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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Chicago's anticipated 2024 budget will fund billions of dollars in essential City services and programs. To boost resident engagement in the budget-making process, the City of Chicago Office of Budget and Management (OBM), the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement, and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ) partnered with the University of Illinois Chicago's Neighborhoods Initiative (UICNI) at the Great Cities Institute to conduct engagement around the City's 2024 budget. UICNI codesigned all external budget engagement activities with partnering agencies from the city.

Four goals guided the engagement design for the 2024 budget:

- To have engaged and meaningful conversations between City leaders and residents on needs, priority areas, and topic area progress as identified by the community to inform the 2024 Budget.
- To gather additional feedback from residents on 2023 Community-Identified Budget Ideas (community-identified investment needs derived from previous engagement processes and previously called Responsive Initiatives) to inform budget investments.
- To provide transparency in the data collection and analysis of feedback and input for the 2024 City of Chicago Budget.
- To produce a report that documents the process and includes findings from external engagement.

Engagement activities gathered feedback from community members on the budget, reflections on Community-Identified Budget Ideas, and general

comments (written or via video) regarding the budget or engagement. UICNI and the City also adopted two priorities of the Mayor's Office and incorporated them into the design of budget engagement: equity and youth needs. Activities were available in person at three public roundtables and one youth engagement event, and they were available online.

Data were collected in July and August 2023 across all budget engagement activities. Findings in this report reflect data analyzed from tabletop notes from City leaders and community member roundtables and discussions, comment cards, demographic surveys, "Individual Forms" (for respondents to choose budget priorities from previous Community-Identified Budget Ideas), sticky notes, online surveys, and app-based notes on ideas and comments from the youth roundtable.

In total, 812 people participated in the budget engagement, 440 filled out demographic surveys, 310 filled out Individual Forms, and 37 participants completed online surveys. Respondents were from 77 different neighborhoods and 61 zip codes.

To inform the development of department budgets and the Mayor's 2024 budget, all ideas and comments collected from participants during the 2024 engagement were shared in August 2023 with City department leaders and staff. In addition, interim survey findings and data were shared with the OBM, the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement, and the OERJ in early September 2023.

This report presents overarching results and detailed results by topic for respondents who participated in public roundtables at City Colleges, the youth

roundtable at Harold Washington Library, and the online survey. The most important priority as indicated by respondents for each topic is as follows:

- Affordable Housing and Services to People at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness—Develop affordable housing units across many different building types through public and nonprofit organizations, in specific areas of the city, and for designated populations.
- Community Engagement—Improve outreach and communication using strategies such as bus ads, posted information in community centers (e.g., libraries, schools, religious institutions), news media, radio, community boards, and building lists of community leaders.
- Community Safety—Cancel the ShotSpotter contract for community safety to minimize unwarranted surveillance of communities with ineffective technology.
- Environmental Justice/Infrastructure—Increase funding for public transit, including to improve affordability, develop more bus stops, increase CTA reliability, fund the Red Line extension, and ensure cleaner and more youth-friendly transportation.
- Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture—Increase investment to neighborhoods on the South and West Sides for more equitable distribution of resources to communities (and tracking of resource distribution).
- Public Health Services and Mental Health—Provide culturally responsive mental health services, with mixed ideas on publicly run and community-run organizations, peer-to-peer approaches, and on-call social workers.
- Youth and Youth Services—Provide a greater

variety of programming and offerings to occupy them and to build skills outside of school, including after-school programs, sports and clubs, arts, Big Brother/mentorship programs, substance abuse prevention, financial literacy, gang prevention, literacy, music, sexual awareness, summer programs, tutoring services, and youth programs.

In order to emphasize the priority of youth needs, this report also presents results from the youth roundtable separately.

For equity-specific feedback, participants provided input on both populations that could be served by improved equity and outcomes that would indicate to them that equity had been achieved for a particular population or topic. Across all topics, participants by far most frequently expressed a desire for outcomes that worked to support marginalized and/or disinvested populations. Detailed results on equity-specific feedback are found in this report.

This report provides a mechanism to channel meaningful input from residents and institutional partners in shaping the 2024 City of Chicago budget.

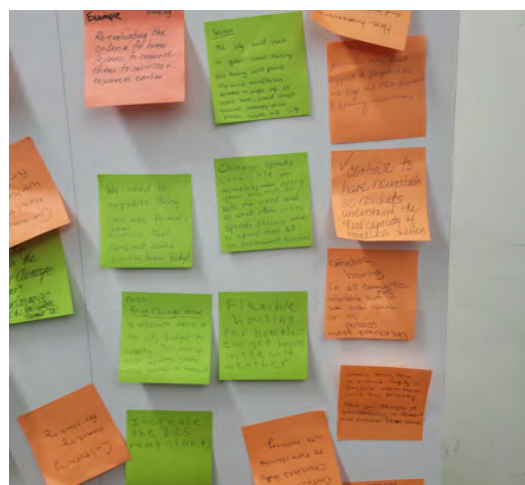


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Sticky notes on an OERJ poster asking participants to identify desired equity outcomes; UICNI later transcribed and analyzed all collected notes.

BACKGROUND



Photo top

Participants at the Community Safety roundtable at Malcolm X college.

Photo bottom

Participants in a discussion with City department staff.

Photo opposite

Youth roundtable at Harold Washington Library's Winter Garden.



BUDGET BACKGROUND

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CARRYING FORWARD PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT AND RESULTS

UICNI partnered on engagement for the City's budgets in 2022 and 2023. Those experiences and the knowledge gained also informed the design of the 2024 process.

PRIOR BUDGET ENGAGEMENT

UICNI first partnered with the City on engagement for the 2022 budget. The result was a report documenting all engagement activities. That report presented engagement results and summarized

community ideas and feedback around policies and investments in needed programs and services. The OBM used the report's findings to develop Community-Identified Budget Ideas (previously called Responsive Initiatives, to address the City's response to community-derived ideas).

The City then worked to connect each Community-Identified Budget Idea (for example, provide more youth wraparound services) to a particular City department (or departments) and any corresponding initiatives, programs, or services that addressed the budget idea (see the City's 2022 Budget Community

BACKGROUND

Engagement and Responsive Initiatives report for more information on budget decision-making in response to community engagement findings).

The Community-Identified Budget Ideas were revisited during engagement for the 2023 and 2024 budgets. The goal of including these in the engagement was to check in with community participants to determine whether the budget ideas continued to be important. In addition, UICNI collected new budget ideas in both years.

2024 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT

Four goals guided the engagement design for the 2024 budget so that it was meaningful and transparent:

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- To gather additional feedback from residents on the 2023 Community-Identified Budget Ideas to inform budget investments.
- To provide transparency in the data collection and analysis of feedback and input for the 2024 City of Chicago Budget.
- To produce a report that documents the process and includes findings from external engagement.

To achieve these goals, UICNI and the City also adopted two priorities of the Mayor’s Office: equity and youth needs. For a youth focus, UICNI and the City co-developed a question on the specific progress or accomplishments participants wanted to see stemming from investments in youth. Responses to this question were used to identify community-driven benchmarks.

In addition, an engagement event was held for youth aged 13–24. For an equity focus, the Office of Equity and Racial Justice developed questions for engagement to help identify community-desired equity outcomes and community-identified underserved populations. These were derived from ongoing work in City departments to tie budget dollars to increased equity in the City of Chicago.



“ WE NEED MORE COMMUNITY CENTERS AND SAFETY CONSCIOUS SPACES. —MALCOLM X PARTICIPANT



Photo top
Registration line at the youth roundtable.

Photo bottom
Discussion on public health and mental health services, at Malcolm X College.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Engagement activities were designed to gather feedback from community members on the budget, reflections on Community-Identified Budget Ideas, and general comments (written or via video) regarding the budget or the engagement. Activities were available in person and online. In-person activities were designed so City department leaders would meet with participants to discuss department goals, programs, and services and answer any participant questions. In addition, participants could share their priorities for programs and services, as well as their definitions of success and progress for their community and for youth, and could make other comments and suggestions.

There were three ways community members could engage:

- Attending one (or more) of three in-person forums. These opened with a resource fair where City departments offered information on their work, programs, and services. Topic-based roundtables between community members and City leaders (accessibility and language accommodations were offered) followed the fair.
- Attending the in-person youth engagement event, specifically for those aged 13 to 24. The event featured topic-based roundtables between young Chicagoans and City leaders (accessibility and language accommodations were offered).
- Visiting an online budget portal to access all materials available to in-person participants and submit an online survey.

Transparency across the entire engagement process was ensured by the following:

- External, neutral facilitation design assistance and data collection conducted by UICNI (see the Appendix).
- Community engagement results analyzed and categorized by UICNI, available for sharing during post-budget reporting (see the Engagement Results section).
- A publicly available microsite for the 2024 budget engagement process and related documents for participants.
- A post-budget report prepared by the City that responds to the community engagement findings and results and will be publicly available on the 2024 budget microsite and shared during the reporting out.

INFORMING THE 2024 BUDGET

To inform the development of department budgets and the Mayor's 2024 budget, all ideas and comments collected from participants during the 2024 engagement were shared in August 2023 with City department leaders and staff. In addition, interim survey findings and data were shared with the City of Chicago's Office of Budget and Management (OBM), the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement, and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice in early September 2023.



Photo top

A resources fair with City departments opened each public roundtable.

Photo bottom

A community development roundtable at Kennedy-King.



BUDGET ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

UICNI was responsible for the research design of the 2024 budget engagement process. The team designed a mixed-methods research methodology to be able to analyze both quantitative data, like survey responses, and qualitative data, like open-ended questions and comment cards.

UICNI was responsible for the research design of the 2024 budget engagement process. Research and analysis had four primary goals:

- To document the 2024 budget engagement process to improve transparency.
- To determine which Community Identified Budget Investment Ideas respondents identified as most important.
- To determine how respondents describe the progress they want to see in each budget topic area from investments in youth and around equity as related to the budget.
- To provide data and analysis to the OBM, the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement, and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice on the engagement process in order to provide useful results for informing the 2024 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:

- Demographic surveys
- "Individual Forms" (for respondents to choose budget priorities from previous Community-Identified Budget Ideas)
- Sticky notes from departments' posters on equity populations and outcomes
- Tabletop notes from City leader and community member roundtables and discussions
- Comment cards (for providing general comments and feedback)
- Online surveys
- App-based notes on ideas and comments from the youth roundtable

During in-person events, data were collected from two items in registration packets: a demographic survey and an "Individual Form" (see Appendix) on Community-Identified Budget Ideas. The Individual Forms asked participants about their own priorities as related to the budget and priorities in their community. They were asked to choose the most important Community-Identified Budget Idea in each of seven topic areas:

- Affordable Housing and Services to People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness
- Youth Programs and Services
- Environmental Justice/Infrastructure
- Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture
- Public Health Service and Mental Health
- Community Safety
- Community Engagement

Participants were also asked a series of open-ended questions, including sharing any ideas not listed that could address critical needs in their communities, describing the progress or accomplishments they want to see from investments in youth, and suggesting any improvements for future budget engagement.

An online survey replicated the Individual Forms and demographic survey for residents unable to attend in-person events. The online survey was published in English and Spanish on the City of Chicago's 2024 budget microsite, and links were sent via e-mail and social media. The online survey was available from July 17 through August 28, 2023.

Responses to all questions were voluntary. For questions on Community-Identified Budget Ideas, all participants (in-person and online) could provide feedback on all seven topic areas or complete only the topics of most importance or interest to them. For the Individual Form and demographic survey, some people responded only to the demographic survey, others chose only certain topic areas or certain open-ended questions, and some did not respond to the open-ended questions at all.

Individuals at the in-person budget events turned in 310 individual forms and 439 demographic surveys; 37 participants completed the online survey. There was an overall in-person response rate of 38% for the individual forms and a response rate of 54% for the demographic surveys.

Individual Forms collected at in-person forums were transferred to a SurveyMonkey collector and categorized by date/location. Data from Individual Forms and online surveys were combined (for all responses from respondents, see the Appendix), disaggregated as necessary, and cleaned. Data were categorized by topic area and Community-Identified Budget Idea (except the question on future budget engagement) and then coded using an inductive methodology.

City department staff noted participants' comments, questions, and ideas during all in-person engagement events. Participants also were invited to write comments, questions, and ideas on comment cards. All handwritten data was transcribed and transferred to spreadsheets.

Data from the online surveys and the app-based youth comments were downloaded to spreadsheets. All data were then cleaned, coded, and analyzed.

The following sections include UICNI's findings and insights from the 2024 budget engagement process. It is important to recognize the various limitations of these findings, including time constraints, a small sample size, and a lack of randomized sampling (i.e., the findings are not generalizable to the entire City population). In addition, attendees at public forums 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 allow residents to come to the table to be heard. Despite any limitations, UICNI's findings and insights do represent the opinions and perceptions of some Chicago residents and can help inform decision-making for the 2024 budget.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

OUTREACH ABOUT THE 2024 BUDGET PROCESS

To encourage participation in budget engagement activities, the City of Chicago conducted public outreach across various channels:

- Follow-up and direct outreach to delegate agencies, community partners, faith partners, block clubs, and community-based organizations.
- One-on-one meetings with community organizations and individuals to ask them for outreach assistance, provide information, and get feedback from them on the roundtable structure.
- Launch of a 2024 budget microsite with dates and locations of each budget engagement roundtable, youth budget roundtable, and registration information.
- Updates to aldermanic offices and requests for aldermen to promote budget engagement roundtables to their constituents.
- E-mail blasts to subscribers to the Mayor's Office of Community Engagement's outreach lists.
- Requests for engagement leads from other City departments and sister agencies to share information about all budget engagement roundtables with stakeholders and committees.
- Press releases to local media outlets.
- Requests of members of various City boards, commissions, advisory panels, and engagement councils to promote the roundtables.

- Citywide e-mail to all City of Chicago employees.
- Promotions on multiple social media channels, including the Mayor's Twitter and Facebook pages
- Promotion of the event on Eventbrite.

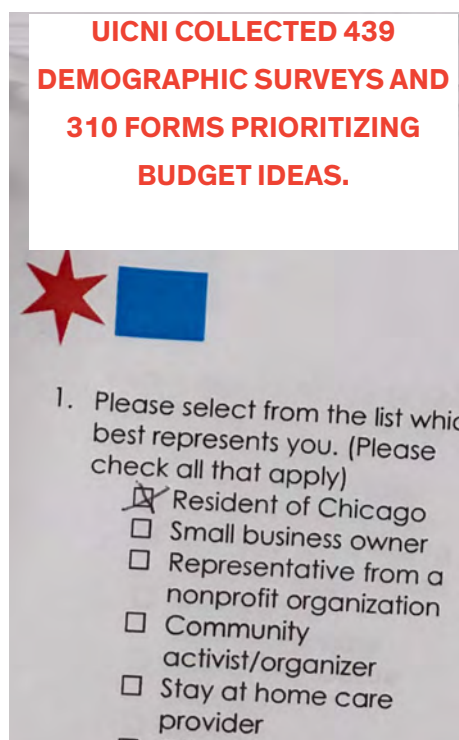
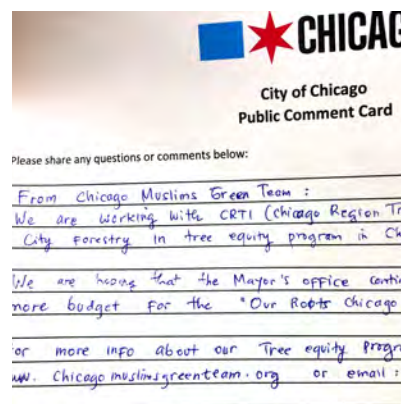


Photo top
Participants handwrote feedback and ideas for the budget on comment cards.

