dinking around with the same cronyism as the bad guys like firing good staff and bringing in your pals. That is not how a "progressive" administration should run. These choose one multiple choice questions are a surrender from the start! For example question 16 - YOU SHOULD BE DOING ALL OF THOSE THINGS. It is a moral imperative. We elect you to figure out how. Get back to work and cut the bullshit!	Online
	Invite input Earlier and often	Online
	Host meetings after 5:00 on weekdays or on weekends. Also, host in a virtual or hybrid fashion.	Online
	More surveys and round tables	Online
	use media to let people be aware this survey exists.	Online
	A portal to see where all money is going and spent compared year over year open to all and updated quarterly.	Online
	I only heard about this because someone told me about it. Have a more expensive ad campaign for this kind of thing. Put posters on the street.	Online
	Send email announcements. Public service information signs and noticed throughout public spaces and transit	Online
	Nobody listens anyway. Our wishes have been denied for years. Ask citizens to vote on whether or not they want to be/can afford to be a sanctuary city, and not let king mayor decide how we squander our money?	Online
	Do a better job working with City Council. Sycophants in budget office should be removed	Online
	This survey is a good way!	Online
	Engage community orgs in conversation to support increasing awareness with people they serve.	Online
	Send a mailing, more press releases and news releases.	Online
	I've not seen this survey advertised very widely, so maybe better communication, outreach	Online
	Make the survey landing page have button options for multiple languages and have canvassing teams if possible	Online
	Increase the ways people would hear about the budget and provide an incentive to respond like a gift card	Online
	Advertise on several billboards around the city making citizens aware that they have an opportunity to participate in the City budget, and providing a deadline for engagement.	Online
	Add additional budget forums	Online
	Maybe send this through the mail with a QR Code to the survey. Many people don't have social media and don't follow the right accounts to find out about this. Getting this in your mailbox helps cause we all have to check it from time to time	Online
	Continue with participatory budgeting.	Online
	Encourage recipients to share this with their social circles. Have influential Chicago performers and business owners share this on their social media pages / stories!! Plug into queer spaces and marginalized communities via performers / school administration, and business owners to share this with their circles.	Online

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	It would good to have the options in this survey rank order of the options rather than all or nothing options.	Online
	Send dedicated emails to every citizen	Online
	More people will participate when they see their feedback implemented.	Online
	Continue sharing the survey for feedback.	Online
	Educate families in a more proactive manner. Most people do not know how or if they can be involved at all due to work and family responsibilities.	Online
	I found this by accident so maybe you need to advertise it more. I did not feel like this survey was set up well. You are forced to make one choice rather than rank ordering items and there was no place to add an "other" option. There was no cost associated with choices. Survey not well done.	Online
	Surveys like this are helpful	Online
	Increase outreach to citizens	Online
	Put large banners digital or physical on the buses and the L. Do the same or similar for all public schools and libraries. Finally expand this to as many languages as possible. Thank you staff for all your hard work!	Online
	Make sure that members of the city counsel are sharing the link to this survey.	Online
	We need more Community Engagement to make people's lives better.	Online
	How do we get more transparency on where money is going. Everything should be on the table. There should not be just one option for each section. This should be more than just a survey. Where is the vision?	Online
	My community needs to feel more connected to the rest of the city. We are a diverse neighborhood but feel worlds away from south and west sides. We need more strategy and initiative to connect various parts of the city together and build a larger sense of community. This impacts SO much of how we care for our city and its people!	Online
	You forgot to poll the 1% grocery tax reinstatement.	Online
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	We can IMPROVE Budget Engagement by adding a Fun Engagement, like an Entertainer keynote Singer from Chicago like Chaka Khan or Common, have Barack Obama come by and speak at a Budget Engagement Session. A Million people will take part and get to see Mayor Brandon Johnson is focused on ensuring that the City's Residents have access to Information, get to contribute to the City's Budget Process rather than complain in barber shops and beauty salons etc. Says, Michael L. Smith. Advocate of Civic Engagement and strong supporter of Mayor Brandon Johnson	Online
	Surveys are great! I have childcare and elder care needs that prevent me from attending a lot of community meetings, but I always have time for a survey	Online
	Work with neighborhood and nonprofit groups to hold community town halls about the budget.	Online
	I thought it was done well logistically. Not all facilitators were knowledgeable.	Online
	Forums. Share what's worked in other cities. Be more transparent. Be more open to ideas. Where is the alignment to values in this budget? How do we know that?	Online

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	Double the number of roundtable sessions. Have a couple downtown also -- south loop and near north residents want to participate. Distribute or make summary of each roundtable available to all of us who registered. Thanks	Online

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	We need more gun safety and graffiti clean-up services. Also, an info session on how TIF funds are used in the community and see the accountability of the projects regarding TIF funds.	Online
	"To the Office of Budget and Management, I am a young adult who attended today's Youth Budget Roundtable at Harold Washington Library. I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with how the Mayor's Office and the Office of Budget and Management treated young people at this event. We were supposed to get 45 minutes to share our priorities for the City of Chicago's budget. Instead, we only got 15 minutes. To make matters worse, we spent over 30 minutes listening to a presentation about what a budget is. When I saw that the City of Chicago was hosting a budget roundtable specifically for 14 to 24 year olds, I thought that meant that my elected representatives cared about what teenagers and young adults thought. Instead, the Mayor's Office and the Office of Budget and Management limited our ability to express what we want from our government. Furthermore, they did so because they assumed we didn't know what a budget was. Not only is that condescending, it shows that these officials do not truly care about young people's concerns. Please remember that young people pay taxes. Please remember that we vote, and that even those who are not yet 18 will be voting in a few years. Most of all, please remember that this is our city too. Our concerns matter. We matter. I urge the Mayor's Office and the Office of Budget and Management to do better: be on time, treat us with respect, and listen to what we have to say. Sincerely, Eli Gillespie"	Online
	need tables for various languages (Spanish, Hindu, Etc) - The Public Health and Safety Coalition want to see root cause approaches to Public safety and public health. Move the \$300 million slush funds to public health and community safety	Truman
	All resources are available	Truman
	I think you are doing a good job.	Truman
	Pop-up directly in communities - existing events, street fests, etc. No grocery tax.	Truman
	Have a round table with YOUTH they have the answer, can help me with jobs my children or grandchildren have never had a summer job in the city of Chicago. Bring back to CPS-Parent able to volunteer in school as well as parent classes, for parents, trips for parents that can help themselves and their families	Truman
	More marketing across social media	Truman
	"More of these Bring these to CPS schools"	Truman

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	Make the appropriate transformations to ensure the participation	Truman
	I only ever hear about these sessions through non-profits I'm involved w/ so doing more to engage folks who might not hear about it through those orgs is important.	Truman
	More visibility on social media	Truman
	go to every community to engage with the people.	Truman
	Broaden the categories.	Truman
	more directed toward engaging young people- internet presence, public transit ads, etc	Truman
	Bring budget discussions directly to CPS classrooms and courses so students can directly engage, study, learn and offer informed input	Truman
	Promote and get the word out about these budget events. I found out about this because of my involvement locally, but maybe there's ways to get the word out more broadly. Get out and promote this survey virtually via a QR code on flyers and through a city wide email or text	Truman
	"Allow us to select multiple answers. Why? Because all are needed. \$300 million are available show ASL interpreters on the TVs! Keep working on getting public mass transport funded to actual need. let us select multiple choices for each question. Maybe rank 1 for most important to #x for least important in that question. Truman college's gym has terrible acoustics. It's hard to hear because of that."	Truman
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	Improve budget engagement by getting flyers to students in the surrounding universities. Especially those in the public health, research, medicine, and science	Truman
	Create more roundtables, forums, town halls regularly so there are consistent and frequent opportunities for the community to show up and engage. Invest in youth engagement. Talk to high schoolers and college students	Truman
	Make sure Alders tell their constituents and also show up	Truman
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	Earlier in the Spring/Summer/ City Departments have already started.	Truman
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	Go to actually poor communities like Hermosa, Belmont Cragin, Humboldt Park, etc...	Truman
	Would love to see more engagement in the downtown area? Haven't seen much stuff in the area about budget.	Truman
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	This was great, next expanded to ward level round tables?	Truman
	"-more publicity -reach out to universities and community organizations -go to community events (farmers markets, festivals, resource fairs)"	Truman
	I appreciate the roundtable!	Truman
	virtual options for mobility restricted people	Truman
	Have adequate city officials and note takers for each budget round table	Truman
	This is not for the northside, but making the budget roundtable more accessible, time-wise. I noticed that the time says 5pm and that is not acceptable for people who have to work 9-5 jobs. The times need to be changed so Black and Brown people can show up and share their hopes for the city.	Truman
	We can improve budget engagement by working together and bring community leaders together all over the city of Chicago. we have to unionize the city of Chicago.	Truman
	Host more events like this... GREAT JOB!!	Truman
	Transparency of process. What will you do with this survey information? How will our participation impact decision making? Explain that up front. Make this process a huge event that all Chicagoans will want to be a part of.	Truman
	It would be great to have an education focused table as city dollars should go to fund early childhood workforce and services	Truman
	Love the fact that a youth engagement session is available. Not super clear on how we're supposed to engage w/ city council - need name tags or something. It was eventually made clear but our table missed out on valuable time	Truman
	I think if you offered free food more people would come	Truman
	"Send out priorities beforehand Follow up w/ how ideas are being used - summaries of feedback, regardless of if pieces are used or not"	Truman
	"Signs on vision directing folks coffee, snacks"	Truman
	virtual option?	Truman
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	Community involvement and (??) that are needed in the community and or race discrimination or disability discrimination	Truman
	Process needs to be easier to follow. More engagement with disabled people (they are approximately 18% of the city population)	Truman

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	I feel that every person living in this city is a gift. To protect these gifts, lets allow ourselves to be more open. How? Why not broadcast budget meetings on social media, local TV stations like WTTW, NBCS would be interested in showing said meetings. The above mentioned are effective ways of reaching a broader audience	Truman
	Water/refreshments would be nice	Truman
	This even (6/28/25) is a good start! Actually, follow up by sending info to our email addresses that we gave during registration!	Truman
	"-offer online options (such as over zoom) -include screens with live captions on both sides of the room beside both screens with the presentations"	Truman
	Visit more senior apartment buildings	Truman
	More opportunities to engage with communities. Three events might not be enough	Truman
	"Door to door official outreach to buildings and neighborhoods that house seniors! Health vehicles to serve neighborhoods inundated with low income families and seniors! Increase the # of public health employers who share the demographics of the target populations: e.g. seniors reaching out to seniors"	Truman
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General Budget Revenues	To improve budget management it is wise to look at the root of cause for anything and everything. How can youth from separated neighborhoods grow up to be an individual that helps their community? Corporate businesses should be taxed more than usual youth who are starting out in life. Infrastructures, community resources, affordable housing all around Chicago should be priority. Health should be second and CPD should definitely be last! WHY? if they have the highest budget why is Chicago considered to be the highest crime rated city? if they cant do well, lower their budget	Harold Washington
	by taking out taxes or cutting it low	Harold Washington
	Develop resources for the city of Chicago to invest into Bitcoin and provide citizens with more access to Bitcoin.	Kennedy King

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	Publish the amounts for the fines on vacant land and or buildings on the properties themselves. Bring a vacant land tax to cook county and pressure other local governments. Make street festivals easier.	Malcolm X
	land value tax	Malcolm X
	I am a rich white, cis-het etc etc male - the one thing I want you to listen to me no is: Tax me. Tax eople like me. Tax corporations (esp. those owned by people like me.) (and then more CPD's 300 million slush fund to public health and youth services)	Malcolm X
	Make companies pay more in property taxes and close	Malcolm X
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	It seems like there needs to be more transparency about who pays taxes and at what rates. We are one of the richest nation on earth and yet so many people struggle to make ends meet. The income inequality in our city and in our nation holds us back. We would all prosper if we took care of all of our residents.	Online
	Most of the programs you've listed are not nearly enough. I know it's hard to balance the budget, but when I see Mamdani's ideas for NYC, I just have to think Chicago can do better. I know it'd be a huge change, but you could put an income tax on the top 1% and raise property taxes only for corporate properties and properties costing >\$1 million, and you'd easily make enough money to be able to fund subsidized housing, free healthcare, free childcare and early education, housing first programs for homeless, and maybe even provide annual restitution for POC who have been historically discriminated against and segregated into poverty. And here's the thing - people will say this is making the richest pay for the poor and this is somehow discrimination (and first of all, doesn't that sound like Robin Hood, isn't he supposed to be a hero??), BUT they'd have access to all the same programs as everyone else! (They just wouldn't need them, and that's the whole point!) You're on the right track, but you can't be influenced by corporations or the top 1% into deciding how taxes should look. At the end of the day, most of these people won't leave the city (despite what the news says), AND you'd more than make up the loss with the gain from middle to lower class people moving to Chicago. The city's population is shrinking but somehow we have more millionaires than ever living here. It's the perfect time to go the extra mile and really provide for the 99%. If you've read this far, thank you so much. I just hate to see people suffer in one of the best cities in this country.	Online
	Get wealthy corps and private companies to pay their taxes!	Online
	I am a strong supporter of a land value tax (tax that incentivizes building up vacant lots and doesn't tax big buildings more than parking lots or vacant lots that waste space) -If we're making jobs programs, please ensure that the jobs are contributing to actual community impact like lead pipe replacements or new train lines. We are far behind schedule for lead pipe replacements and need to fix this ASAP. -I'm a fan of taxing cars based on weight. Heavier cars are more likely to -For the "affordable housing" section, please make it easier for shelters to open up by cutting regulatory tape. Too often, shelters can't open in wealthy neighborhoods because of NIMBYism and biased public feedback that intrinsically favors older residents with more time on their hands. I think it should be a priority to get people off the streets and into stable housing. It's not fair to other people when they can't use spaces like bus stops, parks, or sidewalks because someone experiencing homelessness refuses to accept a bed in a shelter. There needs to be a city-provided offer for stable housing, but individuals should be removed from public spaces if they refuse.	Online
	Tax the rich! Every Chicagoan should have access to shelter. The City of Chicago needs to fund 11,000 beds in homeless shelters to ensure that every Chicagoan experiencing homelessness has access to a homeless shelter.	Online
	No new taxes Cut and cap city salaries to 100k. Civil service should not be used to get rich, be a true public servant.	Online
	STOP GIVING OUR MONEY TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. PERIOD. That's where you spent the money. Common Sense!	Online
	Less taxes, more revenue generated through valuable products & services.	Online
	tax corporations	Online

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	I am a former Deputy Commisioner with the City. I started running the parking Program, then Deputy Director of collections over all city revenues, then Deputy Commissioner of the water department responsible for meter reading, billing and collections of water bills, the meter and plumbing shops. As a result of correcting problems, Revenue increased more than \$10 million each month. So increase revenue by collecting accounts receivables.	Online
	Property taxes are stratospheric in Chicago. Tax big corporations, and wealthy landlords!	Online
	Higher taxes on the very wealthy	Online
	Stop borrowing. Can't keep borrowing more and more loans	Online
	Please do not make decisions that impact future revenues for the City to fill a budget deficit. When I think about the funding that could be made by the City via The Skyway tolls and City Parking it is an immense lost opportunity. Discuss City budgets for today and for tomorrow. Bring hope for the future.	Online
	Make the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share. Stop funding corrupt policing and put that money back into communities. Hold businesses that don't pay their workers enough accountable for leeching off taxpayer money when social services have to subsidize their low wages.	Online
	If you are looking for a new tax stream, tax parking lots and curb cuts by the square foot. Parking lots are vacant lots and they serve no purpose except to allow people to store their possessions in public view. Hit the drive throughs, strip malls, and street facing parking with heavy taxes.	Online
	Taxes are to high.	Online
	Raising taxes will lead to more people, including property owners to leave the city. As more tax payers leave, the remaining residents have to pay more to compensate for their absence.	Online
	lower taxes overall	Online
	"Taxes need to increase but not blanketly. Increase property taxes on the wealthiest, on properties generating high incomes, on residences worth over \$1,000,000 retail value.	Online
	Also RENT CONTROL. Rental limits based on median incomes and lease to lease rent increase limits are CRUCIAL to stabilizing housing."	
	License bicycles for a fee as we do for cars.	Online
	We pay a ridiculous amount of taxes on everything, and often more than once for the same things. Stop giving our money away. Nobody helped me, nor did they make freebies a lifestyle. Where in the constitution does it say the the people are fiscally responsible for everyone else's troubles? Same sanctuary city thinking-why are we responsible for this invasion that you all promote?	Online
	This Survey is bullshit. The options regarding increasing city revenue are limited. Tax the fucking rich you fools. Put on your big kid pants and win the battle for a change! Instead of dinking around with the same cronyism as the bad guys like firing good staff and bringing in your pals. That is not how a "progressive" administration should run. These choose one multiple choice questions are a surrender from the start! For example question 16 - YOU SHOULD BE DOING ALL OF THOSE THINGS. It is a moral imperative. We elect you to figure out how. Get back to work and cut the bullshit!	Online

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	Less taxes, more revenue generated through valuable products & services.	Online
	Property taxes are stratospheric in Chicago. Tax big corporations, and wealthy landlords!	Online
	We need to prioritize funding and expanding the CTA L and bus service, by a substantial increase to vacant lines I'm talking 10-20 times increase if not more. By doing this we will force landlords to stop squatting on valuable land that can be developed into more publicly owned affordable housing by using a portion of the money from the vacant lot fines, and the more the population grows the more taxes the city will be receiving. If that isn't enough to cover both of the above ideas put a tax or raise the tax on hotels and airbnbs and other tourism businesses. Make the CPD stop anyone who is running around kidnapping Chicagoans saying they are police federal or state. My god we just saw in Minnesota someone disguised as police officers assassinated a house speaker. We cannot allow that to happen here again the police must stop anyone who is running around armed and masked in the streets of Chicago kidnapping people in broad fucking daylight. DO SOMETHING! Thank you staff for all you do.	Online
	Let the Bears go, tax the rich, place huge penalties on residential teardowns and deconversions of 2-flats	Online
	Propose a budget that fully replaces federal revenue for housing + social services + health with progressive locally generated revenue. + Extend period of affordability for non-profits that receive city funding and/or owned land to be perpetual	Truman
	We need to raise taxes on those who can pay, (the rich, major universities, big corporations) not raising regressive taxes/fees on poor and working-class people. We need to resist the federal austerity coming down by expanding services and make the rich and especially those who profiteer of high rent and low wages and/or polluting our communities pay for it.	Truman
	No grocery tax	Truman
	We need to tax wealthy corporations! No need to raise taxes on working class folks. CPD budget is bloated.	Truman

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	"Private, non tax paying organizations need to be recruited to financially support public services they/their employees and those they serve use. I'm talking about the large universities, hospitals, private K-12 schools, etc Use the \$200 M reserved for CPD unfilled positions for public health jobs and programs that will reduce violence Do not cut services to fill the budget deficit. Raise revenue especially for those wealthy corporations that can afford to pay"	Truman
	Progressive taxes- tax the rich	Truman
	I believe taxing big corporations more can be a part of the solution.	Truman
	I support raising taxes on wealthy individuals and corporatios to close the budget gap as well as reducing the \$200 million unused slush fund reserved by the Chicago Police Department	Truman
	"I support reallocating the UNUSED \$300 mil. from CPD to make up any shortfall w/ as little tax increase as possible. (what other department would be allowed to keep that on the books and continue receiving it? If there are cuts, everyone should deal w/ it proportionally). Also, higher tax on ""investment properties"" (maybe up that proportionally to lowering taxes for people living there?) Limiting private equity acquisition of business/properties."	Truman
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	Given the budget crisis, divert unused funds to vital programs and services. For example, divert funds from CPD that sit unused to public health/mental health. Only increase the property tax if on high end property.	Truman
Neighborhood Development and Community Development	There are many homes abandoned that nobody had bothered to demolish or refurnish, other homeless people could use a home	Harold Washington
	Constructive criticism- make sure we start on time, her presenting was unnecessary, all of it. More communal gardens and markets, half of yall claim to care for hte community but yall don't.	Harold Washington
	ChiBlockBuilder - it would be good if you could be free to do anything you want w/ lot, playground. More money to support this, more marketing, getting the word out. How could young people get support to repurpose vacant lots? Their school was once a vacant lot, how can vacant lots be used ofr something that is wanted/needed for the community	Harold Washington
	The development of vacant lots given that washington park has the highest percentage of vacant lots	Harold Washington

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	I personally feel that the falling infrastructure in residential areas should either be repaired or renovated to make space for services and or businesses	Harold Washington
	Make neighborhoods look vibrant	Harold Washington
	we need more black and brown lgbtq+ spaces around the city. provide free lawyers for immigrant families. more mental health and restorative justice for youth and adult.	Harold Washington
	healthier grocery stores	Harold Washington
	We need more third spaces for youth often there is an assumption that there are many "cool" place in gentrified neighborhoods such as logan square but they arent for BIPOC youth. we need safe spaces	Harold Washington
	More healthy food to keep the kids in shape	Harold Washington
	Invest more in community and educational resources. Advocate social justice. More programs, activites and festivals. More police in the neighborhood.	Harold Washington
	Hard for youth to find jobs -> how do we increase access? Process of getting hired. small business from the community, farmer's market - jobs, niche job, sustainable efforts, address food deserts, community gardens. Empty lots, cleaning community vacant lots, development of the community. Third spaces, places not work and home for youth that don't require money, cages to employ younger people, jobs- advertise it more, one summer chicago, need to expand. Transportation- need more access, people that need jobs need more local advertisement. Help with search for job opportunities, very distracted people, might not know how to search for jobs. Don't need a lot of resources to do paper advertising, outreach to people that need more resrouces. Use social media, hashtags, be humorous! Consider tiktok for the youth, "clickbait", post a lot of videos and be consistent to show more relaxed. your audience will change based on the social media app.	Harold Washington
	Free computers for youth entering college, year round youth employment, housing, public art - more funds for up and coming youth artists, invest some of the \$11M in youth artists supporting them to do public art in their own communities. More digital art investments, design art. Youth artists need more access to tech to create digital art, get tech experts into comm. to support the youth, chi block builder, lots should be easier to get, easier access to ownership. More investment needed, lots could be used for housing homeless. Youth centers, boys n girls club, youth employment, do work to help the city	Harold Washington
	Increase police proactivity / # of patrols / officers have a mediator mental health/social security accomany them in needed areas and situaions. ex. when they get a potentially dangerous call. Make use of empty lots/abandoned buildings restoration build more houses, community gardens. Have police/epa officials deter litering community pollutting by stoping talking to those who liter and after seeing them do it a few times small fine/ org that literal job is to constantly everyday go around pick up trash source of employment/revenue and mitigates problems. Worn road markings and pavement , transit rime (more close relation to CPD would help) dont raise taxes to help budget it will push people and business to move hence less people to tax anyway	Harold Washington

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	Advocating more funds for CPD, replinish empty lots (contains thing being seen) and gardens	Harold Washington
	vacant lots/dirty alleys	Kennedy King
	More funding toward food access/ food security initiatives and affordable housing	Kennedy King
	Shared living spaces like apartment buildings and second hand smoking	Kennedy King
	Support for homeowners to express and receive results regarding vacant properties as it relates to the following concerns: Grass not being cut, trees, and bushes. Vacant homes with a yard in which individuals come into to light firecrackers/fireworks. Pipes that burst in the winter and cause problems for nearby homeowners.	Kennedy King
	NEED rent control in Chicago. Better building inspection. Environment in the city building need to be an ordinance.	Kennedy King
	Employment opportunities, sports opportunities, and help with mental health.	Kennedy King
	Seize vacant buildings turn them into housing. Ask the questions to staff, alders, and community leaders this "what block/ blocks would you like to improve in two years?" what would it take to improve it? Have alders be more proactive about ordinances that can help dis-invested communities. Hired back retired revenue people. Part-time willing to go after fees and vacant properties.	Malcolm X
	Food deserts- city sponsored grovery store w/ healthy food, family counseling, to help w/ mental health, make childcare jobs good jobs! NYC beat us to it!	Malcolm X
	public bathrooms open extended hours at CPL and park locations. Add ambulances more than 1 per neighborhood! Allow ADUs on blockbuilder lots by right	Malcolm X
	Increase access to funds for small projects, neighborhood based work.	Malcolm X
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	Housing support applications; lack of communication during application process and concerns around repeated rejections w/out explanation. Residents feel pushed out of their neighborhoods due to rising prices. Commodification of housing is an issue; promoting housing as a way to gather wealth versus focusing on housing as a place where people live and way to make life feel safe and reliable. Interested in penalizing investors who sit on vacant housing, concerns about seeing neighbors priced out of their homes, neighborhoods.	Malcolm X
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	Create or expand open space to include building inclusive parks, playgrounds, sports complex, and guidelines to ensure those comply with ADA, and or other accessibility inclusion entitites for recreation	Malcolm X
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	Will the city have anything like the Tiny House program or other unconventional permanent housing programs? residents are interested in alternative housing programs. City has previously focused on ADVs but not really looked at other alternative programs. Why is the city building less 100% affordable public housing developments? Concerns about why mixed income developments are privately owned. expressing concerns about privately owned public housing because inherently that model supports profit of the private owners. Discussion on how to educate Chicagoans on basics of home ownership, life skills necessary to own and manage a home etc. as additional support that the city might offer. Emphasis on building housing next to transit hubs. Look at Singapore, Thailand, other countries for how they approach public housing.	Malcolm X
	Continue community investment of alternatives to criminal activity by violence prevention. Build grocery stores in impoverished neighborhoods	Malcolm X
	Community safety = programs to assist previously incarcerated reenter the community should be considered a housing issue, low wages, access to resources and information. Could there be more community based city offices to assist residents? (ALL of us)	Malcolm X
	I live near the Target in West Loop on Jackson and Aberdeen. There are A LOT of vacant store fronts on my street. I'd love if the city could encourage these large spaces to be subdivided into smaller spaces and/or allow multiple rotating tenants to support a greater variety of small businesses. More popups! More markets! Consider model like Pike Place in Seattle for small business incubator (1 location limit, no chains). More street food! Chicago doesn't have much street food compared to NYC or LA and that's a huge missed opportunity.	Malcolm X
	Clean streets, maintained housing, block clubs, usable active parks, programs, sports, music, arts, safe schools, SEL counseling, mental health services, affinity clubs, bring back shot spotter or and cameras at homes. Mentoring, [illegible] pay it forward	Malcolm X
	reallocate CPD funds for repurposing vacant lots, automating and creating environment infrastructure... more trees planted, way more! dedicated and protected environmental e-fund, fund our department of environment	Malcolm X
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	Chicago Animal Care and Control is in desperate need of more resources and and funding. CACC is lowest-funded municipal animal control facilities in the United States, despite serving the third-largest city. We are failing our people and our animals and we need to do better.	Online
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	Free spay/neuter for low income families	Online
	CACC	Online
	Please increase the budget for animal welfare, the shelters are overwhelmed right now, and it is costing lives, and life-saving treatment for animals, the people at the shelter, and people who rescue are overwhelmed and need more help from the city.	Online
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	If Chicago animal control cannot do it all themselves, outsource and allocate funds to some of the many animal rescues that are willing to step in and assist where CACC can't. By allowing the Rescues to intervene with their man power and medical assists like TNR for cats and Spay/Neuter dogs and vaccination clinics. CACC will have less financial medical costs. Animals with microchips can be reunited with their owners before ever stepping foot in a shelter. Allow CRISP back. They helped triage animals from into going into a shelter due to minor/major medical issues. ,	Online
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	create more gathering spaces for people to linger. Close some streets up to cars by doing so.	Online
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	Incentives for vacant businesses.	Online
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	Please keep our libraries strong - they are cultural jewels.	Online
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	Address the woefully lacking public spaces, gardens and streets planning. Why does Chicago lack a true urban planning department the integrates community public spaces with the isolated new build-ings/developments.	Online
	"As an animal rescuer and a board member of PAWS, I see firsthand the heartbreaking crisis unfolding at Chicago Animal Care and Control. The shelter is so overburdened that animals are being housed in hallways. Staff are forced to turn people away—not because they don't care, but because they simply don't have the space, resources, or personnel to meet the overwhelming demand. Every day, stray, lost, and injured animals are left to suffer on our streets because there is nowhere for them to go. Rescues across the city are at full capacity. Volunteers are burning out. We are all doing everything we can, but we cannot solve this without the City's support. We urgently need a significant increase in the budget for Chicago Animal Care and Control. More funding is critical to hire and retain trained staff, expand safe housing capacity, provide timely veterinary care, and strengthen community outreach and animal rescue partnerships. Without this investment, we are failing both our animals and the people who care about them. These animals are not just numbers—they are lives. They deserve compassion, safety, and a city that takes responsibility for their welfare. Please increase the budget for animal services. Chicago can and must do better."	Online
	We desperately need shelter space for animal rescue. I'm an animal advocate of sorts and work with people who are deeply involved in the field. Shelters are overwhelmed, they are housing animals in the hallways. Staff are forced to turn people away, the staff care they just don't have enough space, resources or personnel to keep up with the situation.	Online