Photo bottom
Participants completed a paper demographic survey at roundtables, or could fill it out online.

IN-PERSON ROUNDTABLE EVENTS

Four public roundtables were held across the city in July 2023: one each on the South Side, West Side, and North Side, and one youth roundtable downtown. All events were physically accessible, offered Spanish translation, and offered an ASL interpreter and closed captioning for plenary presentations. Additional accommodations were offered, including languages other than Spanish, when people registered for the roundtable. In addition, the opening presentation for each meeting was live-streamed on the City of Chicago's social media channels. The survey included in registration packets was also made available online.

The roundtables were designed to accomplish five things:

- To inform the general public about the City of Chicago's budget and budgeting process, particularly its 2024 budget engagement process.
- To create a space for residents and City department leaders to discuss central budget topics, share information, and answer questions.
- To capture participant feedback on the most important investment ideas for their communities and any progress they want to see from investments in youth.
- To gather specific input related to budget equity goals for City departments.
- To hear any other ideas and comments from residents about the 2024 budget or City of Chicago policy and practices.

The roundtables were designed to provide attendees with multiple opportunities to participate and formats to accommodate their preferences, comfort, communication, and learning styles.

PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM

At each roundtable, doors opened an hour before the event for a City department resource fair on City services and programs. After registering for the roundtable, participants received a materials packet with an Individual Form, a demographic survey, and a handout providing more information and instructions for engaging with the budget equity posters (see the Appendix). In the time between registration and roundtables, participants were asked to begin reviewing the materials and completing the Individual Forms.

WELCOME

Roundtables on the West and South Sides began with opening remarks from Mayor Brandon Johnson. At the North Side roundtable, Mayor Johnson provided closing remarks. The City's Budget Director, Annette Guzman, presented at all roundtables on the City's prior-year budget for 2023, including revenue, expenditures, and budgeting process. Sara Mathers, First Deputy of Community Engagement, presented an overview of the 2024 budget engagement goals, process, and instructions at all roundtable activities.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION TOPICS

Areas were set up for roundtable discussions across five main topic areas, each of which had a designated room or set of tables:

- Affordable Housing and Services to People at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness
- Community Safety
- Public Health Services and Mental Health
- Community and Neighborhood Development and Arts and Culture
- Environmental Justice and Infrastructure.

ROUNDTABLE DATES AND LOCATIONS

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE

350 participants

July 25, 2022, 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Harold Washington Library

Winter Garden

400 S. State St.

60605



WEST SIDE

165 participants

July 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Malcolm X College

1900 W. Jackson Blvd.

60612



SOUTH SIDE

187 participants

July 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Kennedy-King College

6301 S. Halsted St.

60621



NORTH SIDE

110 participants

July 22, 2022, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Truman College

1145 W. Wilson Ave.

60640

Participants attended the roundtable they were interested in. After 30 minutes, participants could rotate to another topic or stay for a deeper conversation. Each topic area had three 30-minute conversations, for a total of 90 minutes in discussion.

DISCUSSION AND EQUITY POSTERS

Commissioners and City department leaders from corresponding topics led discussions with participants. Commissioners and City Department Leaders began each discussion by providing their 2024 budget priorities and the desired budget equity results for the topic(s). They also explained how participants could engage with the OERJ's equity posters for the roundtable, which were designed to provide City departments with information on populations to focus budget investments to achieve more equitable results and additional ideas to improve the equitable delivery of programs and services (see the section Equity Poster Results).

The roundtables provided the opportunity for City departments to educate the public on their budget priorities, equity goals, and the programs and services they provide. They also created a space that allowed for conversations between residents and City department staff, including for residents to ask questions and provide feedback. Department staff took tabletop notes on conversations and shared themes and ideas with participants throughout the events and between roundtable segments to build on ideas where possible. In addition, comment cards were provided to each roundtable. Participants could write any comment or idea on the cards (see the Appendix). They could also choose to submit comments and feedback via video.

Mayor Johnson attended all the engagement events, listened to several roundtables, and conversed directly with participants.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM

One youth roundtable (for young people aged 13–24) was held to center youth voices in decision-making on City budget priorities. Young people were included in designing and planning the roundtable to ensure that it addressed their needs and made for an inclusive space.

The event, held at the Harold Washington Library's Winter Garden, featured a red-carpet entry and a DJ to welcome participants. The space was designed to foster joy and creativity. Before the roundtable began, there were refreshments and icebreaker activities.

WELCOME

The Mayor's Youth Commissioner kicked off the event by welcoming participants. Mayor Johnson provided opening remarks. Budget Director Guzman presented on the City's budget and budgeting process, followed by J. D. Van Slyke, Director of Special Projects, who gave instructions on participating in the roundtable.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION TOPICS

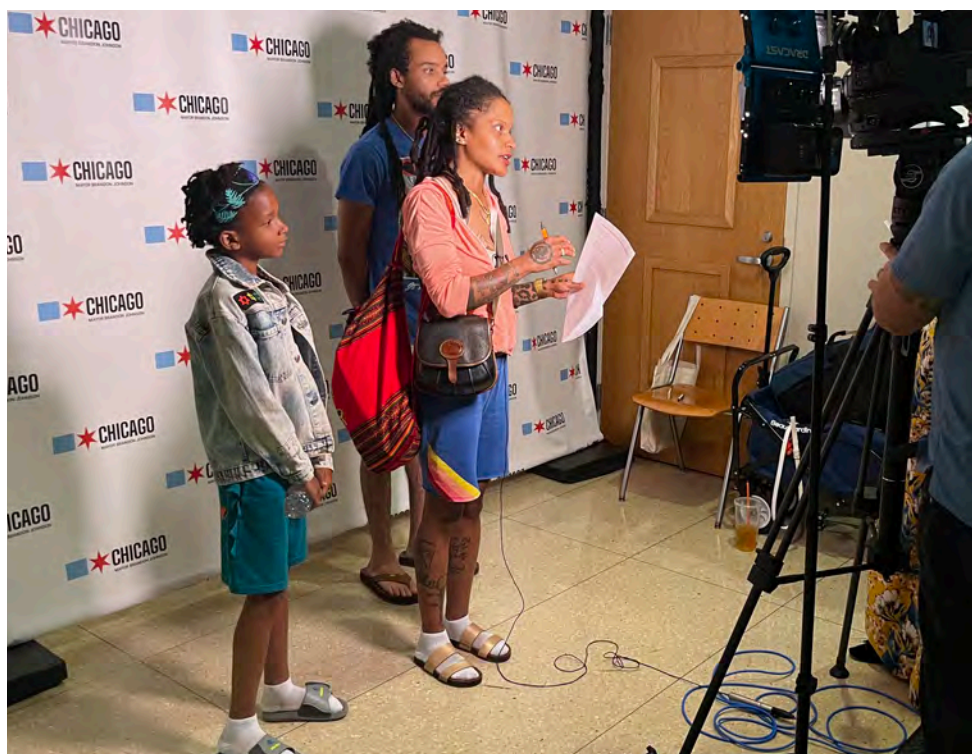
Roundtable discussions were held across five main topics, the same as for the public roundtables held at City College campuses: Affordable Housing and Services to People at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness, Community Safety, Public Health Services and Mental Health, Community and Neighborhood Development and Arts and Culture, and Environmental Justice and Infrastructure.

Each topic had a designated set of tables, and each table had one youth facilitator and one youth notetaker. Notetakers and facilitators received training on the roundtable's purpose and overarching discussion questions so they could answer questions at each table. Notetakers entered notes from the discussions into the Aha app interface to capture notes live.

Participants chose which topic roundtable to attend. Each roundtable focused on one discussion question: "What progress or accomplishments would you like to see in your community as a result of budget investments?" After a 30-minute discussion on one topic, participants could rotate to another topic area. Each topic area had two 30-minute conversations, for a total of 60 minutes in discussion.

Commissioners and Department leaders from all the topic areas floated around the room and were available to answer questions about specific topics or programs and/or be invited into the conversation at a roundtable.

After the roundtable discussions, the DJ led a report-out exercise. People at each table were asked to provide one word for how they felt after participating in the event. Most reported feeling positive about their participation. The event closed with a raffle for attendees (aged 16–24) to win two four-day passes to Lollapalooza.



*Photo top
Participants at roundtable
events could contribute
feedback and ideas by
video .*

PEOPLE



Photo top

A transportation and environmental justice Roundtables at Kennedy-King College.

Photo bottom

Residents listen attentively at a housing roundtable.

Photo opposite

Young people watch a presentation by the Mayor's Youth Commissioner.



PEOPLE ENGAGED

*In total, **812** people participated in the budget engagement, **440** filled out demographic surveys, and **37** participants completed online surveys. The demographic surveys collected at in-person events had an overall **response rate of 54%**. Responses to all questions were voluntary; participants chose which questions to respond to.*



DEMOGRAPHICS AND RESPONSES

Participants in the public roundtables and online were asked to provide demographic data, including race/ethnicity, estimated household income, age, neighborhood, zip code, whether they or a household member served or had served in the US Armed Forces, and participant role (e.g., resident, small business owner).

Participants at the youth roundtable were asked to provide demographic data, including race/ethnicity,

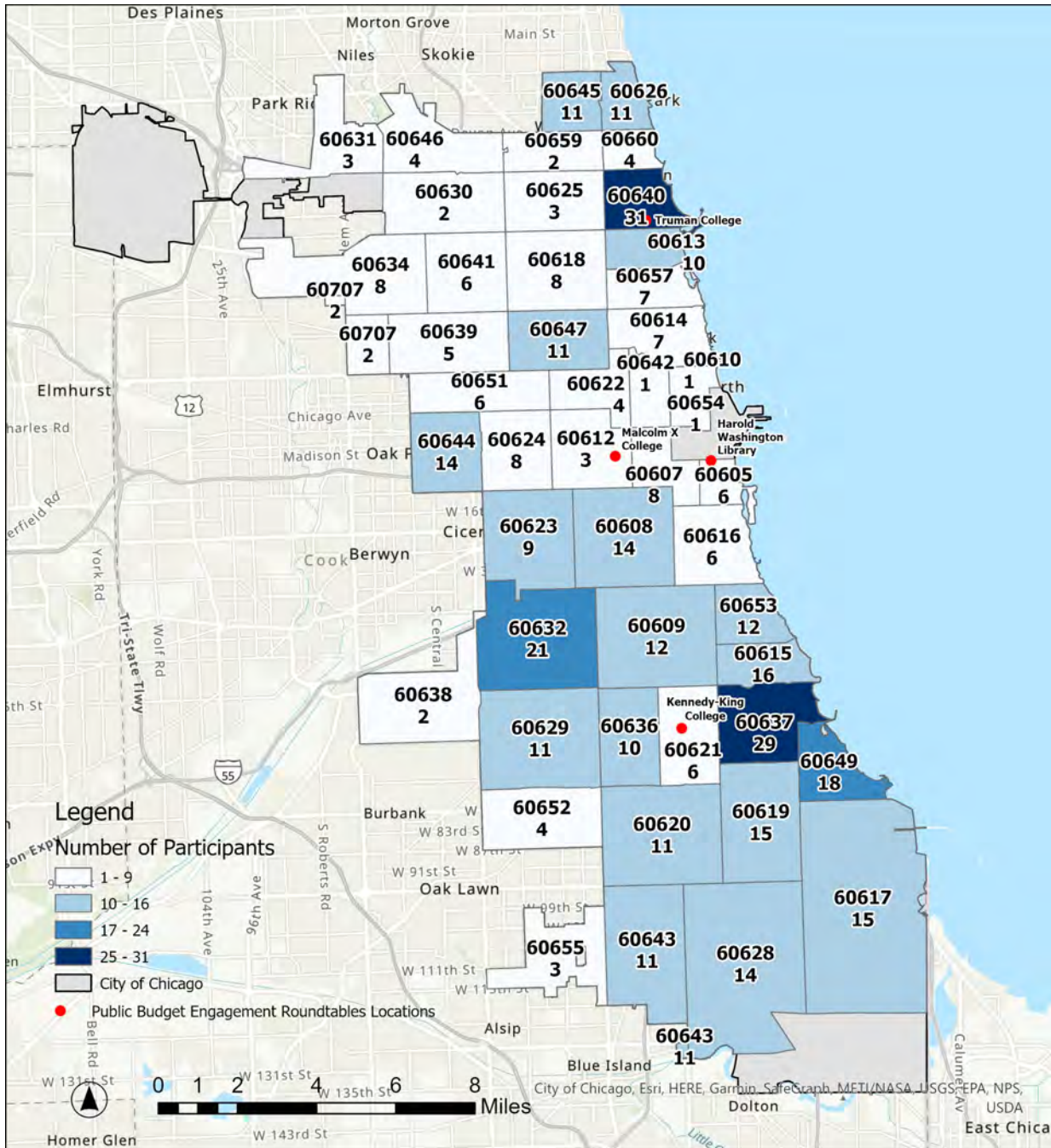
age, neighborhood and zip code, and current educational and/or employment status (e.g., high school student, part-time employment, full-time employment).

The maps and figures on the following pages include all respondents: public roundtable, youth roundtable, and online.

ZIP CODE

For zip code, 452 respondents provided their zip code. Respondents provided 61 unique zip codes. Those indicated most frequently were on the North Side (60640), South Side (60637 and 60649), and on the Southwest Side (60632).

MAP 2. 2024 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT PARTICIPATION BY ZIP CODE



Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Survey, 2023. Chicago neighborhood data obtained from the Chicago Data Portal, 2018. Map created by the Great Cities Institute.

PEOPLE

RACE/ETHNICITY

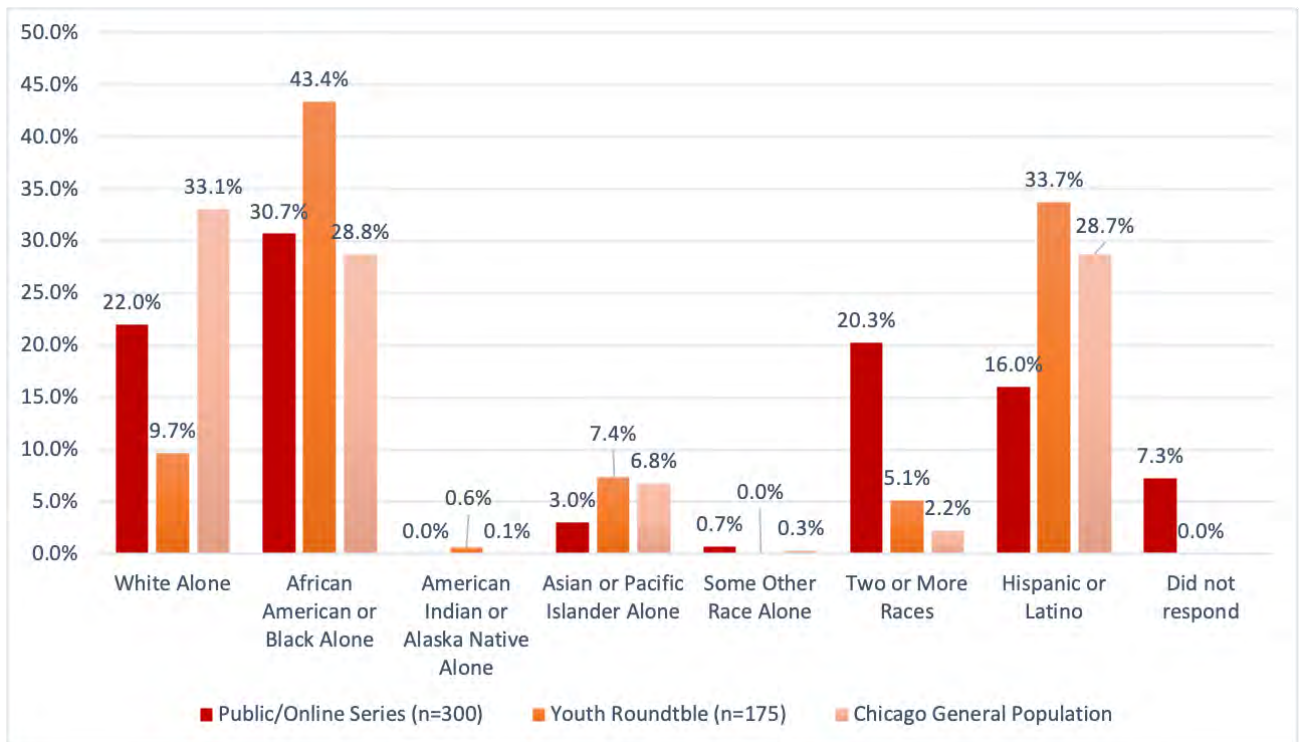
The question on race/ethnicity provided five options, and respondents could select all options they identified with. Demographic data on racial/ethnic breakdown of respondents was analyzed; data for the City of Chicago population is provided as a point of comparison.

- 22% of public/online respondents identified as White Alone versus 10% of youth roundtable respondents. Overall, public/online respondents who identified as White Alone were underrepresented based on the City of Chicago's population (33%)
- 16% of public/online respondents identified as Hispanic or Latino, versus 34% of youth

roundtable respondents. Public/online respondents who identified as Hispanic or Latino were underrepresented based on the City of Chicago's population (29%).

- 31% of public/online respondents identified as African American or Black Alone, versus 43% of youth roundtable respondents. Youth roundtable respondents who identified as African American or Black Alone were overrepresented based on the City of Chicago's population (29%).
- 20% of public/online respondents identified as Two or More Races, compared to 5% of youth roundtable respondents.
- 3% of public/online respondents identified as Asian or Pacific Islander Alone, versus 7% for the youth roundtable.

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



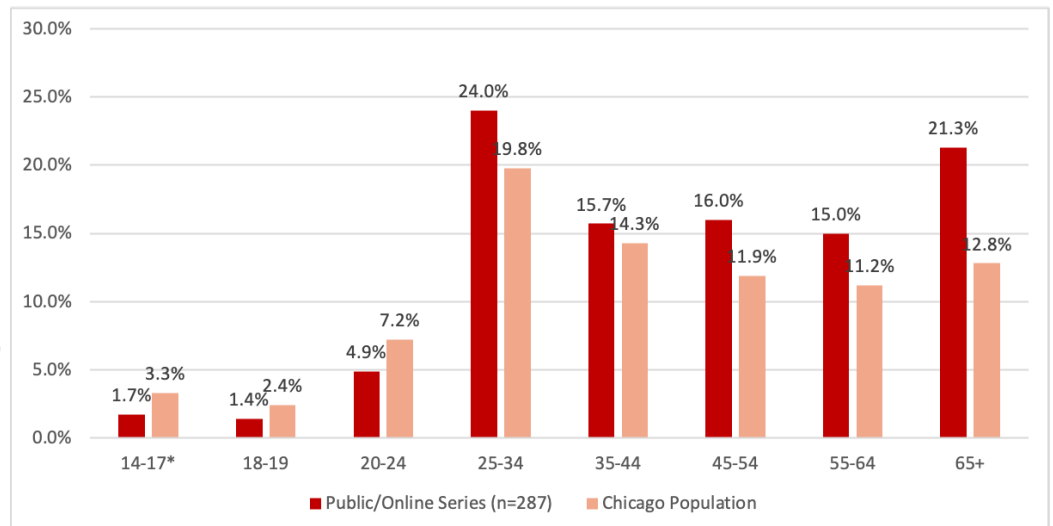
Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. City of Chicago race/ethnicity data obtained from the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017–2021 Five-Year Estimates. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

AGE

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

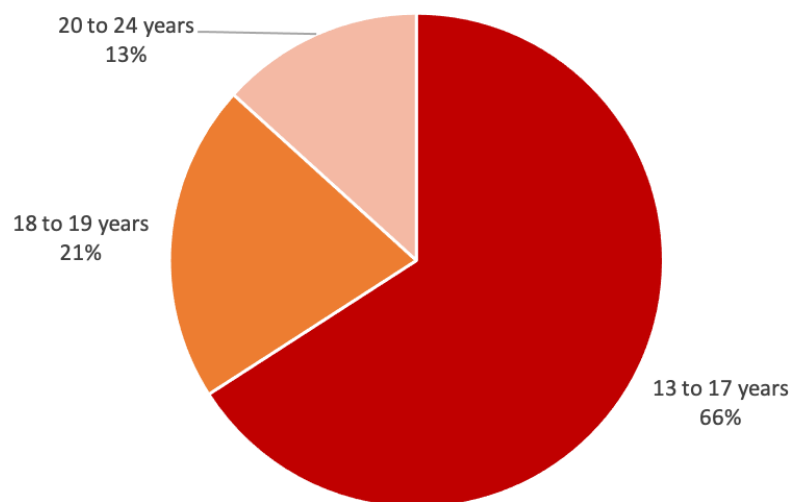
- Public/online respondents reported an even distribution of ages across age cohorts: 35–44 years old, 15.7%; 45–54 years old, 16%; 55–64 years old, 15%).
- Slightly more respondents reported being either early adults (25 to 34 years old, 24%) or late adults (65 years and older, 21.3%) than other age groups.
- Only 8% of respondents were 24 years old or younger.
- The age range of public/online respondents somewhat mirrors the City of Chicago’s population, with an overrepresentation of older adults and a slight underrepresentation of those 24 years and younger.

FIG. 2. AGE OF PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS



Note: The American Community Survey collects data on the 10–14 years and 15–17 years age cohorts. For the City of Chicago, 6% of the population is age 10–14.
 Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. City of Chicago age data obtained from the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2017–2021 Five-Year Estimates. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

FIG. 3. AGE OF YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS



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

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

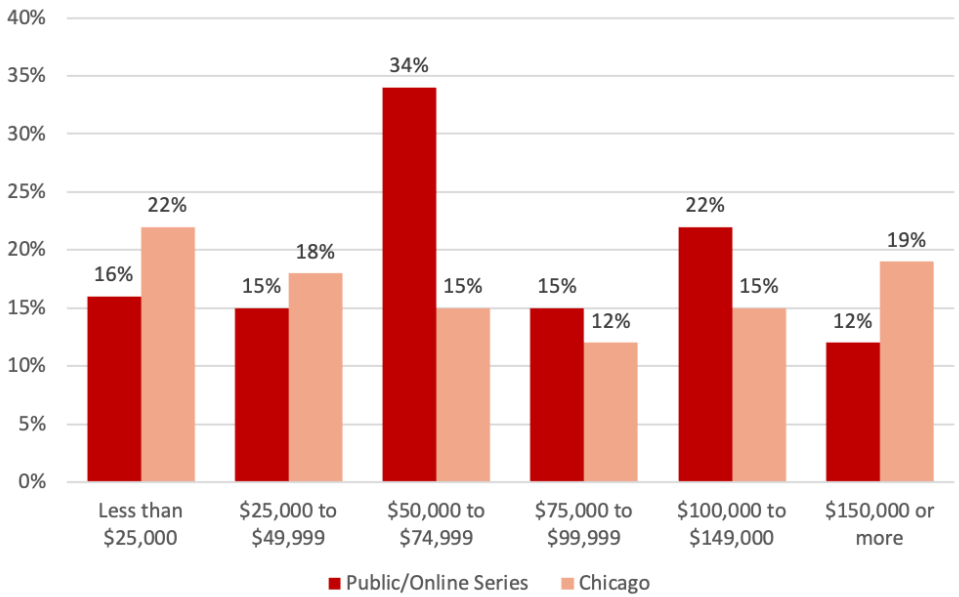
Most (66%) youth roundtable respondents were between 13 and 17 years old, followed by nearly a quarter (21%) between 18 and 19 years old.

PEOPLE

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

- Chicago’s median household income is \$65,781. One-third of respondents (34%) reported household income between \$50,000 to \$74,999, an overrepresentation compared to the City of Chicago’s population, where 15% report household incomes between \$50,000 to \$74,999.
- Distribution of household income was fairly even around 12%–16% in the following income categories: less than \$25,000 (16%); \$25,000–\$49,999 (15%); \$75,000–\$99,999 (15%); \$150,000+ (12%).
- Compared to the City’s population, the household income range of \$100,000–\$149,999 was overrepresented, and the income range of \$150,000 or more was underrepresented.

FIG. 4. HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS COMPARED TO CITY OF CHICAGO

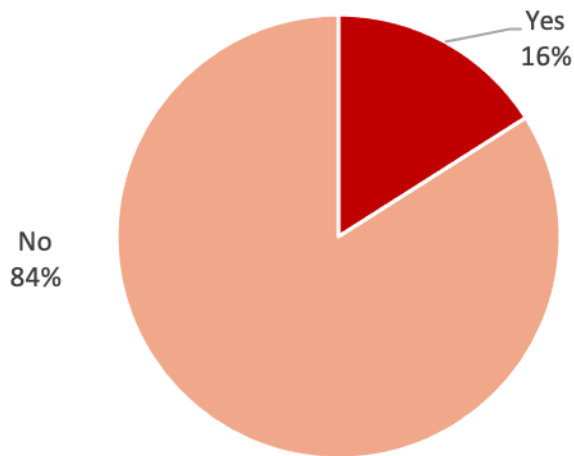


Note: n = 273.
Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. City of Chicago household income data obtained from the U.S Census Bureau. American Community Survey, 2017–2021 Five-Year Estimates. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

ACTIVE DUTY OR VETERAN STATUS

According to US Census Bureau data, Chicago is home to 65,871 veterans; 16% of public/online respondents reported having served or had a family member serve in the US Armed Forces.

FIG. 5. SERVICE IN ARMED FORCES BY RESPONDENT OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, COMPARED TO CITY OF CHICAGO

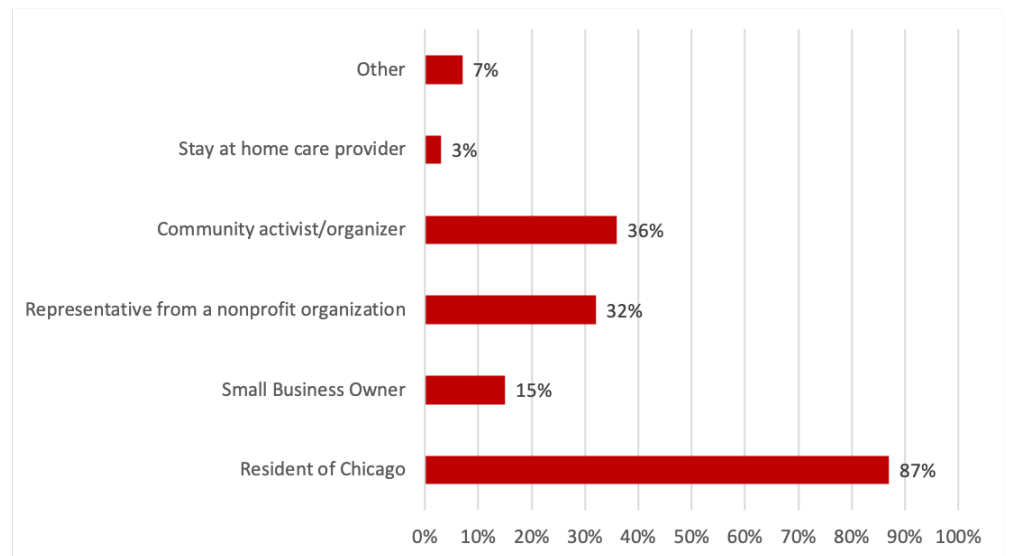


Note: n = 273.
Source: Source: Chicago Budget Engagement Surveys. Tabulated by the Great Cities Institute.

ROLE IDENTIFICATION

- The majority (87%) of respondents indicated that they were residents of Chicago.
- One-third of respondents identified as community activists/organizers (36%) and/or representatives from a nonprofit organization (32%).
- 15% of respondents reported being small business owners.

FIG. 6. PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENT ROLE IDENTIFICATION



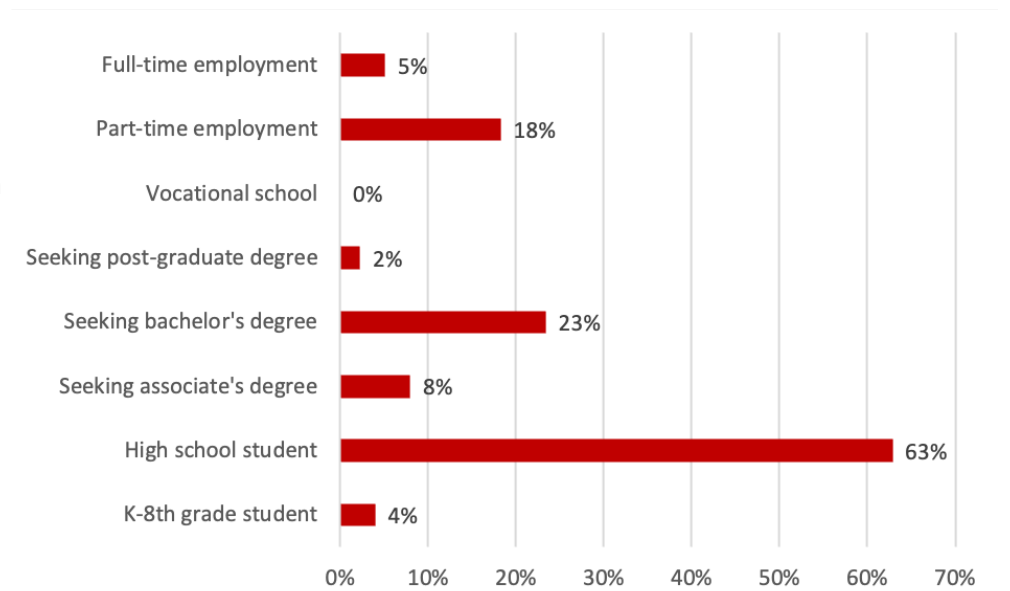
Note: n = 288.

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

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR YOUTH ROUNDTABLE

- The majority (63%) of youth respondents were currently high school students.
- 23% reported that they were currently seeking a bachelor's degree.
- 18% reported being employed part-time, and 5% were employed full-time.