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	I would love you to add to the budget for animal rescue. Every day we have lost, stolen, tossed out and injured animals left to suffer on our streets. They fend for themselves in the worst weather. Rescuers are at capacity, volunteers are overwhelmed and burnt out, we need support from the city. Some shelters are so crowded, they are having animals live in the hallways. Staff, who care, have to turn people away due to lack of space, personnel and resources. We urgently need an increase to Animal Care and Control. This money is critical to hiring trained staff, veterinary care, space and resources, not to mention community outreach and education. I heard a story of a person who was trying to poison strays. She thought the cats brought rodents! That poisoning of left out food could injure or destroy all sorts of wildlife and pets....people are uneducated with the handling of animals and there aren't enough people/places to call and inform or take care of the situation. We need more money to reach out to communities who still get animals as an amusement and suddenly realize they have to care for them and end up leaving them on the streets. Without this added investment from the city all of the workers would fail at what they are striving for. More importantly we fail the animals. These animals are living creatures who are suffering under our watch. They deserve care, safety and compassion, they deserve a city that see them as creatures under our care and willing to take responsibility for them. Please increase the budget for animal services. We and the city can all do much better, we must do better. Thank you in advance for caring for the lives of our charges.	Online
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	Include knowledge of, support for Chicago Animal Care and Control.	Truman
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	I believe that there are significant regulatory issues that hinder the development of new housing in the city, which in turn depress population growth, tax base expansion, and city services provided. - Remove FAR minimums - Limit community and aldermanic input to block buildings. - Remove Parking minimums - Vacant lot developed	Truman
	"-permanent affordability in community land trusts or community investment trusts -prevent displacement of residents and small businesses -community ownership of clean energy projects -vacant lots for community benefit -green infrastructure -development must be paired with anti-displacement measures in historically underinvestment communities -zoning for environmental justice, get polluters out of South and West sides"	Truman
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Public Health and Mental Health	others needs I would say are immigrant resources and supporting immigration lawyers. I would also say PAY ATTENTION TO THE WEST SIDE. there's so much youth gang activity and unused lots and broken buildings near my school (GWCP) and it makes me feel unsafe in an environment like that	Harold Washington
	Mental health resource should be free and easy to access, fund more community centers and mental health clinics. Mental health clinics should be in every neighborhood, deescalators should be in every neighborhood, expand care team 24/7, awareness around resources that already exist	Harold Washington
	mentorship for people who dont have an outlet	Harold Washington
	Safety zones, preventing youth from substance abuse, violence prevention, summer programs, and summer jobs, public mental health services.	Harold Washington
	How does the city decide which departments/initiatives get funding? Funding mental health services speak to me the most bc I've seen how lack of care impacts my community the most. [?] digital outreach. If the city has unused funds, they should be redirected to places that benefits residents. Mic quality is buns, slides are not accessible, went overtime and started late, fix slideshow	Harold Washington
	\$300 million slush fund for police vacancies overtime (barely used) should go to public health department, EMT/ambulance services, mental health crisis response without police, and youth employment/job trainings	Harold Washington
	Reallocate CPD's \$300 million in overtime funds to youth jobs, mental health resources and the Chicago department of public health- help fund community based organizations to provide jobs to those in the community. offer research opportunities targeted towards youth, perhaps through city colleges. Reopen mental health facilities all throughout the city.	Harold Washington
	Defund the police. Put that money in youth programs. Abolish ICE. give the money to youth and mental services. Universal food and income.	Harold Washington
	its important to invest in the resources that have kept us safe. the CARE team has already changed countless lives and reduced the strain on CPD. We need to reallocate money from their slush fund to programs that benefit every Chicagoan	Harold Washington
	Reduce money given to ghost policing, reduce budget for CPD in general, invest in mental health	Harold Washington
	we need more black and brown lgbtq+ spaces around the city. provide free lawyers for immigrant families. more mental health and restorative justice for youth and adult.	Harold Washington
	help those who are neurodivergent have easier access to getting work, healthcare, and necessities they need	Harold Washington
	improve it by using some of the budget for housing and healthcare	Harold Washington
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	Defund the police and provide increased investment in education public health public infrastructure and resources and investment in communities, The police dont prevent crime. they punish those who commit them after the fact. people do crime out of desperation for help. if we invested in them early on there wouldnt be a need for them to be policed. Education is power, safety, and a way out of hardship. Equitable education saves lives. Schools on the south and westsides and neighborhood schools are disinvested and dont have equal opportunity to selective enrollments and schools in wealthier neighborhoods. youth should not have to travel 30+ minutes for a fair education. It should be accessible in their own neighborhoods. You dont need to take resources from other schools, take the funding from the historic CPD "ghost positions"	Harold Washington
	Defund and abolish the CPD. Fund youth jobs, mental health, trans and queer services	Harold Washington
	Heard there's a \$300 million bucket of funds used for police overtime but I think they should invest that in childcare programs, public health centers, ambulances, mental health crisis response w/o police and violence prevention youth.	Harold Washington
	The \$300 million police slush fund budgeted for overtime abuse and police vacancies should be used to fund root cause solutions such as youth peacekeeping jobs, public health that's under threat from Trump, expansion of CARE teams, expansion of public mental health centers, and for ambulances. This will support community all over the city, save money on policing, and make Chicago a safer place for all.	Harold Washington
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	One Program most importance. 1. park program 2. preschool, making peace, uplifts youth to use restorative practices instead of relying on police, 3. CPH care program, mental health issues	Harold Washington
	Mental health resource should be free and easy to access, fund more community centers and mental health clinics. Mental health clinics should be in every neighborhood, deescalators should be in every neighborhood, expand care team 24/7, awareness around resources that already exist	Harold Washington
	CARE team expansion - to each district, 24/7, expansion of the types of calls they are able to respond to (in addition to mental health crises)	Kennedy King
	I am interested to know if the funds for the CARE teams are being increased, decreased, or maintained in the coming budget. Hopefully increased with money towards promoting mental health / public health services.	Kennedy King
	Immigration legal services/support are vital and life saving for Chicanos being targeted and abducted by the unlawful actions of ICE and the federal government. The National immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) provides free legal representation to thousands of Chicanos and many more individuals and families are in critical need for legal access	Kennedy King
	Stop paying for illegal migrants! Stop spending our taxes on illegal people or else I'll vote red down the ballot	Kennedy King
	A few years ago a ballot measure passed in South Shore to minimally increase taxes to fund mental health care in South Shore. Where does this stand? Where have these funds been used? Are there more services?	Kennedy King

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	Please invest in mental health infrastructure. Would also like to see the CARE system expanded. No cops for mental health crises.	Kennedy King
	I think there should be a 24 hour mental health service available either on the phone or in person.	Kennedy King
	Put more money in the emergency funding mental health instead 911. 24 hour crisis center and living room help the mental patient get back in society. More training for the police department mental health department, 40 hours is not enough. Need to be required for every policeman trainee. 25,000,000 budget every years.	Kennedy King
	Train the staffs that work at the various mental health facilities on what to do when encountering a Deaf person that needs service. Develop a system for the staffs/worker to refer their deaf individuals to programs that does work with deaf people.	Kennedy King
	Wants to allocate CT to CDPH. Many individuals harmed are police. Non police response. Expansion of sex ed. Public mental health care. New ambulance and better staffing for CFD. Needs to respond more appropriately where family members killed. Wants the budget to reflect reality. Protect the black community at all costs. SROs are not helpful to create peace in the school. City functioning as an alternative response for dispatch.	Kennedy King
	More allocation to community policing, need more culturally appropriate learning. Need to increase budget. Community mediation that was not in existence. Community needs to take accountability too. CARES and CPD should both be sent to calls. Need more officers living in community. CAREs and CPD as partners, CPD here should be plain clothes. Need fewer new programs. Do a pilot with district CAPs, CCPSA, and DAC--fund them. District councilors need salary. Strategic plans for district corridors need to be resourced. Communities need to be treated differently. Community Engagement looking like a real seat at the table--need to broaden.	Kennedy King
	We need an expansion of covid-testing, masks, and tracking cases because people (children, elderly- everyone) is experiencing heightened sickness	Kennedy King
	Animals! Recognize the importance of companion animals to the health and comfort of all people	Kennedy King
	More mental health spending	Kennedy King
	INcrease accessibility for those who are deaf and hard of hearing to be inclusive in all city services.. Create tiny house villages to support homeless need temporary house	Kennedy King
	I am apart of ORT response team outbreak we work with CDPH and Rush Medical University break response regarding six different infectious diseases team. with outbreak potential in our community; ITSNI, tuberculosis, mpox, measles, varicella, marburg virus,. During the 2022 mpox outbreak, we were instrumental in the city's effort to provide over 50k vacciness, our team is extremely cost effective. To maintain infrastructure, allowing us to respond efficiently to outbreaks, measles outbreak, that cost 32,805 of each case. it is important to keep ORT in our communities to protect communities.	Kennedy King
	Family Connects Chicago, which was highlighted in Director Guzman's presentation, will soon lose all of its federal funding. This program saves and improves lives and ensures children and families have a healthy start. Invest \$2M in its sustainability so it can continue to operate in safety net birthing hospitals.	Kennedy King
	"-please update/upgrade homelessness resources to be available as opps. -expansion of CARE teams to respond to emergency calls in more areas."	Kennedy King

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	"Shelters rehab centers group homes"	Kennedy King
	renew and expand the 7 million early childhood workforce investment through the corporate fund. increase corporate fund investment in the DFSS childrens services division by another 1 million to increase funding for the Chicago early learning workforce scholarship. Invest 2 million in CDPH budget to sustain family connects Chicago	Kennedy King
	We can fund more of these programs (mental health, public health, and youth jobs) if we take \$ from police vacancies!	Kennedy King
	Employment opportunities, sports opportunities, and help with mental health.	Kennedy King
	Train the staffs that work at the various mental health facilities on what to do when encountering a Deaf person that needs service. Develop a system for the staffs/worker to refer their deaf individuals to programs that does work with deaf people.	Kennedy King
	I think the CPD slush fund of \$300 million should be redirected to immediate and preventative needs like mental health, youth programs, and first response medical care. The slush fund is not really being used for safety, so it should be given to things that have a proven, long term benefit for the community	Kennedy King
	Defund CPD and Fund the services that prevent violence. Drain the \$300 mil slush fund and fund housing, mental healthcare, and youth jobs,	Kennedy King
	No public funds should go toward the Quantum Campus. The Quantum facility must not be built. Discontinue police slush funds and put that investment into the ambulance shortage, expand the CARE non-police crisis response system so that it reaches everyone, expand public mental health centers, and protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs to prevent violence.	Kennedy King
	Mental health clinics and programs in every community use schools, libraries to reach more people. expand CARE services, use the 300 million slush fund more	Malcolm X
	How may we expand the CARE program to all areas and at expanded times. Increased funding for free and charitable clinics. A platform, such as 211, that serves as a network connecting people to the many services already funded and available to people in need (one-stop shop to learn about how and where and when needs can be met). Proactive protection of young people traversing communities alone, especially young, Black men	Malcolm X
	Progressive revenue to fund CARE + CVI. We should put money into prevention of crime not in reaction to crime (CPD)	Malcolm X
	Keeping our immigrants communities safe	Malcolm X
	Promote more opportunities for people with disabilities to work and learn mental health/public health fields, starting in high school. Does city colleges have programs where someone can be certified to respond to behavioral health emergencies? Can colleges like UIC or Northwestern also a part of the pipeline?	Malcolm X
	UIC/Chicagoland Disabled people of color coalition: Looking to connect and collaborate on the follwing: spreading info about CARES to our members, learning about programs for people with disabilities to enter the mental/public health fields, including college/training pipelines, part-time work included, sharing mental health resources for BIPOC in underserved wards	Malcolm X

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	men of color mental health. We love our men AND know the world is rough on the,. If we can bring them in embrace them and teach them to love, maybe we won't lose them to the streets. Look up the event "give them flowers" -> do more of this!!! Investing in our childcare workforce is a community safety issue. We need the city of chicago to lead like NYC and make universal childcare a reality! we need chicago to invest some of its own money into making child-care jobs good jobs. NYC did it, we can too!	Malcolm X
	Public health safety coalition - we would like to redirect the police slush fund of the more than \$300 million that goes to CPD overtime and position vacancies. The funds instead should be used to: -create public mental health centers accessible across every neighborhood in the city, non police mental health crisis response teams across every ward and 24/7, youth programming and peacekeeping jobs so that they can have leadership and mentor roles to make the city safe, updated ambulances within the fire dept. and proper staffing for this crisis response	Malcolm X
	Failure to notify the people of the affects of mold from 2022. How many have died or at risk for severe lung issues.	Malcolm X
	It was good for the Mayor to reopen 2 of the 7 mental health clinics to begin addressing the mental health crisis of homelessness, substance abuse and incarceration. All of those things had gotten worse when Rahm Emanuel closed 7 mental health clinics in 2012. Treatment Not Trauma will improve mental health crisis to have social workers, not armed law enforcement	Malcolm X
	Crisis workers for mentally challenged persons, social workers to cheer well being for elders etc., exercise programs for seniors in subsidized prop.	Malcolm X
	1 ambulance per community area. West Loop has a lot of vacant storefronts, so the ability to subdivide into smaller spaces and/or allow multiple rotating tenants to support a greater variety of small businesses. Legalize ADU's city-wide w/ no parking required (minimal requirements) and Block Builder lots by right. Relegalize 4-flat city wide. Increase the zoning of properties offered by missing middle/block builder and streamline applications to be decided in 10 days - PUBLIC BATHROOMS	Malcolm X
	I am apart of the UIC outbreak response team (ORT) we work with CDPHB RUSH university addressing infections diseases such as ITSNI, TB, Mpox, measles, Varicella, Marburg virus, etc. During the 2022 Mpox, we were able to provide over 50k vaccines in shelters for new arrivals. Which had a significant impact on not having an outbreak as predicted. To maintain infrastructure, we cost approx. 1,360,000 per year. This amount is far less than the cost of a measles outbreak. I believe this important to keep UIC ORT in communities.	Malcolm X
	Continue to fund public health. I am a member of UIC's ORT. The ORT played a key role in one of the most significant public health interventions of 2024. Our team is extremely cost efficient saving the city upwards of 1.3 million during that singular measles outbreak.	Malcolm X
	There needs to be more priority and importance made on assisting PPl with disabilities because I find it hard as a person with a disability its hard to get what I need	Malcolm X
	We need programs that combine more mental health programs - prevention & response in every community and violence prevention.	Malcolm X
	24/7 CARE services across the city. Public Mental health centers reopened in each police district. CPD relationships with youth organizations. Actually diverting young people to YIP providers	Malcolm X