FIG. 7. YOUTH ROUNDTABLE EDUCATIONAL AND/OR EMPLOYMENT STATUS



Note: n = 175.

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



Photo top

A budget engagement participant engages with the Civilian Office of Police Accountability at the City resource fair before the roundtable.

Photo bottom

A roundtable on neighborhood and community development. The OERJ's budget equity poster activity is in the background.



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.

OVERARCHING RESULTS

All participants were asked to provide feedback and share ideas on comment cards, through an individual form (provided in-person and online), and on budget equity posters. In addition, app-based responses were captured during the youth roundtable.

Results presented by topic include analysis of the “Individual Form” given to participants at the public and youth roundtables and the online survey. The analysis also includes Community-Identified Budget Ideas, which are budget needs and ideas for investment developed beginning with the 2022 City Budget. These ideas have been revisited each year to determine whether the community still finds them important investment areas. Results also incorporate feedback provided by comment cards and from the OERJ’s equity posters.

This section describes the most mentioned ideas from Individual Forms distributed at the public roundtables, comment cards for providing general comments and feedback distributed at the public and youth roundtables, online surveys, and app-based feedback and comments from the youth roundtable. The three most mentioned ideas per topic are described in detail below.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SERVICES TO PEOPLE AT RISK OF OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The most mentioned idea in the survey and comment cards was to develop affordable housing units across many different building types through public and nonprofit organizations, in specific areas of the city, and for designated populations. Next was Bring Chicago Home, a proposal to increase the real-estate transfer

tax in order to fund expanded housing and services. Third was expanding shelters, with greater access and availability for groups traditionally identified as vulnerable: youth, mothers, victims of domestic violence, and those in emergencies.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The most mentioned idea was to improve outreach and communication using strategies such as bus ads, posted information in community centers (e.g., libraries, schools, religious institutions), news media, radio, community boards, and building lists of community leaders. Next was to increase inclusion of all stakeholder groups and institutions (e.g., community organizations, businesses, schools, community leaders, residents, youth) in community engagement and to ensure those who are most impacted have a voice, with several definitions, such as “people most impacted by a policy,” or “those communities in need,” or “most vulnerable communities.” Finally, participants want the City to develop decision-making and co-creation models with community members, youth, and organizations for participatory budgeting, policy, programs, and services.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

The most mentioned idea was canceling the ShotSpotter contract for community safety to minimize unwarranted surveillance of communities due to ineffective deployed technology. The next most mentioned idea was passing the Peace Book Ordinance to establish community violence interrupters and restorative justice practitioners. The third most mentioned idea was a nonpolice response to mental health crises, including expanding the CARE Alternative Team, nonpolice mental health crisis

response, 988 supportive response, and considering other tested programs like the Twin Cities public safety pilot.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE / INFRASTRUCTURE

The most mentioned idea was increased funding for public transit, including to improve affordability, develop more bus stops, increase CTA reliability, fund the Red Line extension, and ensure cleaner and more youth-friendly transportation. The next most mentioned idea was to advance environmental justice, such as by investing in rapid reporting and responses to pollution, mitigating environmental impacts by increasing electric vehicle charging stations and electric buses in impacted communities experiencing high adverse environmental impacts, and addressing current environmental challenges. The final most mentioned idea was improving water infrastructure and access, by prioritizing lead line replacement, installing water filtration systems at public drinking fountains, and introducing a Water for All ordinance for water affordability.

NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ARTS AND CULTURE

Respondents in this area prioritized increased investment to neighborhoods on the South and West Sides for more equitable distribution of resources to communities (and tracking of resource distribution). The second most commonly mentioned ideas were expanding programs offering fine arts, theater, dance/movement, and music, and increasing the availability of programs for youth and children in low-income

communities of color to build community. Finally, the third most mentioned idea was to use vacant lots and abandoned buildings for needed community facilities, particularly mental health facilities.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH

The public/online respondents' most mentioned idea was providing culturally responsive mental health services, with mixed ideas on publicly run and community-run organizations, peer-to-peer approaches, and on-call social workers. The second most mentioned idea was the implementation of Treatment Not Trauma, a program to dispatch trained and licensed mental health professionals from local mental health centers to address mental health crises. The final most mentioned idea was to reopen mental health centers or clinics that were closed during the Emanuel administration.

YOUTH AND YOUTH SERVICES

The most mentioned idea was to provide a greater variety of programming and offerings to occupy them and to build skills outside of school, including after-school programs, sports and clubs, arts, big brother/mentorship programs, substance abuse prevention, financial literacy, gang prevention, literacy, music, sexual awareness, summer programs, tutoring services, and youth programs. The second idea mentioned most often was expanding youth employment, which involves creating more youth jobs and encouraging hiring young people. The final most mentioned idea was the development of youth centers and youth safe spaces, particularly for transgender and queer youth.

TOPIC RESULTS

Topic results include analysis from the “Individual Forms,” online survey, and comment cards gathered at the three public roundtables and the youth roundtable, as well as online.

In total, 812 people participated in engagement activities, 310 filled out Individual Forms (146 at public roundtables and 164 at the youth roundtable), and 37 completed online surveys. The in-person response rate is 38%. Responses to all questions were voluntary. Results that follow include details on priority Community-Identified Budget Ideas, other ideas for budget investments and/or policy changes, and details on how respondents envision progress and how to measure it from investments in youth.

Throughout this section, the public roundtable and online responses are captured as “public/online” to distinguish them from responses gathered at the youth roundtable. Although public roundtables were open to all members of the public, including youth, there was low youth participation at those events.

This section also reproduces the language that participants used to describe their ideas and policy asks as closely as possible. Moreover, some ideas could be categorized into different or multiple topics based on the additional information that respondents provided. For example, a community-benefits agreement related to the Obama Presidential Center was sometimes described as needed to prevent gentrification and other times to ensure community economic development. Still other times, a respondent may have written “Pass Obama CBA” without additional information. The

categorization here reflects the best judgment of the UICNI researchers.

A caret (^) indicates that a response was found only among public/online respondents. An asterisk (*) indicates that a response was found only among youth roundtable respondents. Throughout this section’s headings, Community-Identified Budget Ideas are abbreviated as CIBIs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SERVICES TO PEOPLE AT RISK OF OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Prioritization of Community-Identified Budget Ideas

This topic area included two Community-Identified Budget Ideas:

- Identify opportunities for the expansion of affordable housing development
- Expand services to persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness

Public/online participants were asked to select the one that was most important to their community. They provided near equal support for both ideas, although “Identify opportunities for the expansion of affordable housing development” received slightly more support, at 51%.

Most youth roundtable participants (56%) selected “Expand services to persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness” as the most important idea for their community.

RESULTS

Participant Proposals

Public/online participants were also asked to provide ideas to address their communities' critical needs and share any other comments or ideas. Responses are presented here by Community-Identified Budget Idea for public/online and youth roundtable respondents.

CIBI: Identify opportunities for the expansion of affordable housing development.

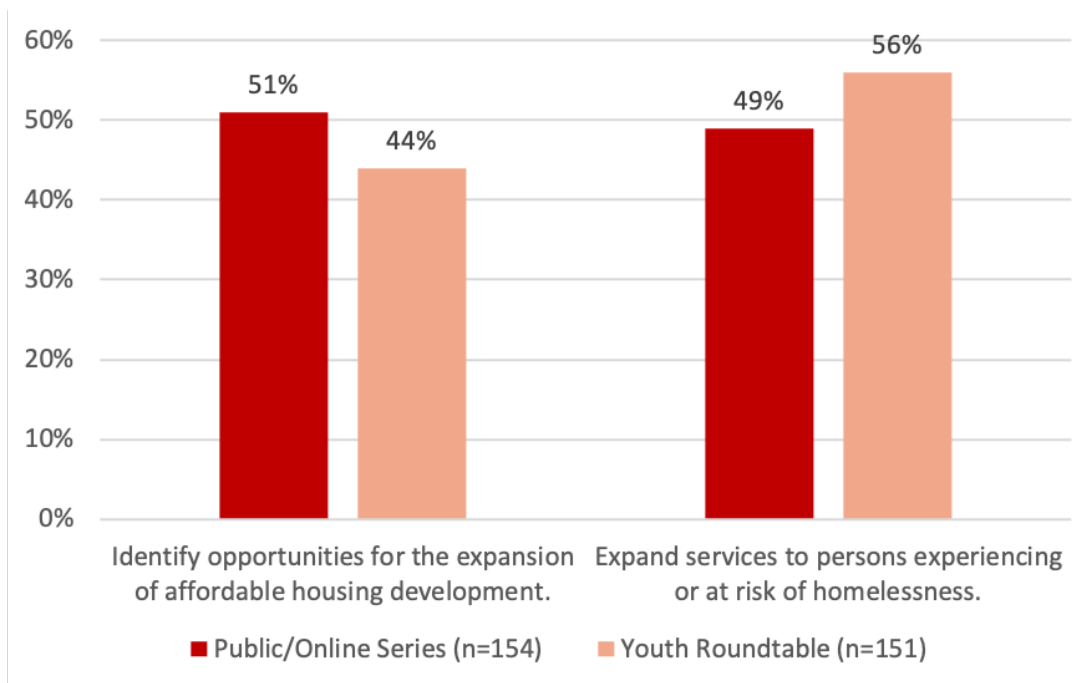
There was some differentiation between public/online respondents and youth roundtable respondents for this idea. Public/online respondents mentioned CHA improvements, home ownership support, an Obama CBA ordinance, implementation of a vacancy tax, housing access assistance, increase in affordable housing investment, a plan for social housing for all, a transparent housing waitlist, developer investments, housing vouchers, implementation of a demolition

tax, increased demolition fees, establishing of a cap on rental application fees, fair housing enforcement improvements in Chicago, preservation of affordable housing, purchasing of local hotels for housing, increase in public housing, and neighborhood stabilization funds for South Shore. These ideas were not mentioned in the youth roundtable. Specific responses for both data sets follow.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Develop affordable housing units (19), including 2–12 flat apartment buildings, nonprofit development, housing for sex workers, and investments in Woodlawn.
- Support Bring Chicago Home (18), aiming to increase the real estate transfer tax for housing and service expansion.

FIG. 8. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR SERVICES TO PEOPLE AT RISK OF OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



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

- Make CHA improvements (9)[^], including building inspections, reserving land for housing construction, implementing a transparent process for land sale, funding maintenance of HUD and CHA units, as well as security improvements.
- Provide access to affordable housing (8), specifically to provide the Affordable Requirements Ordinance at 30% AMI in neighborhoods or by zip code and to provide housing access to students.
- Increase home ownership support (8)[^], including investing in housing cooperatives, affordable mortgages, homeownership down-payment assistance, homeownership programs, and rent-to-own programs.
- Increase landlord transparency and support (7), including enforcement against absentee landlord violations, eliciting landlord cooperation and alternatives to the Emergency Rental Assistance Programs (ERAP), creation of a landlord registry, and ensuring that landlords abide by tenant protections.
- Support Obama CBA Ordinance (7)[^], passing a community benefits agreement for the Obama Presidential Center in South Shore to prevent gentrification and displacement.
- Implement a vacancy tax (5)[^] to incentivize property utilization for maximum unit supply.
- Provide housing access assistance (4)[^], including a rapid rehousing program to address rehousing without requiring wraparound services.
- Increase affordable housing investment (4).
- Enact a plan on social housing for all (4)[^].
- Establish a transparent housing waitlist (4)[^].
- Make developer investments (3)[^], such as tax redevelopment gains for affordable home ownership, elimination of the fee for affordable housing development exceptions, and grants for small developers or owner-occupants.
- Offer housing vouchers (3)[^], including emergency vouchers and assistance with effective distribution via CHA.
- Implement a demolition tax (3)[^] to preserve affordable housing.
- Implement rent control (3), with specific consideration for South Shore, Woodlawn, and Greater Grand Crossing.
- Supportive housing expansion (3).
- Repurpose abandoned homes for people experiencing homelessness (2).
- Increase demolition fees (2)[^].
- Establish a cap on rental application fees (1)[^].
- Improve Fair Housing enforcement in Chicago (1)[^].
- Preserve affordable housing (1)[^].
- Purchase local hotels for housing (2)[^].
- Increase public housing (1)[^].
- Provide neighborhood stabilization funds for South Shore (1)[^].
- Expand roof- and porch-repair program (1).

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Repurpose abandoned homes for people experiencing homelessness (1).
- Improve access to affordable housing (2), emphasizing changing regulations to allow for greater accessibility.
- Support Bring Chicago Home (3), aiming to increase the real estate transfer tax for housing and service expansion.
- Develop affordable housing units (2).
- Increase affordable housing investment (1).
- Implement rent control (1).
- Expand supportive housing (1).

RESULTS

CIBI: Expand services to persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Public/online respondents mentioned eviction and gentrification prevention, migrant housing services, and rental assistance, none of which the youth roundtable touched on. A unique response from the youth budget roundtable was to stop building anti-homeless architecture.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Increase shelters and access to shelters (10), including 24-hour shelter access, youth access, family, mothers, domestic violence victims, temporary emergency shelters, and safety improvements in shelters.
- Enact eviction and gentrification prevention (8)^, including third-party eviction mitigation and a focus on Woodlawn.
- Provide migrant housing services (5)^.
- Offer rental assistance (5)^.
- Provide homelessness prevention and/or services (2).
- Offer reentry housing services (2).
- Offer second-chance housing (2)^
- Offer transitional housing for women (2)^.
- Offer youth housing for CPS students experiencing displacement (2).
- Inspect homeless camps (1)^.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Increase shelters and access (6), including youth shelters, improved access, clean homeless shelters, LGBTQ+ homeless shelters, and wraparound services at shelters.
- Augment homelessness services (3), with an emphasis on decreasing the rate of homelessness.

- Offer reentry housing services (1).
- Stop building anti-homeless architecture (1)*.
- Offer youth housing (1).

What Progress Looks Like

Participants were asked to envision and define progress for youth as a result of investments in youth for each topic. For this topic, progress for youth would look like providing safe housing options based on the needs of youth experiencing homelessness, such as youth who have been kicked out of their homes due to their sexual orientation or other challenging situations. This could include wraparound services and rapid rehousing services.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Prioritization of Community-Identified Budget Ideas

This topic included three Community-Identified Budget Ideas:

- Identify ways to engage the community in additional strategic planning opportunities.
- Implement ongoing community briefings to directly communicate with the public and community organizations.
- Evaluate the feasibility and determine a possible structure of a community ambassador program to help residents navigate City services and programs.

Public/online participants were asked to select the one idea that was most important to their community. The most respondents in both public/online (49%) and youth roundtable (40%) selected “Identify ways to engage the community in additional strategic planning opportunities” as the most important to their community.

The other two ideas also received notable support. About one-third of public/online (31%) and youth roundtable (31%) respondents selected “Implement ongoing community briefings to directly communicate with the public and community organizations” as the most important to their community. The remaining 29% of public/online respondents and 21% of youth roundtable respondents chose “Evaluate the feasibility and determine a possible structure of a community ambassador program to help residents navigate City services and programs.”

Participant Proposals

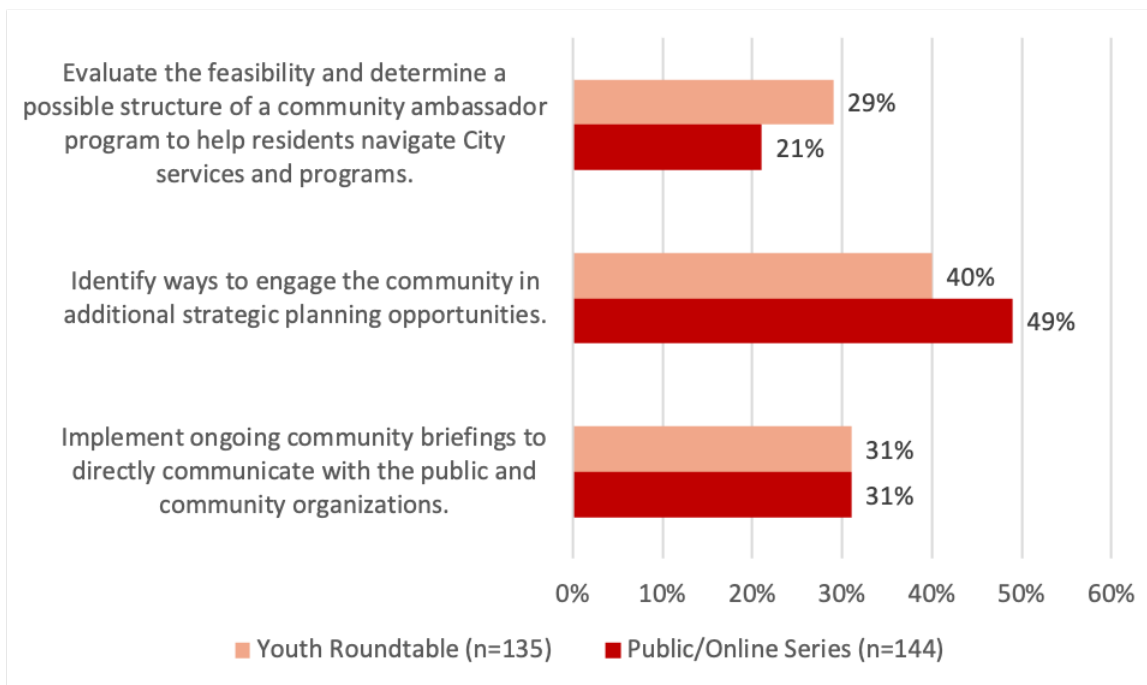
Public/online participants were also asked to provide ideas to address their communities’ critical needs and share any other comments or ideas. They were also asked how to improve the City’s future engagement

around the budget. Responses are presented here by Community-Identified Budget Idea for public/online and youth roundtable respondents.

CIBI: Implement ongoing community briefings to directly communicate with the public and community organizations.

Communicating all available programs and services for youth, families, and community leaders was the most frequent response. That was followed by providing education on civics, increasing transparency, and offering more community meetings. The one idea expressed by public/online and youth roundtable respondents was to include youth voices explicitly in engagement and briefings.

FIG. 9. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IDEA IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Improve outreach and communication (13) to the public and community organizations about available programs, services, funding opportunities and opportunities to be engaged, including through varied strategies such as bus ads, posted information in community centers (e.g., libraries, schools, religious institutions), news media, radio, community boards, e-mail lists to trusted community leaders.
- Enhance education and information (3) to the public on civics education, as well as existing programs and services and their successes and failures.
- Include more youth voices (3) as leaders in their communities and in community engagement.
- Increase transparency (2) to provide better access to City data and regular responses to community feedback and input.
- Increase community engagement (2), including through more monthly meetings.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Include youth voices (2) regularly in all community engagement and briefings.

CIBI: Identify ways to engage the community in additional strategic planning opportunities.

The ideas offered for this CIBI were exclusively from public/online respondents, specifically around increasing inclusion and developing decision-making and co-creation. There were no responses to this CIBI from the youth roundtable.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Increase inclusion (8) of all stakeholder groups and institutions (e.g., community organizations,

businesses, schools, community leaders, residents, youth) in community engagement and ensure those most impacted have a voice.

- Develop models of decision-making and co-creation (5) with community members, youth, and organizations for participatory budgeting, policy, programs, and services.

CIBI: Evaluate the feasibility and determine a possible structure of a community ambassador program to help residents navigate City services and programs.

There were no responses to this CIBI from the youth roundtable. Only two responses emerged from public/online respondents.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Improve access and knowledge (2)[^] of City programs and services by training residents or creating task forces of residents.

Additional Idea in Community Engagement

- Increase youth voice (2) through increased representation in government and involvement in representative upper-level positions.

What Progress Looks Like

Participants were asked to envision and define progress for youth as a result of investments in youth for each topic. For this topic, progress would look like engaging youth more overall to ensure that their voices and decision-making power are reflected within and throughout the City of Chicago, including youth representation in government, engagements between elected officials and youth, citywide youth summits with youth-defined strategies and outcomes and a focus on systems that impact young people most, actively engaged young people in their communities, community engagement with schools, and participatory budgeting for youth.

Improvements to Future Budget Engagement

This is an additional section for this category only. Respondents overall clearly want more engagement across the board. Many responses for improving future engagement described hosting more engagement opportunities, including year-round activities.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Increase engagement opportunities (30) by hosting more roundtable sessions/events, offering engagement opportunities over more than just one week, providing a virtual option, and having more time for each topic area discussion.
- Improve the engagement process and activities (28) by providing more information and education about the City budget, past budget allocations, existing programs and services, and community-specific information (e.g., handouts, videos); offer a pre-educational session; improve facilitation; share all materials and survey in advance; allow participation in all topic areas and allow selection of all survey answers; and offer a Q&A with the Mayor.
- Develop a year-long budget engagement process (22). The majority of comments simply stated a preference for year-long engagement. Some indicated that a year-long engagement process would include more Chicagoans, help them receive more information, and allow for more sessions in neighborhoods.
- Increase inclusion (13) of youth, engagement of all communities through hosting roundtables in local neighborhoods (at libraries and park

districts, or in partnership with community organizations, etc.), and in all wards throughout the city, and improve accessibility by using larger font sizes, and having better utilization of technology.

- Expand outreach and advertising (14) to engage all Chicagoans by using mailers, social media, and news media, particularly TV to non-English-speaking Chicagoans, among other strategies.
- Increase transparency (7) on Community-Identified Budget Ideas, including more specificity and programmatic details and clearer language, information and reporting on how engagement input influences the budget, and better access to data gathered at budget engagement events.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Increase engagement opportunities (23) by hosting more roundtable sessions or events overall, providing a virtual option, and allowing more time for each topic area discussion.
- Increase inclusion (23) of youth, youth leaders, youth-driven spaces, and schools, and offer incentives to keep youth engaged. Engage all communities through hosting neighborhood roundtables to achieve more diversity in age and other factors in the people who participate. Improve language access by providing translations and bilingual sessions.
- Develop a yearlong budget engagement process (18). The majority of comments simply stated a preference for year-long engagement. A few indicated that a year-long process was a way to improve the sessions, receive more information, create a mechanism for reporting

out, build a decision-making model for youth, and build trust over time.

- Improve the engagement process and activities (12) by providing more information and education, improving facilitation, including decision-making models in the process design (like voting and co-creating solutions), improving logistics and accessibility, and ensuring that the survey is accessible to all Chicagoans.
- Expand outreach and advertising (7) to engage all Chicagoans through social media, local businesses, and news media.
- Increase transparency (3) on how engagement input influences the budget, what will be done, and offering a budget with information on priorities for each neighborhood.

What Progress Looks Like

Participants were asked to envision and define progress for youth as a result of investments in youth for each topic. For this topic, progress would look like more inclusion of youth voices and demonstrating that youth ideas are being considered specifically. Progress would also look like creating youth leaders, defining youth-driven spaces, and including more youth voices in the services that have an impact on them, such as schools. Sustaining this effort through incentives can ensure regular participation.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Prioritization of Community-Identified Budget Ideas

This topic included four Community-Identified Budget Ideas:

- Identify ways to expand alternative response programs, such as evaluating the co-responder model for expansion and revising 311 and 911 protocols to determine the best response for a situation
- Improve public safety responsiveness and accountability, such as by making the response times more transparent across the city for performance improvement, hiring more dispatchers (311/911), and creating a public input council for police accountability training
- Increase community policing services
- Identify technology and communications improvement advances, such as improving the user experience of City website and providing more access to data

Public/online respondents were asked to select the one idea that was most important to their community. The majority (56%) selected “Identify ways to expand alternative response programs such as evaluating the co-responder model for expansion and revising 311 and 911 protocols to determine the best response for a situation” as most important.

In contrast, the majority (58%) of youth roundtable respondents selected “Improve public safety responsiveness and accountability such as making the response times more transparent across the city for performance improvement, hiring more dispatchers (311/911), and creating a public input council for

police accountability training” as most important. Neither group prioritized “Increased community policing services” or “Identify technology and communications improvement advances, such as improving the user experience of City website and providing more access to data.”

However, participants’ written comments provide a more nuanced picture of budget investment needs and ideas around community safety.

Participant Proposals

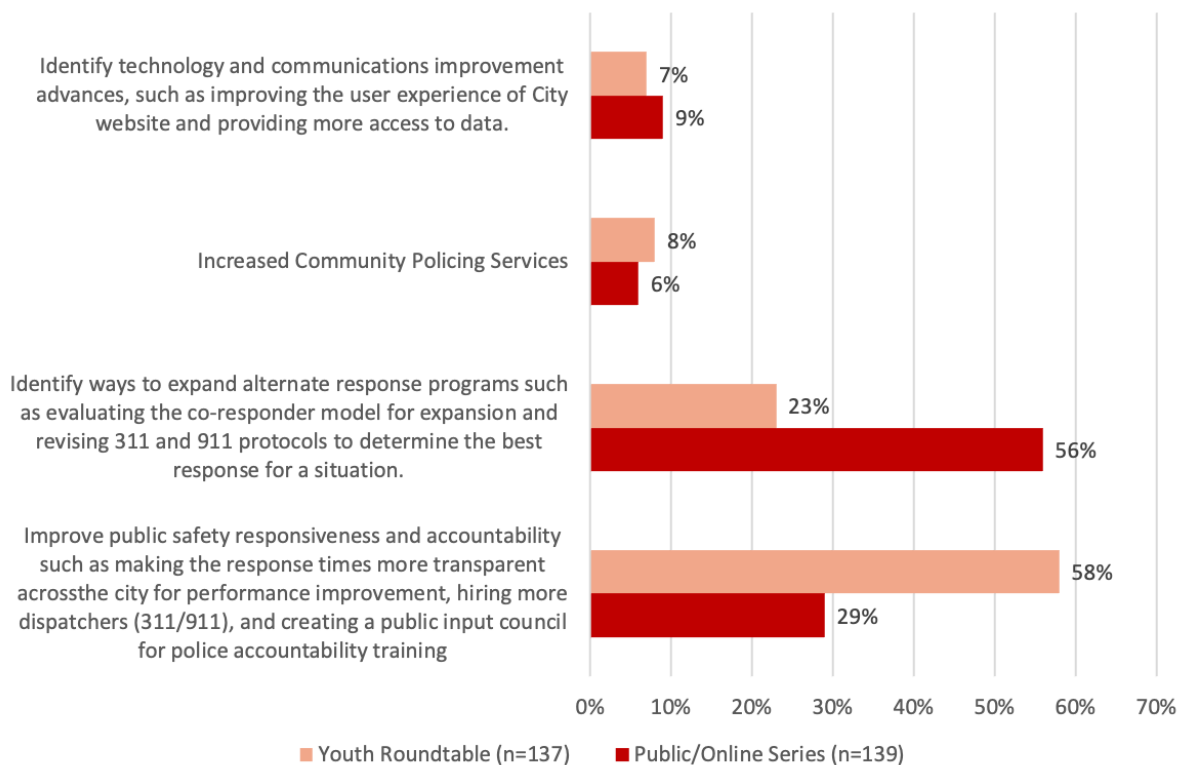
Public/online participants were also asked to provide ideas that would address critical needs in their communities, to share the progress they would like to see for youth from investments in youth, and to

share any comments or other ideas. Responses are presented here by Community-Identified Budget Idea for public/online and youth roundtable respondents.

CIBI: Identify ways to expand alternate response programs such as evaluating co-responder model for expansion and revising 311 and 911 protocols to determine best response for a situation.

Nonpolice response was mentioned by both public/online and youth respondents, and this can potentially be cross-categorized into the Public Health Services and Mental Health topic, specifically “Treatment Not Trauma” responses. Because the following responses were not mental-health-specific, they are categorized in community safety.

FIG. 10. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IN COMMUNITY SAFETY



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

RESULTS

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Establish a nonpolice response (12) was mentioned most often, with a variety of suggestions, such as expanding the CARE Alternative Team, nonpolice mental health crisis response, 988 supportive response, and consideration of other tested programs like the Twin Cities public safety pilot.
- End the co-responder program (4), with a preference for nonpolice response.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- End the co-responder program (2) and replace with a nonpolice crisis response.

CIBI: Improve public safety responsiveness and accountability such as making the response times more transparent across the city for performance improvement, hiring more dispatchers (311/911), and creating a public input council for police accountability training.

Public/online respondents uniquely mentioned increasing police and reparations for survivors of police torture. Youth roundtable respondents uniquely mentioned increasing violence prevention, increasing police presence, and improving police training.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Reallocate police funding (8) to other services like infrastructure, Chicago Department of Public Health mental health services and response, and Housing.
- Enforce existing laws (4), including addressing traffic safety enforcement, illegal drug sales, and noise complaints.
- Support security for sister agencies (5), specifically more security for CTA and CPS.
- Increase police (3)^ by hiring 1,000 more police officers and specifically hiring more detectives.

- Give reparations for survivors of police torture (3)^.
- Improve police response (1) and service response (2) to demonstrate to Chicago residents that the City is responsive to community safety requests and accountable for the results of those responses. This also means performance tracking, such as statistics on missing people by race.
- Increase public safety investment (2) generally, and increase funding for the Civilian Office of Police Accountability.
- Develop an Office of Gun Violence Prevention (1) to create a central repository for all gun violence prevention activities across departments and coordinate the Mayor's Office of Violence Reduction, Chicago Department of Public Health, and other programs that address violence prevention.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Increase violence prevention (6)* with a focus on less gang and gun violence, violence prevention programs for big youth events, gang and gun violence generally and at public parks.
- Increase police presence (6)* to prevent violence at stores and make residents feel safer in the neighborhood.
- Support security for CTA (4) and more security generally (1).
- Add security to the CTA (4) and more security (1) generally.
- Reallocate police funding (2) to other services offered, for example, in the Departments of Housing and Public Health.
- Enforce responses to existing laws (2), such

as firearms laws/gun control* and traffic enforcement near schools and speed bumps.

- Improve police response (1) and service response (1) by addressing marijuana use near schools, and improve service responses by addressing 311 calls to homeless shelters.
- Improve training for police (2)* to include socioemotional training.