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	We need 24/7 crisis intervention with mental health professionals and EMT's. Police do not need to be involved in mental health crisis. Public mental health is needed - it needs to be available to any city resident - free of charge	Malcolm X
	Parenting classes, grandparent tutoring. Sale of building thats vacant after 2 years . Lottery System	Malcolm X
	Less money for settlements in police misconduct cases and less money for police vacancies. Redirect \$300 million in police dept slush fund to 24/7 nonpolice mental health crisis response and mental health centers	Malcolm X
	Protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs. protect public health resoures - impacts mental health. Expand CARE non-police crisis response. Fund ambulances, fund reentry programs	Malcolm X
	want to see the \$300million that goes to CPD's vacancies and overtime be reallocated to: 24/7CARE teams in every ward, 24/7 public mental health centers in every ward, fully staffing ambulances, scale up youth peacekeeping jobs, and more toward upstream public health solutions, including affordable housing	Malcolm X
	I want to see \$300 mil CPD slush fund reinvested in CVI, CARE, and other public health resources. And I'd like to see the city fund co-operative real estate programs to incentivize co-owned commercial real estate as a community wealthbuilding and anti gentrification tool	Malcolm X
	I personally focus on: protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs, protect public health services, expand the CARE non-police crisis respond system, expand the public mental health centers, solve the crises of understanding and ambulance shortages in the fire dept.	Malcolm X
	More for youth jobs and violence prevention programs like peacekeepers. Ensure expansion of mental health access in all neighborhoods and trained professionals to respond to mental health crisis calls. \$300 million for CPD overtime and vacancies will not make our community safer. Access to healthy foods, childcare, good paying jobs, and affordable housing and healthcare makes our families safer and healthier.	Malcolm X
	How may we expand the CARE program to all areas and at expanded times. Increased funding for free and charitable clinics. A platform, such as 211, that serves as a network connecting people to the many services already funded and available to people in need (one-stop shop to learn about how and where and when needs can be met). Proactive protection of young people traversing communities alone, especially young, Black men	Malcolm X
	Given the projections for revenue and expenditures, it is clear that we need to look critically at existing allocations. The chicago police department currently has a \$300 million allocated to vacancies and overtime. This is unacceptable. We must ensure that today's dollars are going to today's chicagoans. The reallocation of these funds would ensure youth peacekeeping jobs, protecting public health services, expanding CARE, expanding public mental health centers, and investments in safety infrastructure	Malcolm X
	cut the 30 million out of CPD budget. Put them funds in more mental health centers being open, jobs, and housing	Malcolm X
	commercial version of SEIP. use \$300m CPD Slush fund to fund CARE.	Malcolm X

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	Can the police budget help fund programs that prevent violence by supporting youth programs supporting successful violence interceptors, supporting mental health services, supporting re-entry program. Use the \$300 million in vacant positions in the police budget to prevent violence. Explore the police or police union and creation of malpractice insurance so that tax payers are not paying	Malcolm X
	Redirect the \$300 million police department slush fund into community health + safety programs: Expand non-police response system. Expand public mental health services. protect +scale youth peacekeeping jobs	Malcolm X
	Move 300 million from CPD to Public Health	Malcolm X
	Food deserts- city sponsored grovery store w/ healthy food, family counseling, to help w/ mental health, make childcare jobs good jobs! NYC beat us to it!	Malcolm X
	public bathrooms open extended hours at CPL and park locations. Add ambulances more than 1 per neighborhood! Allow ADUs on blockbuilder lots by right	Malcolm X
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	Rent-control. Increase busing, decrease bus/train max capacity for health/safety reason, free public transportation. Simplify process of accessing city services. Free internet access in public areas. more "snap" services for low income people w/ disabilities. Renovate soldier field. modernize Sped schools. increase housing support for homeless PWDs + vets	Malcolm X
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	I am a rich white, cis-het etc etc male - the one thing I want you to listen to me no is: Tax me. Tax eople like me. Tax corporations (esp. those owned by people like me.) (and then more CPD's 300 million slush fund to public health and youth services)	Malcolm X
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	Mental health funding	Online
	More free Vaccinations clinics and hospitals	Online
	Funding for gender-based violence survivors: continuing the Survivor Fund, and rapid re-housing programs for domestic violence victims	Online
	Any Ana all trans resources	Online
	Cut funding to illegal immigrants.	Online
	LGBTQ people and other marginalized groups were mentioned as a side note but not as a priority. Chicago is one of the main safest cities in a highly hostile country and funds should be allocated to ensure we keep our community cared for.	Online
	Services for seniors in the communities.	Online
	Funding for victim advocates that aren't based in CPD; funding for legal aid	Online
	Remove illegals from our taxes. We can't afford them unfortunately	Online

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	More services and programs for seniors and people with disabilities.	Online
	Support for Black residents who live on the northside. We are forgotten by the mayor and Black caucus. We are impacted by the same health disparities due to structural racism.	Online
	Reestablish the Department on Aging, provide corporate funding for City of Chicago home delivered meals, and provide further support for support services for Chicago's older adults.	Online
	Advocacy and outreach for transgender youth and LGBTG specific programs that start with community agreements that call for transparency, inclusive language, especially pronouns for non binary people in all city trades, programs and for all city employees and officials.	Online
	We need FREE wellness programs and more money put into our animal shelters	Online
	Give more help to people who are experiencing homelessness/psychosis on the Red Line	Online
	Re-invest the safety budget toward prevention, CARE response and mental health. Police have a role, but we over rely on their response rather than investing in root causes like poverty and mental health. Invest in access, more clinics, guaranteed income! Use the police slush fund. Reduce reliance on police and overtime the city will also save MILLIONS on misconduct lawsuits and settlements.	Online
	Defund CPD, open more cooling & heating centers, increase city personnel salaries & improve benefits, and housing assistance programs.	Online
	Invest in their basic needs (food, healthcare, affordable housing) by showing them how their taxes dollars work. If people see how their environment is changing they will change and become more engaged.	Online
	"I believe we need to take a massive slice of budget *away* from the Chicago Police Department and reallocate it to under-resourced solutions that research has proven make communities safer. We need to address social determinants of health and do a better job funding mental health crisis services, education, safe housing, etc.	Online
	I also want to make sure the city does not spend ANY resources aiding ICE, CBP, or any other group aiding in mass deportations and detention of our neighbors."	
	Reestablish the Department on Aging, provide corporate funding for City of Chicago home delivered meals, and provide further support for support services for Chicago's older adults.	Online
	The complacency with open drug dealing and use via aggressive panhandling and loitering in the Public Sectors of the City needs to be addressed. Homeless setting up camp at bus stops preventing Public Trans consumers to use provided shelters. Cleaning areas where known homeless sneak in and sleep or use drugs. Bleach isn't that expensive. Patrols on CTA and Train lines to prevent illegal activities .	Online
	Advocacy and outreach for transgender youth and LGBTG specific programs that start with community agreements that call for transparency, inclusive language, especially pronouns for non binary people in all city trades, programs and for all city employees and officials.	Online

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	Re-invest the safety budget toward prevention, CARE response and mental health. Police have a role, but we over rely on their response rather than investing in root causes like poverty and mental health. Invest in access, more clinics, guaranteed income! Use the police slush fund. Reduce reliance on police and overtime the city will also save MILLIONS on misconduct lawsuits and settlements.	Online
	Youth peacekeeping jobs, public health services (vaccines, STI/HIV prevention), public transit, public mental health centers, housing for disabled and unhoused people, CARE team, support for child care workers and caregivers	Online
	"Instead of continuing police slush funds and responses to violence that don't work, let's invest in public health and safety programs that do. Right now, there is a \$300 million police slush fund budgeted for widely abused overtime and for vacant officer positions that CPD has made clear it cannot fill. By prioritizing public health and safety in our budget, we can," Protect & scale youth peacekeeping jobs, one of the most data-backed way to prevent community violence Protect public health services from being slashed by Trump cuts Expand the C.A.R.E non-police crisis response system so that it reaches everyone (24/7, citywide) and takes the burden of mental health response off of police officers Expand the public mental health centers so that there's one in every area of the city, and decrease the number of crises that happen"	Online
	Significantly reduce funding for the police department in order to fund more comprehensive and robust community-based services, such as violence prevention, healthcare, jobs, and safe, stable, and healthy housing, to create more flourishing communities for all.	Online
	The CARE program is at risk of Federal budget cuts and needs to be protected by corporate city funding, such as the police OT fund, to redirect mental health calls to trained professionals instead of police, reducing the need for OT and increasing the overall safety of our most vulnerable residents	Truman
	CARE hours need to be expanded 24/7 city-wide.	Truman
	"Extreme weather expansion 24/7 and transportation to heat/cooling centers The CARE program needs better funding: less than 300 calls vs over 18,000 in Evanston. Darned embarrassing! Let Kathy Powers into the city council press corps (independent) WE TALKED ABOUT GRIEF."	Truman
	"Please expand the CARE program 24/7 citywide More affordable housing always! And make it more affordable to build affordable housing"	Truman
	Use the \$200 million reserved for CPD open jobs for public health programs and violence reduction programs	Truman
	Getting a Uptown Senior Satellite Center	Truman
	Immigration and the threats posed by this administration, particularly the presence of ICE in our neighborhoods is very worrisome. We need to maintain and increase funding for Immigration legal services/support, particularly the legal protector fund.	Truman

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	the legal protection fund provides huge service to our immigrant neighbors and family members. with ICE's presence in our community it is crucial that we continue to prioritize immigration legal resources + representation	Truman
	\$52 million more for CDPH for CHWS, Chronic disease, HIV/STI, Vaccines, mental health. - Take from Police Slush Fund!	Truman
	Dedicated revenue source for young families. Youth: program w/ mental health - make sure there is a space for. CPS has another budget - how does DFSS interact w/ them? Public schools have a seat where, not all of them do -> community safety should be in schools to attract the most. -> how can we aid that, who to interact. More resources for GBV and how best to involve police presence	Truman
	So much of neighborhood community safety and having a wholesome, replenishing experience is supporting mental health responses	Truman
	I'm a social worker and want to see increased wrap around mental health services and crisis response. I support the public health and safety coalitions' proposal to reallocate the \$300 million fund used for vacant positions to fund CARE teams, youth jobs and mental health centers. Also please save the CTA!	Truman
	Senior Department of aging that cares and can help seniors. In one place in each district. Mandate: each person asking for help to receive it not get run around. Senior- healthy meals, mental health. No Senior in a shelter. EMT-train to help seniors not talk down to them. Fair housing for seniors	Truman
	Care + expanding redbook has been so successful - let's build on the momentum and secure/expend funding	Truman
	I'm extremely concerned about people - in a mental health crisis-calling 911 and receiving a police response vs a response from a trained mental health responder. yes there are exclusive mental health crisis numbers - but largely, people don't know about them. Correct 911 call evaluations and response and better publicity for mental health crisis numbers	Truman
	We would like to see a more permanent source of funding for gender-based violence survivors. While crime rates overall are down, the rate of domestic violence homicides are up. And many survivors will never reach out to police. More funding for DV survivors for : Legal aid, rapid rehousing + shelter beds, community-based, non-police services (counseling, advocacy, etc)	Truman
	CARE teams 24/7 city-wide at expanding eligible calls for service so that CARE is fully utilized and has a chance to prove its efficacy	Truman
	We should have a more community-based response to survivors of violence, or less focus/funding on a police response. Most domestic violence survivors will never go to police. They need funding for housing services to leave abusive relationships, legal help + more.	Truman
	I want keep our Deaf and Hearing ADA community MOPD keep level or more money.	Truman
	Uptown needs mental health services. We have a lot of neighbors who need CARE teams, need fully funded public mental health centers that are 24 hours that have wrap around services. We need public transportation that is 24 hours.	Truman
	Public health/mental health services need more funding and resources	Truman

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	"Make mass inoculation drives happen. More school RV's! Have mass inoculation drives at schools. make schools community centers. mental health, public health, before and after school programs."	Truman
	Substance use treatment and overdose prevention is a priority for me, so is increasing access to crisis services 24/7, more accessible	Truman
	There are still a lot of underserved people that have disabilities	Truman
	"We came in regards to the UIC outbreak response team. The UIC ORT work with CDPH and Rush to provide vaccines and testing throughout communities. We provide vaccines for the following infectious diseases (HSN1, tuberculosis, Mpox, measles, vaicella, marburg) During the 2020, mpox outbreak we were instrumental in the city's effort to provide 50k vaccines, which helped reduce cases and prevent new ones Our team is extremely cost effective. To maintain infrastructure allowing us to respond outbreaks is \$360k per year. This amount is far less than the cost of measles outbreak"	Truman
	Finding a safe place for those with mental health that are roaming the community. Providing the youth with hands on JOBS. Construction, trucking, electricians, automechanic etc.	Truman
	More places for veterans of all ages to go for mental, housing, and food help	Truman
	Increase funding for CARES program please!!	Truman
	I would like to encourage the city to reallocate the \$300m of CPD funds that are allocated towards "Vacancies" that can't be filled towards useful and important projects including, CARE, non-police response. Treatment not traum. CPDH HIV/STI prevention, youth jobs, ambulances/fire response and mental health centers. We would also like to see more funding for childcare workers' pay and for programs to support local artists + art programs	Truman
	"Chicago should do Tiny Homes or other means. Be known for solving this problem. I tried to help a blind person who panhandled in the same spot every day. People took advantage of him all the time. I went to the alderperson, the state senator, and 311. I gave my name and number but the man received no help!"	Truman
	If federal funding has fallen from CDPH, funding for hiring CPD and providing CPD overtime needs to be redirected toward ensuring public health is not interrupted and continues to be funded adequately - That includes chronic illness programs, vaccines, food safety, peace keepers, care teams, and outpatient mental health services and community health workers would give us to make sure people who have barriers accessing care get what they need.	Truman
	Use police slush fund for public health + safety! CDPH needs \$52mil to sustain basic operation + care services	Truman
	Fully fund mobile case managers for folks experiencing mental illness and or substance abuse disorder + take money from CPD overtime funds / unfilled positions and use for this!	Truman
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	We need to use the 300 million police funds that currently go toward police overtime and vacant officer positions. The overtime funds are known to be abused and in these tumultous times we cannot afford to allow this. Instead as a community member I would like to see these funds go toward youth peacekeeping jobs, public health serivces, expanding CARE. Non-police crisis response systems, expanding public mental health centers, and funding more staff for ambulance services and the fire department	Truman
	"-reduced police presence. Seeing police with assault rifles patrolling Cubs games does not make me feel safe. -Every resident should have access to mental health services -More youth peacekeeping jobs -Improve the ambulance shortage crisis"	Truman
	We've decided that resources need to be distributed more. Better public health outreach. People' don't know about the mental health clinics, especially the YOUTH program. Better mental health out-reach beyond LinkedIn and Youtube. Public Meetings.	Truman
	Public Health + Safety Coalition - Care teams 24/7 Citywide - Public MH Centers - Youth Peacekeeping Jobs. Use \$300 million from CPD Vacancies	Truman
	Reallocate 300 million from the CPD overtime budget to fund and expand CARE - Shielding this essential program from federal grants being revoked and expanding the program to support our communities and bring more jobs. Chicago Public Health and safety coalition	Truman
	City leaders, elected and not, who have the power to scrutinize details of the city's budget should be asking questions about the police department's use of funds and where that money should be going to actually supportt citizens (health, safety) to PREVENT violence. CPD has been allocated \$300 million/year for vacancies they cannot fill and overtime they abuse (according to the Inspector General's office). That money should be going to CARE, reopening mental health clinics, to take responsibility from CPD that they do not want and services they cannot provide. Mayor Johnson should continue to fund youth jobs and programming. CPD does not prevent violence by addressing any root cause.	Truman
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	Use and reallocate funding from the \$300 million CPD slush fund originally designated for hiring and overtime --- putting it more towards mental health experts as responders in mental health crises	Truman
	There are about \$300 M in the police slush fund for open positions that will not be filled and OT that has been abused that can be reallocated to the CARE program, expanding mental health centers, scaling peacekeeping programs, and funding ambulances for the fire department.	Truman
	Please support the PHS coalition proposal to reallocate funds from the \$300 mil CPD vacancy slush fund to programs like youth peace-keeping and mental health	Truman
	"CPD gets way too much funding, that hould be redirected elsewhere CARE teams need more funding -> we need actual alternatives to police in times of crisis More libraries should get public health vending machines"	Truman
	Using unused police funds (300 million in overtime or unfilled positions) for health services, peacekeeping jobs, ambulances, mental health centers and expanding CARE teams.	Truman
	Reallocate the \$300 million police slush fund towards protecting and scaling youth peacekeeping jobs, protect public health services, expand the CARE non-police crisis response system to be 24/7 and citywide, expand public mental health centers especially on the south and west sides, and solve the crisis of understaffing and ambulance shortages in the fire department. Protect HIV prevention and treatment services, and support queer and trans community health and safety	Truman
	Given the budget crisis, divert unused funds to vital programs and services. For example, divert funds from CPD that sit unused to public health/mental health. Only increase the property tax if on high end property.	Truman
	Re-allocate from the 300 million in police OT + vacancies to public safety efforts like CARE and youth violence prevention initiatives so we know this process works and is worth our time.	Truman
	"Private, non tax paying organizations need to be recruited to financially support public services they/their employees and those they serve use. I'm talking about the large universities, hospitals, private K-12 schools, etc Use the \$200 M reserved for CPD unfilled positions for public health jobs and programs that will reduce violence Do not cut services to fill the budget deficit. Raise revenue especially for those wealthy corporations that can afford to pay"	Truman
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	Youth need job, school, 9-12, help a have student ready to work, mental health program for you + caring people to do the work, take care of our senior, ever senior in Chicago should recieve a package of senior service and who to contact, senior abuse hot line when senior cant get help from the agency	Truman
	"1. Protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs 2. Expand non-police crisis response system. Have correct, trained traige-ing for the right response to mental health/suicide ideation/ drug calls - not police 3. Better public education/publicity for mental health crisis numbers"	Truman
	"Increases investment in DFSS's Children's Services Division by 10 mil for wage increases for childcare and education providers. Increases to this budget should include funding for scholarships in early childhood! Increase the corporate fund investment for CDPH to address the cut to Family Connects Chicago program!"	Truman
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	\$300 million should be redirected to expand the CARE non-police crisis response program, add more ambulances, add more public health centers, and continue to increase youth jobs + programming	Truman
	"Door to door official outreach to buildings and neighborhoods that house seniors! Health vehicles to serve neighborhoods inundated with low income families and seniors! Increase the # of public health employers who share the demographics of the target populations: e.g. seniors reaching out to seniors"	Truman
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	Hello! I want CPD's spending/allocated funds to be seriously evaluated and reappropriated to departments + programs that provide essential public safety, mental health, physical health, and community services. Please expand the CARE program using CPD's Vacancy fund. Chicago has one of the highest sworn officer per capita ratios in the world. and the Inspector General's office has determined CPD abuses overtime funding. Please reallocate the money to CARE, reopening mental health centers, funding CDPH from the corporate fund, youth jobs+programming, prevent violence	Truman
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	Please take funds away from Police and use it for our youth, mental health, CARE, etc.	Truman
	"Tax the rich Pitting programs against each other is not helpful. Move funding for the police to mental health teams and public health, and treatment not trauma and violence prevention. Violence prevention means jobs. Mental health clinics and in schools, affordable housing, public health. Home Modifications for disabled are urgently needed"	Truman
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	"-protect and scale youth peacekeeping jobs -protect public health services -expand the CARE non-police crisis response system so that it reaches everyone -expand the public mental health centers -solve the crisis of understaffing and ambulance shortages in the fire department"	Truman
	Public Health + Safety Coalition - Care teams 24/7 Citywide - Public MH Centers - Youth Peacekeeping Jobs. Use \$300 million from CPD Vacancies	Truman
	need tables for various languages (SPanish, Hindu, Etc) - The Public Health and Safety Coalition want to see root cause approaches to Public safety and public health. Move the \$300 million slush funds to public health and community safety	Truman
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	safer commuting	Harold Washington
	More safety measures on the CTA specially on trains possibly a staff/security person on every other cabins.	Harold Washington
	we need public transportation to improve me and many people have experienced long wait times to commute to jobs, school, or other places	Harold Washington
	transportation is a big part of our lives we need better support and funding to make it safer and more accessible	Harold Washington
	Making Public transit more accessible	Harold Washington
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	One Program most importance. 1. park program 2. preschool, making peace, uplifts youth to use restorative practices instead of relying on police, 3. CPH care program, mental health issues	Harold Washington
	metal health care in schooldes such as therapist, counselors, and different activities	Harold Washington
	There needs to be more overall better education programs as someone that came from cps to private school I was not prepared at all.	Harold Washington
	More money needs to go into public schools for cleanness, food, and more supplies	Harold Washington
	Proper educator replacements/substitutes (unclear...) educator absence	Harold Washington
	we should advocate for programs that provide services like home-less shelters, clothing, books, hygiene products, and more. We should also care about city hygiene, Such as cleaning cabin cars at the CTA trains	Harold Washington

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	public transit, communities shape people, want good changes. gentrification. need more development, more involved community, should see more roundtables, feel really alienated from government, hard to be heard. Need programs to build trust in the institution. They just don't engage. Meet people where they are at, listen to them, Englewood, a free barber shop, clothes could be done a help more youth get together, youth need more outside places to go to, safe to get there, and have a way to attend. Arts funds to reach more people, no advertises, more opportunities, access to city HB211	Harold Washington
	The safety of students who are commuting, this can be more lighting in the area or security/officers/cameras in places where it's neglected from the rest of the city. Additionally, busses/trains arriving more quickly/ an increase of vehicles to decrease commuters to feel unsafe.	Harold Washington
	improve fundamental infrastructure. Hospital. Teenagers. Public transportation. Gun control	Harold Washington
	cleaning the streets. better parks	Harold Washington
	Defund the police and provide increased investment in education public health public infrastructure and resources and investment in communities, The police dont prevent crime. they punish those who commit them after the fact. people do crime out of desperation for help. if we invested in them early on there wouldnt be a need for them to be policed. Education is power, safety, and a way out of hardship. Equitable education saves lives. Schools on the south and westsides and neighborhood schools are disinvested and dont have equal opportunity to selective enrollments and schools in wealthier neighborhoods. youth should not have to travel 30+ minutes for a fair education. It should be accessible in their own neighborhoods. You dont need to take resources from other schools, take the funding from the historic CPD "ghost positions"	Harold Washington
	Accessibility needs should be incorporated when thinking about infrastructure and public transportation for people with mobility issues and audio/visual impairment	Harold Washington
	Please help reduce cost of hiring parks for cultural events. its really bothering a lot of organizations that promote and bring tourism to the city	Kennedy King
	Need better coordination with sister agencies	Kennedy King
	"-Partner with CTA and CHA to promote safe bystander intervention in instances of harassment or interpersonal conflict -Redirect \$100 million from CPD to community violence prevention and safe out of school programs"	Kennedy King
	I am here to talk for me and all the teachers that we need more higher wages. More funding every year.	Kennedy King
	Please incorporate ABA therapy within the CPS system. Or at least make it affordable for parents to pay out of pocket or place it in a insurance law.	Kennedy King
	I didnt select this as my environmental justice priority but street repair is critically needed. the potholes are like trying to navigate landmines. I'd love to see more bus stops w/ shelters. This may not be the city's budget concern or domain but the increase in ride-share charges is ridiculous	Kennedy King
	Engage in free parks for the youth. Give them free programming to keep them busy.	Kennedy King

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	Please return environment enforcement and inspection positions back to the Dept of Environment in order to improve environmental protection and create self sustaining and funding DOE. Speed up LSLR. Water affordability and protection in wake of PSI Quantum and rise of data centers--consider higher water rate for these uses. More and improved bike lanes on south side especially along wider street corridors like Stony Island.	Kennedy King
	Green schools resolution -> collaboration between CPS and city departments. Limitations how to federal funding which impacts some of DOE's 2026 strategy. Are green solutions/technology/infrastructure becoming the priority for the city? or are they still just nice to haves? investment is going to libraries, police buildings. focus on making libraries community centers. Focus on energy efficiency investments in city-managed buildings. As the fleet moves to electric, there is the challenge to ensure there are enough charging stations. CPS is looking at an automotive tech training program on EV technology, CPS is applying to a state grant for this programming. Interest in partnering with Dept. of Env. emphasis on the Green Schools Resolution, need to promote green investments as improvement to city managed buildings, we shouldnt settle for old technologies.	Malcolm X
	Why aren't there more electric CTA buses? There aren't enough or any electric vehicle charging stations. Environmentally stagnant. Need to have the EV charging infrastructure move faster, doesn't need to be publicly owned, public-private ownership. EJ needs to have more teeth and departments need to have more enforcement. Damen Silos-need to give depts. more authority	Malcolm X
	Repurpose closed schools: SRO, make rent affordable	Malcolm X
	Rent-control. Increase busing, decrease bus/train max capacity for health/safety reason, free public transportation. Simplify process of accessing city services. Free internet access in public areas. more "snap" services for low income people w/ disabilities. Renovate soldier field. modernize Sped schools. increase housing support for homeless PWDs + vets	Malcolm X
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	Childcare for all regardless of zip code and paycheck. Food assistance for care programs. One summer bridge to ECE providers without Red tape. Programs w/ Parks for ECE programs for safe play funding for gross motor play- grants too much red tape (cohorts, accreditation)	Malcolm X
	Create or expand open space to include building inclusive parks, playgrounds, sports complex, and guidelines to ensure those comply with ADA, and or other accessibility inclusion entitites for recreation	Malcolm X
	"Tackle safety on the CTA and enhance rider experience (cleanliness, smoking, etc.) so people will actually want to ride it. Reform the pension system and close near-empty schools so those expenses will stop eating up more than half of our tax dollars."	Online

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	None of this is possible if the cta isn't fully funded and expended. Thats my number one priority.	Online
	Fund the public transit system!!	Online
	Transportation -- improving the reliability and headways on CTA, improving bike lanes throughout the city, closing Lake Shore Drive to cars	Online
	Transportation connects to everything. Make sure CTA doesn't go over the fiscal cliff!	Online
	cta bus serviseses should be consistence with the services on the north side	Online
	Provide and preserve our Park resources as essential for neighborhood health and well bein	Online
	We need to prioritize funding and expanding the cta L and bus service, by a substantial increase to vacant lines I'm talking 10-20 times increase if not more. By doing this we will force landlords to stop squatting on valuable land that can be developed into more publicly owned affordable housing by using a portion of the money from the vacant lot fines, and the more the population grows the more taxes the city will be receiving. If that isn't enough to cover both of the above ideas put a tax or raise the tax on hotels and airbnbs and other tourism businesses. Make the CPD stop anyone who is running around kidnapping Chicagoan's saying they are police federal or state. My god we just saw in Minnesota someone disguised as police officers assassinated a house speaker. We cannot allow that to happen here again the police must stop anyone who is running around armed and masked in the streets of Chicago kidnapping people in broad fucking daylight. DO SOMETHING! Thank you staff for all you do.	Online
	Helping Chicago Public Schools budget crisis so that positions aren't lost and schools don't close. Close CPS central office, sell the building, and disperse central office staff among the schools. That decreases unnecessary overhead and can help cover the budget issues, and may even help with the disconnect in policies between central office and schools.	Online
	We must invest in our neighborhood public schools. CPS has rental properties and vacant buildings. I think a cost-benefit analysis of moving rented spaces to vacant properties we already own. I	Online
	Our public school system is severely in debt. In order for our communities to thrive, we need to invest in our children's schooling to ensure that they have what they need to succeed. Particularly our neighborhood schools in the south and west sides that have been historically underfunded and overcrowded due to systemic inequities. This is a crisis that should not and cannot be overlooked. More debt is not the answer and blaming this on the current school administration is not the answer either. As a city I think we need to come together and address the issue and collectively problem solve rather than pointing fingers.	Online

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	Baltimore Mary Brandon invested in 42 summer youth camps, 29 literacy programs, and, extended rec center hours to 11:00 pm, planned block parties, opened the pools for safe fun, and opened schools up for summer classes that were not labeled as mandatory. Institue Dual Vocational-Technical Education. Students split their week between traditional academic classes and hands on trade, technology, healthcare or technical instructions. Many "hands -on students thrive when they see the direct application of their studies and know that they have higher chance of intergrading into adult with a viable skill, trade or specialize education. No child should be allowed to attend a school every day and not no how to read, write, or know basic math. Children drop out of school because they are failing in school, every child should be on the same curriculum what is working in schools that are thriving should be implemented across the city, at bare minimum every child should be on the skill level that was developed by Time4Learning. End the school to jail pipeline by what ever means necessary. When there are troubled youth in school who are acting out pull them aside get them mental assistance, identify if they are not learning, when kids drop out let them back in, don't make it impossible for them to get back into en-gage with them and find other solutions, keep them off the streets by what ever means necessary.	Online
	"We need all Chicago Public schools to be updated to comply as much as possible to ASHRAE's (American Society of Hearing, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers) Standard 241, Control of Infectious Aerosols https://www.ashrae.org/about/news/2023/ashrae-publishes-standard-241-control-of-infectious-aerosols "	Online
	Funding to increase CTA services and avoid worsening the already present issues of ghost buses and trains.	Online
	public transit!!!!	Online
	Fully fund transit; DEFUND THE POLICE!	Online
	Continue keeping our parks cleaned and maintained and for permits to be easier to maintain for community areas such as dog parks that are used by residents daily.	Online
	More public transit	Online
	-Close and consolidate Chicago Public Schools and offer school voucher programs. -Increase enforcement of criminal laws including low level offences and all traffic offenses. -Build a robust "trade school" infrastructure focusing on the high demand trades; electrical, HVAC, plumbing, automotive repair, carpentry... -Aggressively seek out new industries to come to Chicago; A.I., Technology, Software Development, Construction Contactors, etc.	Online
	"--Increased safety on public transportation--including, but not limited to, enforcement of existing CTA rules such as smoking cigarettes and weed, music playing; increased presence of security on trains, buses and platforms. --Fund the Department of Environment to manage issues related to environmental pollution in ALL communities, to support full staffing of the Forestry Dept, and to enhance the management of storm run-off --Support the enforcement of CPD policies that hold individuals accountable for violations of CPD rules such that we can reduce the payouts to victims of police misconduct"	Online
	Please consider closing down underused schools. Spend the money spent maintaining a few underutilized old schools and build one nice new school for all of those students to go to.	Online