CIBI: Increase Community Policing Services

The public/online and youth roundtable respondents presented similar ideas. Public/online respondents frequently mentioned the Peace Book Ordinance.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Pass the Peace Book Ordinance (20) to create community violence interrupters and restorative justice practitioners. Restorative justice by itself was also mentioned.
- Invest in and provide local safety initiatives (4), such as the Protected Community Program, the Officer Friendly Program, Place of Worship Safety Advisory Team in the Twenty-Fourth District, and the walking school bus program to address specific community needs.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Pass the Peace Book Ordinance (4) to create community violence interrupters and restorative justice practitioners.
- Invest in and provide local safety initiatives (2), including funding for the Place of Worship Safety Advisory Team in the Twenty-Fourth District and neighborhood watch programs.

CIBI: Identify technology and communications improvement advances, such as improving the user experience of City website and providing more access to data.

Ending the gang database and investing in cameras were uniquely mentioned by public/online respondents. Youth roundtable respondents uniquely mentioned police call buttons.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Cancel the ShotSpotter contract (25), the most frequently mentioned priority for public safety.
- End the gang database (7)^.
- Invest in cameras (2) for security and cameras on the street

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Install police call buttons (4)*, particularly at bus stops, would be a technology for improving police responsiveness.
- Cancel the ShotSpotter contract (4).

Additional Ideas in Community Safety

The Rideshare Living Wage and Safety Ordinance was mentioned; it does not fall neatly into any CIBI. The other two ideas presented applied more directly to Cook County, including expanding the Commission on Human Rights and implementing youth oversight of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Unit Center.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Enact a Rideshare Living Wage and Safety Ordinance (5)^ to raise driver pay rates to a living wage/cost transparency, service to drivers' vehicles (equipment and maintenance), and appeals process for deactivated drivers.
- Address discrimination (1)^ by expanding the Commission on Human Rights (Cook County).

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Establish a youth-led oversight committee for the Juvenile Temporary Detention Unit Center (1)* in Cook County.

What Progress Looks Like

Participants were asked to envision and define progress for youth as a result of investments in youth for each topic. For this topic, progress would include more safety generally. Young people very much want to feel safe and want visible law enforcement, particularly on the CTA. Progress would also look like more police training and youth-led violence prevention through more investments in nonprofits that work with young people to address causes of and solutions to violence and crime.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Prioritization of Community-Identified Budget Ideas

This topic included two Community-Identified Budget Ideas:

- Identify strategies to address climate resilient infrastructure and other climate/environmental responsive initiatives
- Improve the ongoing maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Public/online participants were asked to select the one that was most important to their community. A notable majority of all respondents (70% of public/online respondents and 66% of youth roundtable respondents) chose “Identify strategies to address climate resilient infrastructure and other climate/environmental responsive initiatives” as the most important.

Participant Proposals

Public/online participants were also asked to provide ideas to address their communities’ critical needs and share any comments or other ideas. This data is presented below by Community-Identified Budget Ideas for public/online and youth roundtable respondents.

CIBI: Identify strategies to address climate resilient infrastructure and other climate/environmental responsive initiatives.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Advance environmental justice (12)^ by developing a mechanism for rapid reporting and response to pollution; addressing and assessing environmental impacts of developments, policies, and certain businesses on communities of color; and increasing electric vehicle charging stations and electric buses in communities most impacted. Specifically:
 - ◇ Close Calumet Park Confined Disposal facility
 - ◇ Cancel MAT Asphalt contracts
 - ◇ Address potential environmental damage to Pilsen from PATH Construction
 - ◇ Review the General Iron permitting process
- Invest in green infrastructure (9)^, including prairie restoration, permeable sidewalks and streets, and planting and maintaining more trees to encourage better stormwater and flood management and urban heat island mitigation.
- Re-create the Department of Environment (7)^ with increased staffing.
- Pass the Cumulative Impact Ordinance (6)^.
- Incentivize composting and recycling (5)^ with

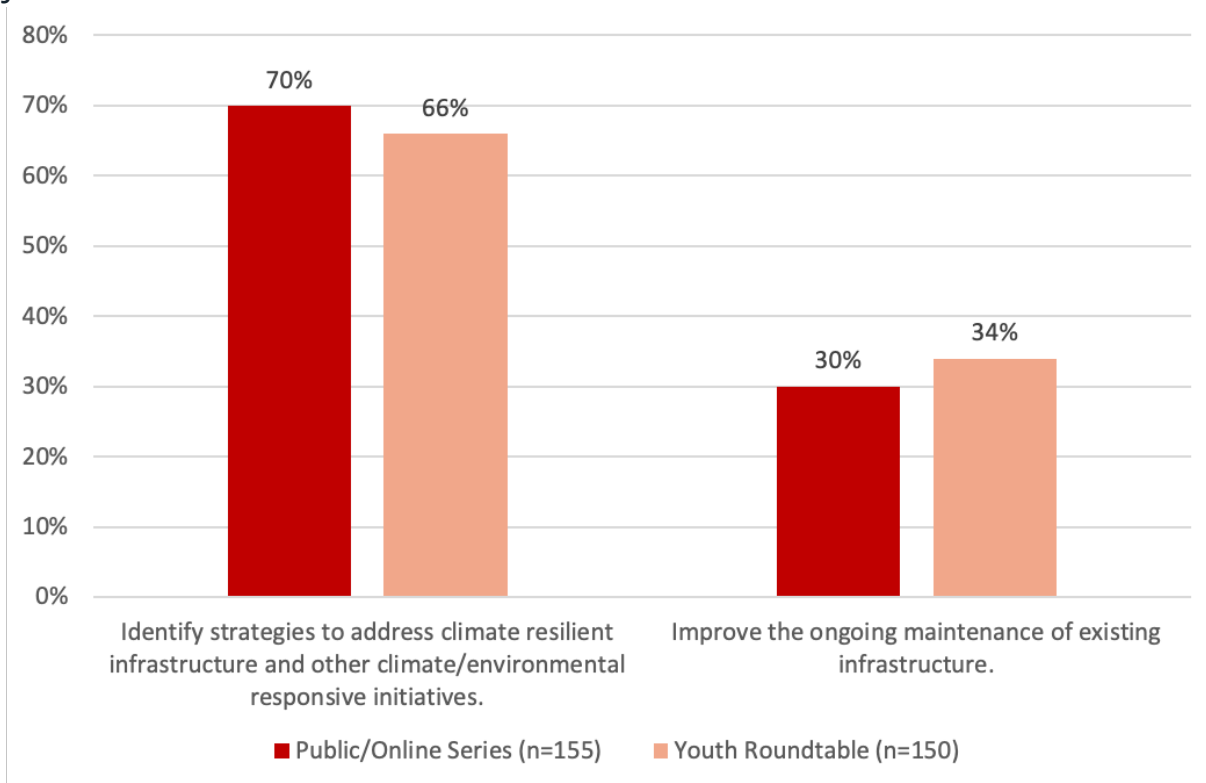
residents, schools, and universities to increase composting and recycling rates.

- Enforce existing environmental laws (4) to reduce pollution and dumping on land and in water and establish effective accountability measures, including better training for inspectors and environmental justice training.
- Reject the proposed Tiger Woods Golf Course (4)^ for its environmental impacts.
- Build a green economy (1).

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Invest in renewable energy (5)*.
- Reduce pollution (4) by evaluating existing policies and permitting processes, creating new policies, then enforcing them effectively.
- Incentivize climate change (4) infrastructure and opportunities, including green jobs and environmental training programs for youth.
- Increase flood aid (1)*.
- Create eco-friendly low-income communities (1)*.

FIG. 11. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IDEA IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND INFRASTRUCTURE



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

CIBI: Improve the ongoing maintenance of existing infrastructure.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Improve water infrastructure and access (12) by increasing inspections, ensuring the security of water lines, prioritizing lead line replacement, installing lead and water filtration systems for public drinking fountains (e.g., community centers, schools), and introducing a Water-for-All ordinance.
- Maintain streets (9) by increasing repairs, fixing potholes, increasing snow removal, and enhancing safety measures such as safe daycare crossings.
- Increase funding for infrastructure (8), including investing in mass transit, paratransit reliability, and local infrastructure, and creating an infrastructure trust.
- Improve existing infrastructure (7), including maintaining sidewalks, sewer systems, and streetlights and ensuring regular garbage pickup and receptacle replacement.
- Expand bike infrastructure (6) by building more protected bike lanes and installing more bike racks coupled with bike and pedestrian educational and safety initiatives.
- Invest in the CTA (5) to improve accessibility by fixing the elevators and increasing the reliability of service, particularly for second-shift workers.
- Reform water billing (4)[^] to fully fund water infrastructure maintenance and repairs, and provide additional education on how the water system works.
- Increase active transit (4) by providing free or low-cost bikes or bike rentals.

- Increase scavenger abatement (4)[^].
- Enhance construction traffic management (4)[^], including developing zip-code-based construction alerts.
- Increase green space (2), including parks, gardens, and safe open spaces
- Integrate Divvy with Ventra (2)[^].
- Improve street signage (2)[^].
- Enhance local park maintenance (1).

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Increase funding for public transit (17) to increase affordability and develop more bus stops, increase CTA reliability, fund the Red Line extension, and ensure cleaner and more youth-friendly transportation.
- Increase green space (11), including playgrounds, parks, safe open and green spaces, and sports facilities.
- Invest in existing infrastructure (10), including maintaining sewer systems and bridges, cleaning streets, regular infrastructure inspection, upgrading the traffic system, and garbage pickup and receptacles in all neighborhoods.
- Maintain streets (9) by increasing repairs, fixing potholes, trimming trees, and enhancing safer driving conditions.
- Increase streetlighting (8) to improve safety.
- Expand bike infrastructure (7) by building more bike lanes and connecting lanes to trails.
- Improve pedestrian safety (5).
- Develop a student transportation system (3)^{*} and maintain school infrastructure.
- Improve water quality in public spaces (1).

What Progress Looks Like

Participants were asked to envision and define progress for youth as a result of investments in youth for each topic. For this topic, progress would look like more safety while traveling, safety provided by bike infrastructure, pedestrian safety on the CTA, and transportation reliability. Progress would also look like investing in infrastructure across the city to eliminate service gaps and increase youth-friendly spaces.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ARTS AND CULTURE

Prioritization of Community-Identified Budget Ideas

This topic area included eight Community-Identified Budget Ideas:

- Provide more resources for efficient and effective services to businesses.
- Increase investment and development to revitalize historically disinvested neighborhood and commercial corridors.
- Provide more workforce development opportunities.
- Identify ways to streamline City services and processes for residents, businesses, and nonprofits such as by simplifying applications, permits, and contract processes and by improving procurement processes to increase equity.
- Improve language access and accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Transform and leverage City-owned lots.
- Identify ways to expand broadband access to currently underserved communities.
- Identify additional opportunities for arts and culture through strategic neighborhood programming.

Public/online participants were asked to select the three that were most important to their community. Fifty-eight percent of public/online respondents selected “Increase investment and development to revitalize historically disinvested neighborhood and commercial corridors” as the most important to their community.

All eight Community-Identified Budget Ideas were identified by all respondents (public/online and youth roundtable) as important to their community. “Provide more resources for efficient and effective services to businesses” was the least popular selection for public/online respondents, and “Provide more resources for efficient and effective services to businesses” and “Improve language access and accessibility for people with disabilities” received the least support from youth roundtable respondents, at 24% each.

CIBI: Identify additional opportunities for arts and culture through strategic neighborhood programming.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Expand art programs (12), particularly those that offer fine arts, theatre, dance/movement, and music, and increase the availability of programs for youth and children, particularly in low-income communities of color and programs with a trauma-informed lens.
- Increase investment in cultural and community events (6), including historical landmarks, neighborhood tours, and community activities and events.
- Prohibit mega festivals (1)^, particularly on public parkland.

RESULTS

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Increase cultural and community events (6) in the community, at parks and schools, and for youth.
- Expand art programs (5), particularly those that offer fine arts and music and programs available for all ages, particularly youth, children, and the elderly.
- Invest in murals (1)*.
- Develop volunteer opportunities (1) for the elderly*.

CIBI: Provide more workforce development opportunities.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

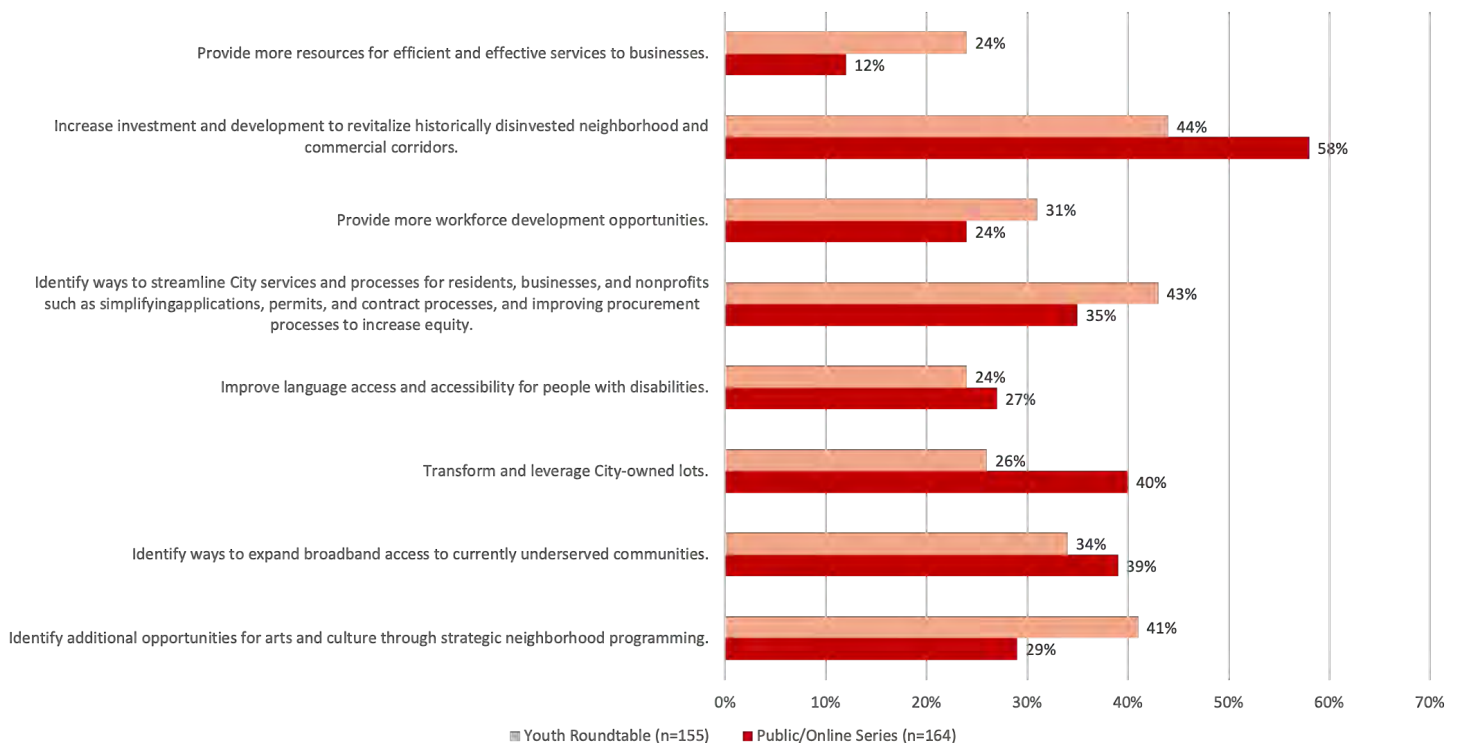
- Develop more jobs (4), including more jobs for community workers and apprenticeship opportunities.
- Develop vocational programs (3) for youth in schools.