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	Support regenerative ranchers and farmers with school food programs and decreased taxes for restaurants using this healthier food, teach healthy lifestyle at every level of school health programs,	Online
	Public transit funding and expansion.	Online
	We need more investment in public transit infrastructure and services.	Online
	Update CPS buildings to comply with ASHRAE's (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers) Jul 2023 Design Guidance for Education Facilities (Version 2.0) for sufficient Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) to improve student performance, reduce absences due to illness, etc. https://www.ashrae.org/File%20Library/Technical%20Resources/Free%20Resources/Design-Guidance-for-Education-Facilities_Version-2.0.pdf	Online
	Public safety and good schools	Online
	Increased security to fight rampant crime along State Street, Red Line, and shops and garages in the area	Online
	The city's infrastructure needs a fair amount of work. Safer and cleaner public transportation would be where I would start.	Online
	More funds to police and crime prevention. Consolidate schools that are below capacity.	Online
	"I have no idea what the difference between the options in the ""arts and culture"" section. How is a ""public art program"" different than ""arts and cultural neighborhood programming?"" When I think of arts and culture I think of murals on walls in neighborhoods. That fits into all 3 categories. Please word this better. -Please ask residents more about CPS's impact on the budget. As a young resident, I am not a fan of my generation going into debt because some teachers wanted excessive raises even though the student body is shrinking. -Please go out of your way to ask more young residents about their perspectives on the budget. We're the ones who are going to be stuck with the bills. Meet them in high schools, on college campuses, at train stations, etc. Don't just email out a survey link and call it a day - you have to target groups who will be affected but aren't currently likely to engage."	Online
	"Tackle safety on the CTA and enhance rider experience (cleanliness, smoking, etc.) so people will actually want to ride it. Reform the pension system and close near-empty schools so those expenses will stop eating up more than half of our tax dollars."	Online
	Road pavement improvement, increased safety measures for pedestrians including red light cameras and improved crosswalk signals and signage, more frequent tree maintenance in and out of parks, improved sewer drainage to prevent flooding on roads, rat/rodent control	Online

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	"To save money on pensions: 1 - Consider freezing the Colas for about 2-3 years. I know it's an unpopular proposals but the city would save millions of dollars. 2 - To save on personnel costs - consider a 4 day work week. Fridays the city is closed or would have a computer ""Al"" kiosk available to answer questions. 3 - to save on personnel costs - consider early retirement buyouts. 4 - I saw a segment on TV that it took an apartment bldg build 6 years to plan and get finance. Something is wrong about that and it should only take 3 years. There needs to be a cuthrough red tape to get projects done. 4 - for the CPS - consider a 4 day work and school week which is something other munis are doing. On day 5 the students would go online and complete homework, for example."	Online
	"Anything that makes Chicago a more walkable/bike-able city, with the guardrails on that also allows for it to be a driveable one. I love all of the bumpouts and bikelane additions, but as someone who is also a car user I hope that, especially in the neighborhoods as more and more roads are being made one way (making certain streets significantly more difficult to navigate) it does make being a car owner/user more difficult. Should it be your top priority? By no means. But I do hope that we are kept in mind while also driving towards a less-polluted, more accessible city! Also fix the CTA for the love of all that is good and holy."	Online
	The complacency with open drug dealing and use via aggressive panhandling and loitering in the Public Sectors of the City needs to be addressed. Homeless setting up camp at bus stops preventing Public Trans consumers to use provided shelters. Cleaning areas where known homeless sneak in and sleep or use drugs. Bleach isn't that expensive. Patrols on CTA and Train lines to prevent illegal activities .	Online
	More bus benches and shelters, overall improving the frequency that train and buses run. Expanding the L line. Having buses be free at point of access and instead funded by taxes	Truman
	"Our schools need to meet greens standards, our students should have access to clean air and clean drinking water. We should expand and continue to invest in more bike lanes We should expand access to composting and community gardens We should be focusing funds toward affordable housing and making sure affordable units have access to clean energy Green standards and practices should guide the budget"	Truman
	CPS funding- our schools are doing the best we could, but we need more funding and collaboration b/w the city and state legislators	Truman
	Engage youth in process. Curriculum and processes in schools to inform and engage young people (in class, voice, LSCs, etc)	Truman
	"Rent control and affordable housing wrap around services (sustainable community schools support) in communities connecting schools to business and other comm resources"	Truman
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	Uptown needs mental health services. We have a lot of neighbors who need CARE teams, need fully funded public mental health centers that are 24 hours that have wrap around services. We need public transportation that is 24 hours.	Truman

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	Have a round table with YOUTH they have the answer, can help me with jobs my children or grandchildren have never had a summer job in the city of Chicago. Bring back to CPS-Parent able to volunteer in school as well as parent classes, for parents, trips for parents that can help themselves and their families	Truman
	"Allow us to select multiple answers. Why? Because all are needed. \$300 million are available show ASL interpreters on the TVs! Keep working on getting public mass transport funded to actual need. let us select multiple choices for each question. Maybe rank 1 for most important to #x for least important in that question. Truman college's gym has terrible acoustics. It's hard to hear because of that."	Truman
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	"Continued engagement with groups after passage of ordinances (eg Green Social Housing) More public seating and restrooms Assistance w/ Green Schools - easy to follow program Allocate police budget to trained deescalation people for cases where nonviolence is needed"	Truman
	Im a social worker ad want to see increased wrap around mental health services and crisis response. I support the public health and safety coalitions' proposal to reallocate the \$300 million fund used for vacant positions to fund CARE teams, youth jobs and mental health centers. Also please save the CTA!	Truman
	Reach out to those most vulnerable to food insecurity, homelessness, and those with mental illness and or substance abuse issues.	Online
	Demonstrate a commitment to cut spending as well as identifying additional revenue sources. Provide access to meetings via zoom and access to video recordings of meetings for those who could not attend in person or zoom.	Online
	Have a town hall meeting with the neighborhoods to increase/improve budget engagement.	Online
	Actually listen to the people who are participating and voting.	Online
	"Budget engagement needs to be more accessible, transparent, and accountable. Right now, it feels like a box-checking exercise instead of a meaningful way for residents to influence decisions. To improve: Simplify the process , Cut the jargon, make summaries clear, and provide straightforward explanations of where the money is going. Show results , Share what feedback led to real changes. If community input doesn't shape the budget, people stop participating. Increase visibility , Promote the survey and meetings through local groups, neighborhood associations, and targeted outreach, not just through city websites. Host in-person and virtual town halls with real Q&A, not scripted presentations. Report back , After the budget is set, show how it aligns (or doesn't) with resident input, and explain why. We need engagement that leads to action, not just conversation."	Online

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	The next meeting should be held closer to people that use public transportation or provide transportation.	Online
	You should have it on TEAMS so that those that can't come in person can participate online. More budget engagements. Every ward should host a budget engagement, which ward residents can participate and suggest what is vital to their ward.	Online
	Provide more online access to budget roundtables.	Online
	Write a form letter the Alders can customize and email the Budget Survey to their constituents list.	Online
	More frequent, earlier communication and awareness of the budget process, timing and survey itself. Also, don't require us to select from a list of terrible services that we don't want (that skew the survey results) - allow for the ability to write-in answers in the survey.	Online
	Do this twice a year & publish the findings from the feedback.	Online
	Shorter sessions with a focus on less main topics	Online
	I think these surveys and townhalls you are doing is a great way to get engagement	Online
	Publicize these engagement opportunities more widely. All residents should know that their voices can be heard, and I think the City should be much more proactive in reaching out about engagement opportunities.	Online
	Introduce the budget engagement into the communities to be able to participate	Online
	More engagement and surveys. Have Chicago people vote more frequently on issues.	Online
	More awareness in radio.	Online
	There is currently a lack of trust between the city budget and the residents. Political differences have led to unrecognized voices, and discussions often lean too far to the left. It is essential to create spaces that welcome all perspectives, regardless of political beliefs, and encourage conversations that bring people together. This will help ensure that everyone feels safe expressing their opinions.	Online
	Collaborate and coordinate with alderpeople to hold these conversations with residents at the park districts in their communities.	Online
	This survey is a great step. Follow up with a summary of the answers you get and the actual actions you take to help the Chicago communities thrive, especially the ones with large amounts of violence.	Online
	Make sure Alderman reach out to constituents about this survey, share survey via QR code at libraries and senior centers and train stations.	Online
	work with ward alderman	Online
	local meetings could be very helpful or attending already scheduled community meetings or other community gatherings like religious services, etc. to talk about budgeting. Go where people are already meeting instead of asking people to come to a separate event.	Online
	Instead of selecting only one priority in the policy areas, allow for rank choice. This survey seemed to be tilted toward advancing the Mayor's political agenda not a fiscally sound, long term, sustainable policy agenda.	Online
	Make it more transparent. Publicize it in newspapers, on social media, and make sure TV news is aware.	Online

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	We need to see whether or not you take into consideration the community recommendations	Online
	I don't look at local news to TV all that much, however I do have family members that have the TV on all day. Maybe work with local news outlets to inform the public about how to participate in upcoming budget engagement activities with instructions if they are interested, they should go to a particular website and enter their phone number or email to receive additional information and the link to the survey. Also, put out social media videos along the same line.	Online
	Promote survey in public transportation	Online
	Distribute these surveys to parents through their local school.	Online
	Keep doing what you are doing	Online
	inform people of needs for their participation in the city and their communities issues prior to the discussion.	Online
	I only found out about this survey through Openlands. Where has it been publicized? Perhaps more outreach is needed.	Online
	Ask the alderman to hold town halls to input from their communities.	Online
	Continue surveys such as these! Thank you!	Online
	Development of community email chains, directories and neighborhood resource pages that are user friendly and allow for community connection and ease of contacting. I found out of this survey through a third party, not Chicago government. How can I help if I do not even know what you need. News reel clips with important information should also be easily accessible and chronological on the city website.	Online
	More marketing in the neighborhoods.	Online
	Do a better job of designing this survey.	Online
	More surveys like this	Online
	Surveys and town hall meetings, open to public.	Online
	Earlier engagement and more options addressing whole city having needs	Online
	More roundtables and surveys with community stakeholders via social media to increase reach.	Online
	put ideas to a vote as to what's most needed	Online
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	Ask the Alders to host public meetings with the Mayor and city officials.	Online

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	I attended the June 30 public RT with the mayor at Malcolm X College. My group was excited to join for the first time, however, the mayor left immediately after he gave a short speech in the auditorium. Then he left and didn't listen in at the breakout sessions. That felt like our voices didn't matter and weren't important enough for him to stay and listen in, and it felt performative to give a speech then leave with no explanation.	Online
	Don't wait until the last minute and let people speak at meetings.	Online
	Engage in a marketing campaign to advise all residents of Chicago that their input on budget is needed.	Online
	Use of multiple media sources to notify people of meetings in a timely fashion well in advance of the meetings.	Online
	Please make sure all public tv, radio, and other outlets inform more Chicagoans.	Online
	Public hearings where the public has a real say.	Online
	Improve this survey to gather meaningful feedback. This instrument forces respondents to pick an option for a budget line item even if none of the options are desired.	Online
	the survey is a good idea. Can we see the results of the survey and what choices were made based on the survey?	Online
	Solicit feedback using instruments that are less biased and allow for a broader scope of feedback	Online
	town hall meetings in our neighborhoods. Continue surveys like this, share with aldermen/ women to share with community.	Online
	Maybe two or three roundtable sessions for each area	Online
	Your budgeting needs to reflect that input from city residents matter. It seems the budget is constructed without input from residents...pay the pension and the police and then anything else seems to be the mayor's or a particular alderperson's pet project. I don't hear that community input was a part of *any* budget decision.	Online
	Mailer to registered voters so we know	Online
	More meetings at Ward level that bring forward community ideas to the budget process.	Online
	Hold forums at local non profits where you can get input from people in the community regarding services they need and want	Online
	This Survey is bullshit. The options regarding increasing city revenue are limited. Tax the fucking rich you fools. Put on your big kid pants and win the battle for a change! Instead of dinking around with the same cronyism as the bad guys like firing good staff and bringing in your pals. That is not how a "progressive" administration should run. These choose one multiple choice questions are a surrender from the start! For example question 16 - YOU SHOULD BE DOING ALL OF THOSE THINGS. It is a moral imperative. We elect you to figure out how. Get back to work and cut the bullshit!	Online
	Invite input Earlier and often	Online
	Host meetings after 5:00 on weekdays or on weekends. Also, host in a virtual or hybrid fashion.	Online
	More surveys and round tables	Online
	use media to let people be aware this survey exists.	Online
	A portal to see where all money is going and spent compared year over year open to all and updated quarterly.	Online

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	I only heard about this because someone told me about it. Have a more expensive ad campaign for this kind of thing. Put posters on the street.	Online
	Send email announcements. Public service information signs and noticed throughout public spaces and transit	Online
	Nobody listens anyway. Our wishes have been denied for years. Ask citizens to vote on whether or not they want to be/can afford to be a sanctuary city, and not let king mayor decide how we squander our money?	Online
	Do a better job working with City Council. Sycophants in budget office should be removed	Online
	This survey is a good way!	Online
	Engage community orgs in conversation to support increasing awareness with people they serve.	Online
	Send a mailing, more press releases and news releases.	Online
	I've not seen this survey advertised very widely, so maybe better communication, outreach	Online
	Make the suvey landing page have button options for multiple languages and have canvassing teams if possible	Online
	Increase the ways people would hear about the budget and provide an incentive to respond like a gift card	Online
	Advertise on several billboards around the city making citizens aware that they have an opportunity to participate in the City budget, and providing a deadline for engagement.	Online
	Add additional budget forums	Online
	Maybe send this through the mail with a QR Code to the survey. Many people don't have social media and don't follow the right accounts to find out about this. Getting this in your mailbox helps cause we all have to check it from time to time	Online
	Continue with participatory budgeting.	Online
	Encourage recipients to share this with their social circles. Have influential Chicago performers and business owners share this on their social media pages / stories!! Plug into queer spaces and marginalized communities via performers / school administration, and business owners to share this with their circles.	Online
	It would good to have the options in this survey rank order of the options rather than all or nothing options.	Online
	Send dedicated emails to every citizen	Online
	More people will participate when they see their feedback implemented.	Online
	Continue sharing the survey for feedback.	Online
	Educate families in a more proactive manner. Most people do not know how or if they can be involved at all due to work and family responsibilities.	Online
	I found this by accident so maybe you need to advertise it more. I did not feel like this survey was set up well. You are forced to make one choice rather than rank ordering items and there was no place to add an "other" option. There was no cost associated with choices. Survey not well done.	Online
	Surveys like this are helpful	Online
	Increase outreach to citizens	Online