- Expand job-training programs (3) across various fields, including career and technical, and include training on accessing City resources and employment opportunities.
- Create entrepreneurship opportunities (1)^.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Expand job placement services (7)* to increase employment of all people, including people experiencing homelessness and people who have been justice-involved.
- Develop more jobs (3) that offer benefits and across more fields, including for community workers.
- Increase employment support (3) by providing more career advisers and other supportive resources, like phones to assist job seekers in the hiring process.

FIG. 12. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IDEA IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ARTS AND CULTURE



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

- Expand job-training programs (3) to include green job training, youth on-the-job training in remodeling (i.e., construction, trades), and other training programs.
- Enforce worker rights (1)*, particularly to ensure workers' compensation.

CIBI: Increase investment and development to revitalize historically disinvested neighborhood and commercial corridors.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Increase investment (19) in South Side and West Side neighborhoods and develop a mechanism for the fair distribution of resources to best meet neighborhood needs. Respondents named several specific communities and specific investment amounts for a neighborhood or funding project.
- Develop a community-benefits agreement^ for the Obama Presidential Library (4).
- Prevent gentrification (3)^ by investing in community land trusts.
- Support community-owned businesses (1)^.
- Reduce commercial corridor vacancies (1)^.
- Invest in public schools (1)^.
- Recruit high-demand industry (1)^.
- Support youth-owned business development (1)^.
- Develop community centers (1).

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Increase investment (7) in South Side and West Side neighborhoods and develop a mechanism to assess neighborhood needs and fair distribution of resources.
- Enhance community cleanup (7)* by creating community task forces and/or volunteer programs for neighborhood cleanup.

- Develop community centers (5) to provide greater access to information.
- Create more farmers' markets (1)*.

CIBI: Identify ways to expand broadband access to currently underserved communities.

There were no responses to this CIBI from the youth roundtable.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Increase internet access (1)^ on Chicago's South and West Sides.

CIBI: Improve language access and accessibility for people with disabilities.

There were no responses to this CIBI from the youth roundtable.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Improve access (2)^ for people with disabilities by mandating support for hearing/visual impairment in all public spaces and open day centers for people with autism.

CIBI: Transform and leverage City-owned lots.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Utilize vacant lots and abandoned buildings (4) for spaces for youth and repurpose them temporarily with work by local artists.
- Enhance vacant lot lists (2) by making them more public, accessible, easier to use, and more responsive to the public.
- Prepare vacant lots (1)^ for redevelopment, including by conducting environmental cleanup.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Utilize vacant lots and abandoned buildings (8) for needed community facilities, particularly mental health facilities.

RESULTS

CIBI: Provide more resources for efficient and effective services to businesses.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Enhance small business support (5) in low-income communities by providing small business development and start-up support and facilitating support groups and networking for small business owners.
- Provide incentives (1)^ to small businesses that employ youth.
- Increase regulation of labor platforms (1)^ such as Uber, Lyft, and Instacart to support workers' rights and fair wage protections.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Increase support (3) for small and family-owned businesses.

CIBI: Identify ways to streamline City services and processes for residents, businesses, and nonprofits such as simplifying applications, permits, and contract processes, and improving procurement processes to increase equity.

There were no responses to this CIBI from the youth roundtable.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Streamline permitting application (1)^ for minority-owned small businesses.
- Require racial equity criteria (1)^ as part of City contracting specifications.
- Improve equity of City contracts and grants (1)^ by shifting away from a reimbursement-based model for payment.

Additional Ideas in Neighborhood and Community Development and Arts and Culture

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Create a public bank (4)^.
- Develop safe spaces (3) for children and youth in the community.

- Ensure living wages (3)^ for all.
- Create food security (1).

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Develop safe spaces (6) for children and youth in the community.

What Progress Looks Like

Participants were asked to envision and define progress for youth as a result of investments in youth for each topic. For this topic, progress would look like fairness in investment, specifically in South Side and West Side neighborhoods and a way to assess fair distribution. Progress would also look like enhancing community cleanup infrastructure and developing and maintaining community task forces or volunteer programs.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH

Prioritization of Community-Identified Budget Ideas

This topic included three Community-Identified Budget Ideas:

- Address root causes of health issues through extensive public health investments, including investments in family, maternal, and mental health.
- Identify opportunities to implement programs focused on serving underserved communities, including formerly incarcerated individuals and immigrant residents.
- Address root causes of health issues through extensive public health investments, including investments in family, maternal, and mental health.

In-person and online participants were asked to select the idea from the list that was most important to their community. The majority (55%) of public/online respondents selected “Address root causes of health issues through extensive public health investments, including investments in family, maternal, and mental health” as the most important to their community.

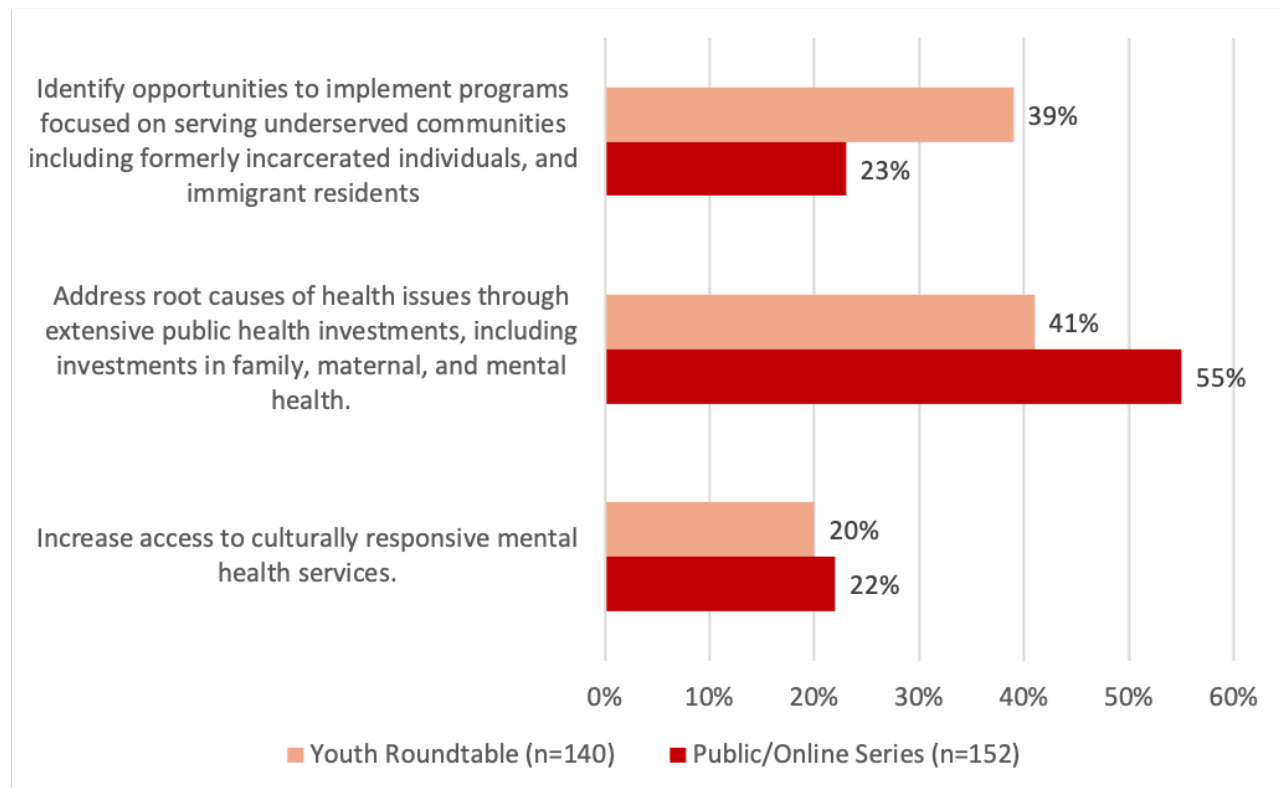
The other two ideas also received notable support. Youth roundtable respondents selected two ideas about as frequently: “Identify opportunities to implement programs focused on serving underserved communities, including formerly incarcerated

individuals and immigrant residents” (41%) and “Address root causes of health issues through extensive public health investments, including investments in family, maternal, and mental health” (39%). All ideas received at least 20% support as important to respondents’ community.

Participant Proposals

Public/online participants were also asked to provide ideas to address their communities’ critical needs and share any comments or other ideas. This data is presented here by Community-Identified Budget Ideas for public/online and youth roundtable respondents.

FIG. 13. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IDEA IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH



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

RESULTS

CIBI: Increase access to culturally responsive mental health services.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Improve mental health services (30) through investments in mental health access, strategic investments in affected communities, peer-to-peer mental health support, mental health services for youth and specifically services in CPS, and mental health services for transgender people and people of color.
- Treatment not Trauma (24), or dispatching trained and licensed mental health professionals from mental health centers.
- Mental health centers and clinics (22), including reopening closed clinics, establishing public facilities run by government, having City partners manage facilities, and expanding hours of mental health centers.
- Increase mental health service outreach (5), specifically with incentives at street festivals and focusing on men generally and African American men specifically.
- Hire trained, licensed mental health professionals (2), specifically with trauma support services.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Mental health services (10) investment, specifically in Austin and in schools.
- Mental health response, Treatment Not Trauma (1).
- Mental health training for teachers (1).

CIBI: Address root causes of health issues through extensive public health investments, including investments in family, maternal, and mental health.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Expand reproductive health care, abortion services, and sex education (7)^.
- Invest in public health, health clinics, and health services (8), focusing on health-care investments, health clinics and services, Medicaid expansion and Medicaid for all, and school-based services and health and safety education.
- Improve maternal health services (7)^, including a visiting nurse program, prenatal care, midwife and doula access, mother's rights education, and parenting schools and classes.
- Support prevention of substance use disorders (6)^, including a substance abuse reduction strategy, overdose prevention sites, and support to nonprofit providers.
- Improve food security (5), including eliminating food deserts, affordable food access and funding, more food pantries, and improvement of food in schools.
- Improve COVID health response and services (4)^, including mass distribution of personal protective equipment and COVID education.
- Expand community health services (4), including hiring community health workers at a living wage and expanding community health education.

- Restore funding to rape and sexual assault crisis centers (2)^, which were defunded at the state level through the Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA) and need to have funding restored under pressure from cities and counties.
- Improve housing inspections for health risks (1)^, specifically testing for lead in homes.
- Offer first-aid classes and CPR certification (1)^.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Invest in public health/health clinics/health services (8), focusing on free access, health clinics, and health and safety education.
- Improve food security (4), including affordable access to healthy food and funding and more food pantries.
- Expand community health (2), specifically community health education.

CIBI: Identify opportunities to implement programs focused on serving underserved communities, including formerly incarcerated individuals and immigrant residents.

There were no responses to this CIBI from the youth roundtable.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Improve access to health-care providers in marginalized low-income communities (2).
- Expand emergency preparedness for extreme heat (2), specifically 24/7 cooling warmer centers.
- Invest in migrant services (2), including pursuing federal funds for migrant influx.
- Offer domestic violence survivor services (1) for male victims with disability.

What Progress Looks Like

Participants were asked to envision and define progress for youth as a result of investments in youth for each topic. For this topic, progress would look like mental health services for the public and schools, with progress demonstrated with resources for youth. Progress would also look like enhanced recruitment or identification of people in need, with health-care access in poor communities and training of teachers to provide mental health support.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Prioritization of Community-Identified Budget Ideas

This topic included two Community-Identified Budget Ideas:

- Expand youth employment opportunities and after-school programming.
- Provide more wrap-around youth services.

Public/online participants were asked to select the one that was most important to their community. The majority (59%) of public/online respondents selected “Expand youth employment opportunities and after-school programming” as the most important idea to their community. The vast majority (85%) of youth roundtable respondents selected the same response.

Participant Proposals

CIBI: Expand youth employment opportunities and after-school programming.

This was the only idea for which the youth roundtable responses outnumbered the public/online responses, with 53 total mentions of youth programs. In contrast, the public/online respondents focused more on developing jobs for youth (32) than on youth programs (11). Youth outreach was a unique request from youth roundtable respondents.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Develop more youth jobs (32).
- Improve youth programming (11), including programs generally, arts, after school, education, financial literacy, literacy, sports and clubs

- Increase paid internship and mentorship opportunities for youth.
- Implement youth workforce development programs, such as job placement, internships, and career counseling for kids, teens, and youth.
- Establish a youth center or youth space
- Offer wraparound services, specifically agency partnerships to host wrap-around services in the evening.

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Improve youth programming (53), including after-school programs; year-round programs; sports, including at the Chicago Park District and summer and school-break programs; mentoring; finance and life skills programs; literacy; sexual awareness and harassment; youth-centered or youth-led programs; Big Brother programs; gang prevention; music; outdoor activities; tutoring services; awareness on vaping and drugs.
- Establish a youth center or youth space (16), specifically for LGBTQ+, trans, and queer youth.
- Implement youth workforce development programs.
- Develop more jobs (3) for youth that offer benefits and across more fields.
- Offer more youth events (3) and invest in youth-run media.
- Engage in youth outreach (3) and collaboration to develop programs and program access for eligible youth.
- Offer wrap-around services (1).

CIBI: Provide more wrap-around youth services.

There were no responses to this CIBI from the youth roundtable.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Expand childcare and access (4), with free or affordable rates for teachers, working families, and mandated livable wages for providers.
- Offer wrap-around services (3), including agency partnerships to host wrap-around services in the evening.