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	Put large banners digital or physical on the buses and the L. Do the same or similar for all public schools and libraries. Finally expand this to as many languages as possible. Thank you staff for all your hard work!	Online
	Make sure that members of the city counsel are sharing the link to this survey.	Online
	We need more Community Engagement to make people's lives better.	Online
	How do we get more transparency on where money is going. Everything should be on the table. There should not be just one option for each section. This should be more than just a survey. Where is the vision?	Online
	My community needs to feel more connected to the rest of the city. We are a diverse neighborhood but feel worlds away from south and west sides. We need more strategy and initiative to connect various parts of the city together and build a larger sense of community. This impacts SO much of how we care for our city and its people!	Online
	You forgot to poll the 1% grocery tax reinstatement.	Online
	This survey is a disappointment. The vast majority of the options sounded like increased spending. There were no options that clearly demonstrated a need for increased efficiency or fiscal accountability. Related to housing, there were no options about regulatory reforms that might remove barriers to building or reduce cost of building. I would like to see major reforms at CPS especially closing of low capacity schools and elimination of bureaucratic overhead. Policing needs to include a focus on truancy. The red line extension needs to be cancelled. If the city cannot fund existing services, why is it expanding? Overall, you need to cut costs and improve services through sound management practices. Tax increases are unacceptable.	Online

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	We can IMPROVE Budget Engagement by adding a Fun Engagement, like an Entertainer keynote Singer from Chicago like Chaka Khan or Common, have Barack Obama come by and speak at a Budget Engagement Session. A Million people will take part and get to see Mayor Brandon Johnson is focused on ensuring that the City's Residents have access to Information, get to contribute to the City's Budget Process rather than complain in barber shops and beauty salons etc. Says, Michael L. Smith. Advocate of Civic Engagement and strong supporter of Mayor Brandon Johnson	Online
	Surveys are great! I have childcare and elder care needs that prevent me from attending a lot of community meetings, but I always have time for a survey	Online
	Work with neighborhood and nonprofit groups to hold community town halls about the budget.	Online
	I thought it was done well logistically. Not all facilitators were knowledgeable.	Online
	Forums. Share what's worked in other cities. Be more transparent. Be more open to ideas. Where is the alignment to values in this budget? How do we know that?	Online

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	Simply and shorten beginning presentations to allow more time for actual discussion. Powerpoints in font that is not small (too hard for audience to read fine print). Encourage the online survey completing on-site with free wifi access versus paper as the preferred method; pen/pencil was not provided at same time, also online is less likely to get lost. Some discussion around the percentage of services that are funded with federal funds. Raise awareness of the budget engagement events months before they happen, on all social media platforms and public spaces, such as CPLs.	Online
	I didn't even know this survey existed until a coworker sent it to me! Definitely increase advertisement of survey possibly on social media. Include sample questions and answers that are in the survey because I felt compelled to complete the survey because of the answers options given.	Online
	To improve budget engagement in communities like Austin, the City of Chicago must prioritize accessibility, trust, and transparency. This means hosting budget sessions in familiar, trusted neighborhood spaces like churches, schools, and community centers, not just downtown or online. Materials should use plain language, visual aids, and translations to ensure everyone can understand how budget decisions impact daily life. Partnering with local leaders and organizations already rooted in the community builds trust and helps increase turnout. The city should also consider compensating residents for their time and insights, especially working families, seniors, and youth. Implementing participatory budgeting, where residents directly vote on how certain funds are spent, can make engagement feel more real and impactful. Most importantly, the City must follow up, showing how community feedback shaped decisions. This kind of inclusive, transparent approach ensures communities like Austin don't just get a voice in the process, but real power in shaping the outcomes.	Online
	Send out more reminders like this one to help promote engagement, and also make sure the survey can be taken in multiple languages.	Online
	"The City of Chicago can improve by expanding access to information and opportunities in ways that are equitable, culturally responsive, and technology-driven. That includes amplifying community voices in planning, policy, and funding decisions, especially from neighborhoods that have historically been underrepresented. We also encourage stronger collaboration between city departments, community-based organizations, schools, and tech partners to ensure more coordinated, measurable impact.	
	How can we improve budget engagement? To improve budget engagement, the city could offer interactive, multilingual, and mobile-friendly tools, such as digital town halls, community budgeting apps, AI-powered chat support, and real-time feedback dashboards, to demystify the budgeting process and invite deeper participation. Hosting hyperlocal pop-ups at schools, libraries, and community centers, with incentives like digital stipends, food, or childcare, can also drive inclusive turnout. Young people especially want to feel that their input has real weight, so clearly showing how community feedback shaped funding priorities will build trust.	Online
	What can we do to help you and others participate next year?	
	Double the number of roundtable sessions. Have a couple downtown also -- south loop and near north residents want to participate. Distribute or make summary of each roundtable available to all of us who registered. Thanks	Online
	Advertise everywhere and offer transparency and accountability. I never got the result of last year's survey.	Online

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	More frequent, earlier communication and awareness of the budget process, timing and survey itself. Also, don't require us to select from a list of terrible services that we don't want (that skew the survey results) - allow for the ability to write-in answers in the survey.	Online
	Simply and shorten beginning presentations to allow more time for actual discussion. Powerpoints in font that is not small (too hard for audience to read fine print). Encourage the online survey completing on-site with free wifi access versus paper as the preferred method; pen/pencil was not provided at same time, also online is less likely to get lost. Some discussion around the percentage of services that are funded with federal funds. Raise awareness of the budget engagement events months before they happen, on all social media platforms and public spaces, such as CPLs.	Online

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	To improve budget engagement in communities like Austin, the City of Chicago must prioritize accessibility, trust, and transparency. This means hosting budget sessions in familiar, trusted neighborhood spaces like churches, schools, and community centers, not just downtown or online. Materials should use plain language, visual aids, and translations to ensure everyone can understand how budget decisions impact daily life. Partnering with local leaders and organizations already rooted in the community builds trust and helps increase turnout. The city should also consider compensating residents for their time and insights, especially working families, seniors, and youth. Implementing participatory budgeting, where residents directly vote on how certain funds are spent, can make engagement feel more real and impactful. Most importantly, the City must follow up, showing how community feedback shaped decisions. This kind of inclusive, transparent approach ensures communities like Austin don't just get a voice in the process, but real power in shaping the outcomes.	Online
	"The City of Chicago can improve by expanding access to information and opportunities in ways that are equitable, culturally responsive, and technology-driven. That includes amplifying community voices in planning, policy, and funding decisions, especially from neighborhoods that have historically been underrepresented. We also encourage stronger collaboration between city departments, community-based organizations, schools, and tech partners to ensure more coordinated, measurable impact. How can we improve budget engagement? To improve budget engagement, the city could offer interactive, multilingual, and mobile-friendly tools, such as digital town halls, community budgeting apps, AI-powered chat support, and real-time feedback dashboards, to demystify the budgeting process and invite deeper participation. Hosting hyperlocal pop-ups at schools, libraries, and community centers, with incentives like digital stipends, food, or childcare, can also drive inclusive turnout. Young people especially want to feel that their input has real weight, so clearly showing how community feedback shaped funding priorities will build trust. What can we do to help you and others participate next year? "	Online
	"Budget engagement needs to be more accessible, transparent, and accountable. Right now, it feels like a box-checking exercise instead of a meaningful way for residents to influence decisions. To improve: Simplify the process , Cut the jargon, make summaries clear, and provide straightforward explanations of where the money is going. Show results , Share what feedback led to real changes. If community input doesn't shape the budget, people stop participating. Increase visibility , Promote the survey and meetings through local groups, neighborhood associations, and targeted outreach, not just through city websites. Host in-person and virtual town halls with real Q&A, not scripted presentations. Report back , After the budget is set, show how it aligns (or doesn't) with resident input, and explain why. We need engagement that leads to action, not just conversation."	Online

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	We need more gun safety and graffiti clean-up services. Also, an info session on how TIF funds are used in the community and see the accountability of the projects regarding TIF funds.	Online
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	All resources are available	Truman
	I think you are doing a good job.	Truman
	Pop-up directly in communities - existing events, street fests, etc. No grocery tax.	Truman
	Have a round table with YOUTH they have the answer, can help me with jobs my children or grandchildren have never had a summer job in the city of Chicago. Bring back to CPS-Parent able to volunteer in school as well as parent classes, for parents, trips for parents that can help themselves and their families	Truman
	More marketing across social media	Truman
	"More of these Bring these to CPS schools"	Truman
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	Make the appropriate transformations to ensure the participation	Truman

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	I only ever hear about these sessions through non-profits I'm involved w/ so doing more to engage folks who might not hear about it through those orgs is important.	Truman
	More visibility on social media	Truman
	go to every community to engage with the people.	Truman
	Broaden the categories.	Truman
	more directed toward engaging young people- internet presence, public transit ads, etc	Truman
	Bring budget discussions directly to CPS classrooms and courses so students can directly engage, study, learn and offer informed input	Truman
	Promote and get the word out about these budget events. I found out about this because of my involvement locally, but maybe there's ways to get the word out more broadly. Get out and promote this survey virtually via a QR code on flyers and through a city wide email or text	Truman
	"Allow us to select multiple answers. Why? Because all are needed. \$300 million are available show ASL interpreters on the TVs! Keep working on getting public mass transport funded to actual need. let us select multiple choices for each question. Maybe rank 1 for most important to #x for least important in that question. Truman college's gym has terrible acoustics. It's hard to hear because of that."	Truman
	More widely advertise budget roundtable in community via physical ads, social media, newsletters, colleges/universities, etc. Prioritize getting young people involved (youth)	Truman
	More advertising to the communities	Truman
	Improve budget engagement by getting flyers to students in the surrounding universities. Especially those in the public health, research, medicine, and science	Truman
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	Make sure Alders tell their constituents and also show up	Truman
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	Earlier in the Spring/Summer/ City Departments have already started.	Truman
	"- host community meetings with grassroots organizations - send the city government staff to do outreach outside in the communities - we need the leadership to spend some time outside the city hall to see face to face the challenges that residents are facing - talk to local leaders about how housing issues are being a barrier to take care of their mental health and access to a job - Thank you for hosting this meetings. I feel this year was better than last year"	Truman
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	Go to actually poor communities like Hermosa, Belmont Cragin, Humboldt Park, etc...	Truman

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	This was great, next expanded to ward level round tables?	Truman
	"-more publicity -reach out to universities and community organizations -go to community events (farmers markets, festivals, resource fairs)"	Truman
	I appreciate the roundtable!	Truman
	virtual options for mobility restricted people	Truman
	Have adequate city officials and note takers for each budget round table	Truman
	This is not for the northside, but making the budget roundtable more accessible, time-wise. I noticed that the time says 5pm and that is not acceptable for people who have to work 9-5 jobs. The times need to be changed so Black and Brown people can show up and share their hopes for the city.	Truman
	We can improve budget engagement by working together and bring community leaders together all over the city of Chicago. we have to unionize the city of Chicago.	Truman
	Host more events like this... GREAT JOB!!	Truman
	Transparency of process. What will you do with this survey information? How will our participation impact decision making? Explain that up front. Make this process a huge event that all Chicagoans will want to be a part of.	Truman
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	I feel that every person living in this city is a gift. To protect these gifts, lets allow ourselves to be more open. How? Why not broadcast budget meetings on social media, local TV stations like WTTW, NBCS would be interested in showing said meetings. The above mentioned are effective ways of reaching a broader audience	Truman
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	Visit more senior apartment buildings	Truman
	More opportunities to engage with communities. Three events might not be enough	Truman
	"Door to door official outreach to buildings and neighborhoods that house seniors! Health vehicles to serve neighborhoods inundated with low income families and seniors! Increase the # of public health employers who share the demographics of the target populations: e.g. seniors reaching out to seniors"	Truman
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	One summer chicago should be all year round, programs at school, kids need spaces.	Harold Washington
	There needs to be more events, functions, places, for the youth to have fun, safety, and something interactive to allow us to have something to do instead of teen city cafes.	Harold Washington
	Meeting youth where they are at? Amplifying youth voices, giving youth a platform to be heard, preventing youth from "crashing out" Not balmng the youth and blaming circumstances the youth are in.	Harold Washington
	I like anything hands on, more like construction, retail fast food. I like to be focused and have something going on.	Harold Washington
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	The people in my community would need more opportunities for the youth and job opportunities. Remodeled Housing	Harold Washington
	Continue to invest in youth programs and increasing the youth services budget is crucial to maintaining and creating a safe equitable city	Harold Washington
	I feel like there should be more programs for the youth and there should be more open opportunities for the youth.	Harold Washington
	youth programing founding towards non-profit organziations so they can continue to provide youth employment to students year round not only just mainly during the summer	Harold Washington
	more summer programs	Harold Washington
	programs to introduce the corporate world to teens	Harold Washington
	Investing more into the youth to give them things to do during the summer	Harold Washington
	we need infrastructure for youth centers and entrepreneurship incubators	Harold Washington
	we need more teen jobs, and help getting them since some teens are parents	Harold Washington
	Educational funding needs for youth adults at any age pursuing master and beyond program funding to help them pay for the education so that they can pour into the community and future youth; programs like clinical psychology and mental health.	Harold Washington
	Job opportunities for youth, with or even without experience	Harold Washington
	the organization needs an increase on student programs	Harold Washington
	I say the community needs more housing and more opportunities for teens to work and stay out of trouble	Harold Washington

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	Defund and abolish the CPD. Fund youth jobs, mental health, trans and queer services	Harold Washington
	Heard there's a \$300 million bucket of funds used for police overtime but I think they should invest that in childcare programs, public health centers, ambulances, mental health crisis response w/o police and violence prevention youth.	Harold Washington
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	Safety zones, preventing youth from substance abuse, violence prevention, summer programs, and summer jobs, public mental health services.	Harold Washington
	Defund the police. Put that money in youth programs. Abolish ICE. give the money to youth and mental services. Universal food and income.	Harold Washington
	Invest more in community and educational resources. Advocate social justice. More programs, activities and festivals. More police in the neighborhood.	Harold Washington
	Programs that encourage youth to engage politically and get political education	Kennedy King
	renew and expand the 7 million early childhood workforce investment through the corporate fund. increase corporate fund investment in the DFSS childrens services division by another 1 million to increase funding for the Chicago early learning workforce scholarship. Invest 2 million in CDPH budget to sustain family connects Chicago	Kennedy King
	Transportation for the youth and young adults after late night basketball!	Kennedy King
	Engage in free parks for the youth. Give them free programming to keep them busy.	Kennedy King

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	Teacher and Daycares need more higher wages every year. We need ECE funding every year. I am here to speak for me and all the teacher work with kids. Need more teaching for teachers.	Kennedy King
	Youth exposures to learning opportunities regarding the city program. Partnership with educators/scholars: transfer knowledge to pupils, support the city, scholars grassroots campaigns, scholars contribute to city (many aspects). Building stronger communities and reaching the youth because they are responsible for the future and we are responsible for transferring the power.	Kennedy King
	Increase funding for degree attainment in childcare /early childhood ed, in addition to wage increase. They both play into each other!	Kennedy King
	Please continue funding and bringing child care worker's salaries aligned with CPS ECE workers salaries. Expand paid leave to domestic workers. Protect and hold the line on One Fair Wage for tipped workers. Establish the creation of a Director of Workplace position. Enforce construction equity goals for the construction workforce. Fund OLS for enhanced enforcement of workers protections.	Kennedy King
	We need more investment in the childcare system. A publicly-run system w/good jobs and care for all families.	Kennedy King
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	We can fund more of these programs (mental health, public health, and youth jobs) if we take \$ from police vacancies!	Kennedy King
	I think the CPD slush fund of \$300 million should be redirected to immediate and preventative needs like mental health, youth programs, and first response medical care. The slush fund is not really being used for safety, so it should be given to things that have a proven, long term benefit for the community	Kennedy King
	Defund CPD and Fund the services that prevent violence. Drain the \$300 mil slush fund and fund housing, mental healthcare, and youth jobs,	Kennedy King

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	A healthy and thriving neighborhood is one that works for ALL members of the community, and that includes the city's youngest residents. I want to advocate for investments in early childhood, which translate to investments in community welfare, health, economic stability, and development. One way the city can invest in early childhood is through a \$1 million increase in DFSS children's services division to go towards Chicago early learning workforce scholarship. With this, over 100 more scholarships can be granted, strengthening the early childhood workforce	Malcolm X
	Childcare for all people	Malcolm X
	Childcare for all regardless of zip code and paycheck. Food assistance for care programs. One summer bridge to ECE providers without Red tape. Programs w/ Parks for ECE programs for safe play funding for gross motor play- grants too much red tape (cohorts, accreditation)	Malcolm X
	More resources and recreation programs (age appropriate). Bowling alleys, skating rinks, park district field house that train and teach swimming, youth programs, baseball, basketball, football programs. Teach agriculture (planting, growing and eating more from mother earth)	Malcolm X
	Create or expand open space to include building inclusive parks, playgrounds, sports complex, and guidelines to ensure those comply with ADA, and or other accessibility inclusion entities for recreation	Malcolm X
	At Start Early, we are deeply passionate about the Chicago Early Learning workforce scholarship. This scholarship has a direct impact on the workforce crisis in Chicago's early learning sector. Through this scholarship, more educators are able to receive the credentials required to enter the workforce. The scholarship has a 3 year work requirement upon graduate to work in a Chicago Early Learning program so an investment in the scholarship has a direct impact on ROI and community businesses.	Malcolm X
	I think there should be programs in place for our youth along with job readiness programs, Keep them engaged during development	Malcolm X
	Childcare, food assistance for childcare programs, solid programming w results for youth development	Malcolm X
	We need to invest in O-S! 80% of our brains are developed by age 5, we need to dig into building a strong foundation	Malcolm X
	youth business startup initiatives	Malcolm X
	men of color mental health. We love our men AND know the world is rough on the.. If we can bring them in embrace them and teach them to love, maybe we won't lose them to the streets. Look up the event "give them flowers" -> do more of this!!! Investing in our childcare workforce is a community safety issue. We need the city of Chicago to lead like NYC and make universal childcare a reality! we need Chicago to invest some of its own money into making childcare jobs good jobs. NYC did it, we can too!	Malcolm X
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	How can DSS collaborate with high schools with SPED programs or occupational high schools like [?] or south side occupational academy? to help students with disabilities navigate the labor trainee program, ask for job and program accommodations, and land equitable paying meaningful work based on their strengths, interests, and accommodation needs? what are other programs available where high school students with disabilities can learn trades like cosmetology, carpentry, etc?	Malcolm X
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	Childcare, food assistance for childcare programs, solid programming w results for youth development	Malcolm X
	Standardized data disaggregation for ethnic minorities (population counts, health data, etc.). year round early childhood education programs. CCAP for students with special needs	Malcolm X
	Food deserts- city sponsored grocery store w/ healthy food, family counseling, to help w/ mental health, make childcare jobs good jobs! NYC beat us to it!	Malcolm X
	"Chicago is a city of resilience, innovation, and promise, but long-standing disparities in access to education, technology, and economic opportunity remain urgent challenges, particularly in communities on the South and West Sides. One of the most pressing needs is scaling inclusive, tech-powered, 'Upskilling up,' initiatives that lead to real job creation, entrepreneurship, and upward mobility for youth and adults alike. We are actively working to expand initiatives like 'Every Student Can Code', which ensures students, especially from under-resourced schools, gain early exposure to computer science, AI, and digital innovation. These programs are not just about learning to code; they're about empowering the next generation of creators, critical thinkers, and future-ready leaders. Through public-private partnerships and platforms like our Velocity Learning Management Ecosystem, we are building personalized learning and career pathways that integrate credentialing, mentorship, and workforce readiness. Our AI-powered system is designed to predict outcomes, profile learner needs, and personalize progress, ensuring each learner receives the support and tools they need to thrive. At the community level, we see tremendous potential in creating tech-enabled safe spaces that bring together schools, city agencies, industry, and families to support students from cradle to career. These learning ecosystems, aligned with Chicago's We Will strategic plan and Moving Forward Together, can become models for equitable transformation and digital equity at scale. We believe in a Chicago where every student can thrive, every zip code has access to opportunity, and every learner has a pathway to succeed."	Online
	help the community, put all the money back into the community, invest in the youth. ask why these kids are going out downtown trying to have fun. create something that gives these young adults an outlet, it has been proven that policing kids do not work	Online

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	"Chicago needs an Amusement Park on the Southeast Side Lake-front Area ASAP. This Entertainment Venue will strongly support NonViolence in the City of Chicago. Youth needs Places of Interest, Activities and other Engagements where they are welcome to gather together safely and enjoy being Youngsters, enjoy Student-Life and low budget games, activities and things to do. This will reduce Stress, Crime and Violence in our Great Destination City of Chicago. Signed Michael Louis Smith, City of Chicago Youth Program Leader. Ph (312)907-1469 Email address: MikeSmith324@gmail.com"	Online
	Affordable, quality childcare for all should be a top priority!	Online
	We need to continue early childhood and youth programs as that is us of tomorrow	Online
	We need to fund afterschool programs in the city of Chicago.	Online
	More programming for youth to explore careers in Emergency Medical Services.	Online
	Free gym memberships for teens (at least in the summer)	Online
	transportation services for youth, teens and seniors for programming, school, nei	Online
	More sports and academic programs	Online
	"Chicago is a city of resilience, innovation, and promise, but long-standing disparities in access to education, technology, and economic opportunity remain urgent challenges, particularly in communities on the South and West Sides. One of the most pressing needs is scaling inclusive, tech-powered ,Upskilling up,À initiatives that lead to real job creation, entrepreneurship, and upward mobility for youth and adults alike. We are actively working to expand initiatives like ""Every Student Can Code"", which ensures students, especially from under-resourced schools, gain early exposure to computer science, AI, and digital innovation. These programs are not just about learning to code; they're about empowering the next generation of creators, critical thinkers, and future-ready leaders. Through public-private partnerships and platforms like our Velocity Learning Management Ecosystem, we are building personalized learning and career pathways that integrate credentialing, mentorship, and workforce readiness. Our AI-powered system is designed to predict outcomes, profile learner needs, and personalize progress, ensuring each learner receives the support and tools they need to thrive. At the community level, we see tremendous potential in creating tech-enabled safe spaces that bring together schools, city agencies, industry, and families to support students from cradle to career. These learning ecosystems, aligned with Chicago's We Will strategic plan and Moving Forward Together, can become models for equitable transformation and digital equity at scale. We believe in a Chicago where every student can thrive, every zip code has access to opportunity, and every learner has a pathway to succeed."	Online
	We need to continue early childhood and youth programs as that is us of tomorrow	Online

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	Baltimore Mary Brandon invested in 42 summer youth camps, 29 literacy programs, and, extended rec center hours to 11:00 pm, planned block parties, opened the pools for safe fun, and opened schools up for summer classes that were not labeled as mandatory. Institue Dual Vocational-Technical Education. Students split their week between traditional academic classes and hands on trade, technology, healthcare or technical instructions. Many "hands -on students thrive when they see the direct application of their studies and know that they have higher chance of intergrading into adult with a viable skill, trade or specialize education. No child should be allowed to attend a school every day and not no how to read, write, or know basic math. Children drop out of school because they are failing in school, every child should be on the same curriculum what is working in schools that are thriving should be implemented across the city, at bare minimum every child should be on the skill level that was developed by Time4Learning. End the school to jail pipeline by what ever means necessary. When there are troubled youth in school who are acting out pull them aside get them mental assistance, identify if they are not learning, when kids drop out let them back in, don't make it impossible for them to get back into engage with them and find other solutions, keep them off the streets by what ever means necessary.	Online
	Affordable housing, grocery store incentives, youth employment, my chi my future safe spaces and anchor orgs, not laying off city workers (reallocate them to areas needing more staffing support), modernizing government services	Online
	We can benefit from a cleaner community, smoother streets and more services for youth.	Online
	To have a meaningful, lasting impact on Chicago's ECE System, we need to work on establishing a dedicated revenue source to support families with young children, the way many other cities have done. In the meantime, please consider modest increases in City early childhood Education investments - it would make a huge difference. - \$10m to DFSS Children's services for wage increases to 3,000 ECE workers. \$1m to DFSS Children's Services for Chicago early learning workforce scholarship (Degree attainment for 100+ early chidhood educators) \$2m to CDPH for Family Connects Chicago (Was cut from \$4.7M) - this program is lifesaving for birthing families	Truman
	Increase youth led activities and events like 'Gamers Universe'. the kids have the ideas, ability, and initiatives to solve several of the problems	Truman
	We need childcare for all! During the current child care crisis, parents around the city are struggling to find affordable and accessible child care and the root cause is low worker wages. We need the city to invest in a permanent funding stream for raises for child care workers.	Truman
	Youth need Job, school, 9-12, help a have student ready to work, mental health program for you + caring people to do the work, take care of our senior, ever senior in Chicago should recieve a package of senior service and who to contact, senior abuse hot line when senior cant get help from the agency	Truman
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	Hyde Park and Woodlawn has been frustrated for quite some time. Having lived in this area for over 30 years, I have seen the changes. Some change has been good some not so good. There have been attempts to engage south, none have seen success up to this point. We need positive outlets for our youth. The above, I feel is the key to preventing crime and hopelessness.	Truman
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	Please fund out of youth school time and after school youth programming! I'm a teacher and our student body desperately needs programs and spaces out of school that give them opportunities to grow and develop as active citizens.	Truman
	"-if we have afterschool programs for all of our children and JOB programs for everyone, esp. adults on probations and parole, you can CUT crime >50% in 2025, SAVING LIVES and millions of tax dollars a penny of prevention is worth a dollar of care if we cut crimes drugs and joblessness 10% we SAVE >\$400 M/yr, 30% >\$2B/year"	Truman
	"jobs for youth". housing- for the displaced youth, families, single mens + womens, disable people. Low wage wokers. Stop people in subdives from growing to get where they can pay the rent and get ahead only do lease once a year not every time they get a raise or overtime	Truman
	The South Side of Chicago is definitely underserved, more low-income affordable housing is needed citywide. More youth programs are needed in the south side. Programs that can train youth and offer a little wage as incentives.	Truman
	Have a round table with YOUTH they have the answer, can help me with jobs my children or grandchildren have never had a summer job in the city of Chicago. Bring back to CPS-Parent able to volunteer in school as well as parent classes, for parents, trips for parents that can help themself and their families	Truman

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	Hello! I want CPD's spending/allocated funds to be seriously evaluated and reappropriated to departments + programs that provide essential public safety, mental health, physical health, and community services. Please expand the CARE program using CPD's Vacancy fund. Chicago has one of the highest sworn officer per capita ratios in the world. and the Inspector General's office has determined CPD abuses overtime funding. Please reallocate the money to CARE, reopening mental health centers, funding CDPH from the corporate fund, youth jobs+programming, prevent violence	Truman
	Please take funds away from Police and use it for our youth, mental health, CARE, etc.	Truman
	Dedicated revenue source for young families. Youth: program w/ mental health - make sure there is a space for. CPS has another budget - how does DFSS interact w/ them? Public schools have a seat where, not all of them do -> community safety should be in schools to attract the most. -> how can we aid that, who to interact. More resources for GBV and how best to involve police presence	Truman
	Finding a safe place for those with mental health that are roaming the community. Providing the youth with hands on JOBS. Construction, trucking, electricians, automotive etc.	Truman
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	Housing and education is key to this and all other communities. The (not legible) of people/loss of housing is so destructive to families anywhere. This community is at present is experiencing that	Truman

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	"-reduced police presence. Seeing police with assault rifles patrolling Cubs games does not make me feel safe. -Every resident should have access to mental health services -More youth peacekeeping jobs -Improve the ambulance shortage crisis"	Truman
	I would like to encourage the city to reallocate the \$300m of CPD funds that are allocated towards "Vacancies" that can't be filled towards useful and important projects including, CARE, non-police response. Treatment not traum. CPDH HIV/STI prevention, youth jobs, ambulances/fire response and mental health centers. We would also like to see more funding for childcare workers' pay and for programs to support local artists + art programs	Truman
	\$300 million should be redirected to expand the CARE non-police crisis response program, add more ambulances, add more public health centers, and continue to increase youth jobs + programming	Truman
	City leaders, elected and not, who have the power to scrutinize details of the city's budget should be asking questions about the police department's use of funds and where that money should be going to actually support citizens (health, safety) to PREVENT violence. CPD has been allocated \$300 million/year for vacancies they cannot fill and overtime they abuse (according to the Inspector General's office). That money should be going to CARE, reopening mental health clinics, to take responsibility from CPD that they do not want and services they cannot provide. Mayor Johnson should continue to fund youth jobs and programming. CPD does not prevent violence by addressing any root cause.	Truman

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