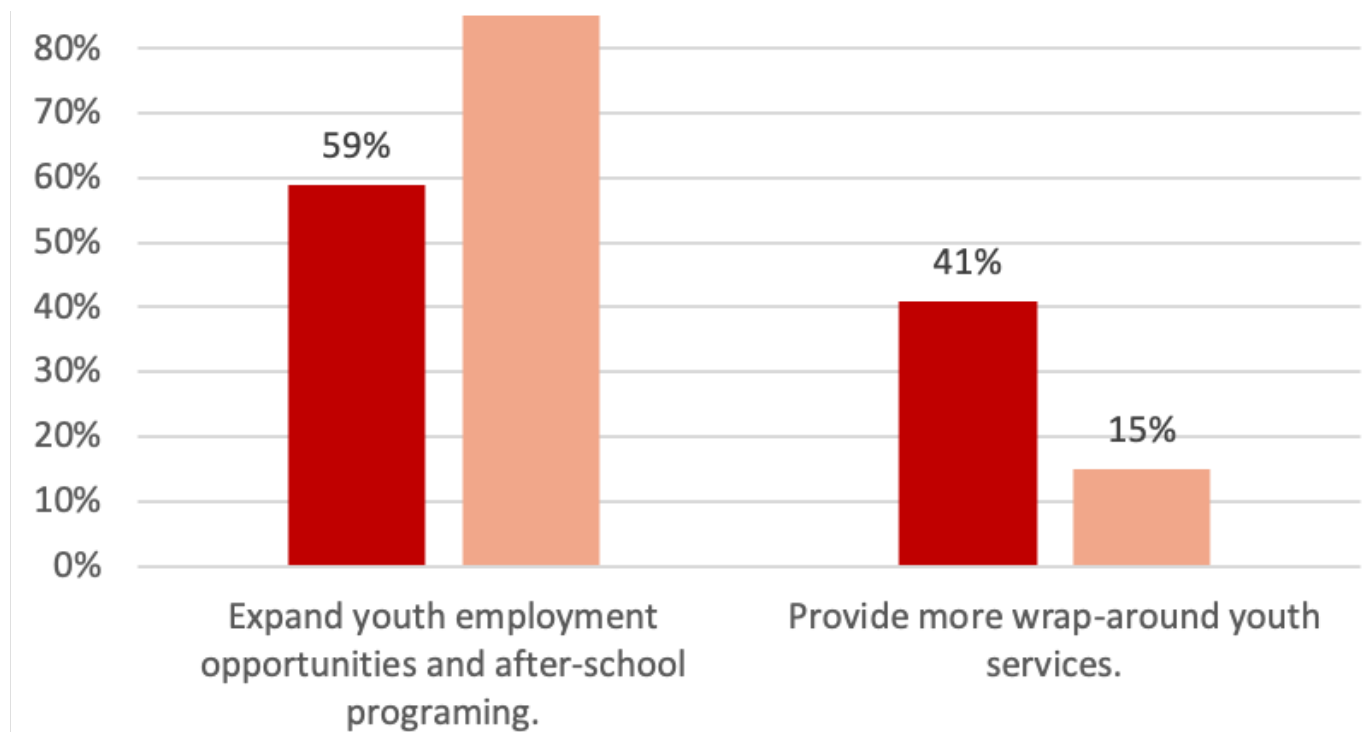
Additional Participant Proposals for Other Agencies

Several service requests and ideas applied directly to Chicago Public Schools and City Colleges. As sister agencies, many of these ideas do not apply to the City's budget but are worth noting here.

PUBLIC/ONLINE RESPONDENTS

- Increase education investment/school funding (2).
- Expand community schools model (1).
- Use schools as youth centers outside of school hours (1).
- Offer more wrap-around youth services (1).

FIG. 14. MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IDEA IN YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



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

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE RESPONDENTS

- Increase education investment and school funding (10), specifically schools on the South Side and West Side and communities in need, and invest in early childhood, with free teacher tuition for early childhood classes.
- Improve academic performance (9), specifically non-magnet-school improvement.
- Offer restorative justice in schools (3).
- Improve school curriculum (3), specifically focusing on STEM education and business training.
- Offer art programs (1).
- Eliminate selective enrollment (1).
- Offer free higher education (1).
- Support LGBTQ+ youth (1).
- Improve lunch quality (1).
- Increase teacher pay (1).
- Hire social workers in every school (1).
- Support CPS-City collaboration (1).
- Develop partnerships between public and private colleges and universities (1).
- Reopen schools that have been closed in South Shore and Black neighborhoods (1).
- Increase availability of scholarships (1).
- Offer school programs for students with disabilities (1).

What Progress Looks Like

Participants were asked to envision and define progress for youth as a result of investments in youth for each topic. For this topic, progress would look like program investments, including many of those suggested above. Youth roundtable respondents prioritized youth programs, with 53 responses, whereas public/online prioritized youth

employment, with 32 responses. Most young people are directly engaged at schools, so this section offers considerations for ways schools can assist or serve young people. Improved collaboration between the City and school systems will be crucial.

OERJ EQUITY POSTER RESULTS

At the public roundtables, the OERJ set up posters for each roundtable topic in each designated discussion area. Participants were asked to engage with posters and provide input on populations that could be served by improved equity and outcomes that would signify equity having been achieved for a particular population or topic.

The posters corresponded to City departments' Racial Equity Action Plans (for more information on the Racial Equity Action Plans, visit the City's website). The posters included 13 priority desired results (Table 1) derived from the Racial Equity Action Plans. Under each priority desired result, the posters included two questions:

- Who in the community isn't reaching this outcome?
- What's one idea that could help that group reach the outcome?

Participants were provided with sticky notes to answer the questions. It is important to note that some participants used the posters as an opportunity to provide general comments, much like they used comment cards. Because many participants were unable to follow directions for use of these boards, for likely a variety of reasons, the results here include those responses that the UICNI team could categorize as a "who" or an "idea." The full poster responses are available in the Appendix.

POPULATIONS IN NEED OF EQUITY FOCUS

Participants identified several specific populations that could benefit from an equity focus in response to the question “Who in the community isn’t reaching this [the desired] outcome?” They identified the following populations by topic.

Arts and Culture

- Artists
- Whole family units and individual adults (versus children)
- Children generally, and children younger than 8 years old
- Students and young people, especially teenagers and young people without easy access to downtown resources, and especially in South Shore and Cottage Grove areas
- Reentering citizens
- Low-income people of color

Economic Development

- People who do not know how to access resources available, as well as low-information communities
- Chicago Housing Authority
- Financially burdened residents
- Low-income families of color
- Rideshare and gig workers, especially people of color and immigrants

Education

- Youth campaigns and organizations
- Persons with disabilities apparent and nonapparent
- Students who experience homelessness
- UIC (and other public institution) students who cannot afford education so drop out
- Families who need childcare

TABLE 1. CITYWIDE DESIRED EQUITY RESULTS BY ROUNDTABLE TOPIC

Roundtable topic	Citywide desired racial equity result
Affordable Housing and Services to People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness	Housing: All Chicagoans have healthy, accessible, and affordable homes.
Public Health Services and Mental Health	Public Health & Services: All Chicagoans are healthy and benefit from a full range of health and human services.
Community Safety	Public Safety: All Chicagoans are safe across the city and have trusting relationships with law enforcement and first responders.
Neighborhood and Community Development and Arts and Culture	Economic Development: All Chicagoans are economically self-sufficient, can build wealth, and thrive.
	Arts & Culture: All Chicagoans celebrate, connect with, and contribute to the City’s creative and cultural ecosystem.
	Education: All Chicagoans gain meaningful knowledge and skills to thrive.
Environmental Justice and Infrastructure	Environment, Climate, & Energy: All Chicagoans live in vibrant neighborhoods that reflect their identities and foster community belonging.
	Transportation & Infrastructure: All Chicagoans have a safe multimodal transportation system and broadband access.

Environment, Climate, and Energy

- People who want to not litter
- Young people who ride the school bus
- People with underlying health conditions
- Cottage Grove (area)
- Seniors

Housing

- Community health workers
- Property owners in quickly gentrifying areas or with fast-rising property taxes
- Supportive housing agencies
- Department of Housing
- 63rd and Racine
- Tenants and tenants facing possible eviction or homelessness
- Families with young children

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Communities without broadband internet access

Public Health and Services

- Homeless men struggling with mental illness in Humboldt Park
- Young people
- People with mental illness and people who need mental health services
- People with criminal backgrounds and mental illness
- Migrants
- Black women who are pregnant
- Communities overburdened by poor air quality

Public Safety

- The Blue Line
- Victims of sexual crime and people who experience domestic violence
- Specific neighborhoods: the West Side, Back of the Yards (48th and Wolcott, 46th and Winchester, 45th and Honore, 47th and Wolcott), Englewood
- Young people, especially age 14–24, and young people with mental health issues, and young people, in low-income communities on West and South Sides
- Black men, and specifically young Black men
- Transgender sex workers
- People experiencing homelessness, and people experiencing homelessness with mental health issues
- Elders
- Latinos and people of Hispanic origin, and Black and Brown communities
- Transgender and queer individuals
- Black men in leadership roles
- Police (in terms of role and presence)

PARTICIPANT-PROVIDED EQUITY OUTCOMES

Participants provided a wide range of detailed outcomes in response to the question “What’s one idea that could help that group reach the [desired] outcome?”

This section presents the themes that arose from analysis of all participant-provided notes in the “Outcomes” column and other related ideas that participants affixed to the posters. Some participants included other topics as well, such as housing together with arts can culture, and so on. These themes can be viewed as participants’ desired outcomes in order to align them with the outcomes of City departments.

Across all topics, by far, participants most frequently expressed outcomes that worked to support marginalized and/or disinvested populations, with 81 comments. In terms of frequency of mention, the following themes ranked second, third, and fourth, respectively: identify ways to expand alternate police response programs (41 comments), increase enforcement and/or improve or streamline administration for service delivery and equity (36 comments), and support affordable housing and increase housing options of all types (29 comments).

The following sections present themes by topic area. Themes are listed in alphabetical order. For full frequencies and detailed participant comments, see the Appendix.

Arts and Culture

- Diversify arts and culture
- Expand youth and young adult opportunities
- Identify ways to expand alternate police response programs
- Improve communication about resources
- Improve school environment and resources
- Invest in expanding neighborhood resources and amenities
- Provide actionable low-income housing support and improvements
- Support business owners
- Support City partners
- Mitigate developer impacts
- Support marginalized and/or disinvested populations

Economic Development

- Support microbusiness
- Expand youth and young adult opportunities
- Improve communication about resources
- Increase enforcement and/or improve/streamline administration for service delivery and equity
- Invest in expanding neighborhood resources and amenities
- Support marginalized and/or disinvested populations
- Support microbusiness
- Support City partners
- Support working families

Education

- Expand youth and young adult opportunities
- Identify ways to expand alternate police response programs
- Improve school environment and resources
- Include/address concerns of persons with disabilities
- Increase public health resources
- Support and fund mental health services for all Chicagoans
- Support marginalized and/or disinvested populations
- Support microbusiness
- Support partners
- Support working families

Environment, Climate, and Energy

- Support greening
- Improve mobility
- Increase enforcement and/or improve/ streamline administration for service delivery and equity
- Increase public health resources
- Support affordable housing and increase housing options of all types
- Support marginalized and/or disinvested populations

Housing

- Include/address concerns of persons with disabilities
- Increase enforcement and/or improve/ streamline administration for service delivery and equity
- Increase public health resources
- Invest in expanding neighborhood resources and amenities
- Mitigate developer impacts
- Provide actionable low-income housing support and improvements
- Support affordable housing and increase housing options of all types
- Support homeowners and help them stay in their homes
- Support homeowners and renters
- Support marginalized and/or disinvested populations
- Support City partners
- Support working families

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Improve school environment and resources
- Include/address concerns of persons with disabilities
- Increase enforcement and/or improve/ streamline administration for service delivery and equity
- Invest in expanding neighborhood resources and amenities

Public Health and Services

- Expand youth and young adult opportunities
- Identify ways to expand alternate police response programs
- Improve communication about resources
- Improve school environment and resources
- Increase enforcement and/or improve/ streamline administration for service delivery and equity
- Increase public health resources
- Support and fund mental health services for all Chicagoans
- Support marginalized and/or disinvested populations
- Support City partners

Public Safety

- CTA safety
- Expand youth and young adult opportunities
- Support greening
- Identify ways to expand alternate police response programs
- Improve communication about resources
- Improve school environment and resources
- Increase enforcement and/or improve/ streamline administration for service delivery and equity
- Increase public health resources
- Invest in expanding neighborhood resources and amenities
- Support and fund mental health services for all Chicagoans
- Support marginalized and/or disinvested populations
- Support City partners

BUDGET
APPENDIX A

This appendix presents the comments and feedback that participants handwrote and submitted on comment cards made available at the public and youth roundtables. A few people also emailed comments directly to city email addresses and those are included here. UICNI inductively coded all comments. As a result, some comments appear under more than one topic.

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

Topic	Comment / Feedback	Roundtable
Affordable Housing and Providing Services for People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness	#BringChicagoHome	Kennedy-King
	\$15M in rental assistance for South Shore tenants and \$5M annually	Kennedy-King
	Accountability of the landlords to maintain safe housing space, renters must be relocated immediately for safety and health	Kennedy-King
	Actually make “affordable units” actually affordable	Kennedy-King
	Adopt the Bring Chicago Home campaign without the “marginal tax” structure unless lost revenue from the marginal tax can be raised another way	Kennedy-King
	Affordable housing and easier to get into	Kennedy-King
	Are there tracking procedures capturing where folks are being displaced from? —neighborhoods The only way to move folks from shelters is by funding affordable housing	Kennedy-King
	Are you all invested in putting resources in South Shore and putting a community benefits agreement in the South Shore Area? South Shore is one of the largest areas for evictions in Chicago, what are you all doing to stop that and prevent the area from experiencing gentrification as more people start to move into the South Shore area with the Obama Center being constructed.	Kennedy-King
	Are you going to help folks in Woodlawn pilot with purchase	Kennedy-King
	Bring Chicago Home	Kennedy-King
	Bring Chicago Home. We need to invest in the DOH and end homelessness. Real estate transfer tax. Revenue generation, implementing fees on vacancies and demolitions as well as establishing a landlord registry. Tenant’s rights. Community wealth building initiative. Invest in the Department of Housing. Tenant protections.	Kennedy-King
	Decriminalize sex work! Stop arresting sex workers and drug users and invest in their food and housing	Kennedy-King
	DFSS to construct and fund at least some homeless youth / young adult shelters to expand to 24/7 operations	Kennedy-King
	Eliminate the options of paying a fine/fee vs. actually creating the required affordable units	Kennedy-King
	Establish and allocate \$5M to a South Shore program	Kennedy-King
	Establish cap on rental application fees	Kennedy-King
	Fair housing enforcement in Chicago is a joke especially source of income	Kennedy-King
	Fund the CBA ordinance—it has ways to track, capture and house displaced folks and the units/homes that are left empty or are raised \$\$ above what’s affordable	Kennedy-King
	Funds for different types of housing for homeless: PSH, RRH, transitional, shelter, shared homes	Kennedy-King
	Help with buildings abandoned. Program to individuals who want to provide housing to residents at an affordable rate.	Kennedy-King
	Homeless emergency shelter pregnant and parenting wraparound. Moms just delivered have to leave 3 days from delivery.	Kennedy-King

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Affordable Housing and Providing Services for People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness continued	Housing for young moms realistic with structure of preventing recidivism of homelessness	Kennedy-King
	How are we going to #CloseTheGap between units we have and units we need	Kennedy-King
	How do we integrate all the unhoused (migrant and established)?	Kennedy-King
	How is the CBA - community benefits ordinance concerns being addressed and incorporated in the 23-24 budget?	Kennedy-King
	HUD housing conditions are horrible! What is Department of Buildings doing? Do they work for us or Becovic, Eastlake, and Carlson?	Kennedy-King
	I run the only South Side homeless youth/young adult shelter, Ujima Village. We need (1) on site mental health services that can assess, diagnose, and treat especially from trauma treatment. I've been searching for these services to come meet the youth when and where they are at for 10 years. Youth do not follow up on referrals, services need to come to them. (2) The shelter is only open overnight from 8 pm-8am. The #1 need the youth express is for the shelter to be open 24 hours, 365 days a year. It triggers their trauma to put them out every morning and restricts our ability to provide assistance for the youth and to help them use or get to community partners offering services.	Kennedy-King
	I would like to see development and investment in underserved communities. Primarily South Shore, Woodlawn, and other black communities on the South Side of Chicago. Investment in housing will allow space for capacity to engage in stimulating and productive activity. Buildings for extracurricular activities and funding for low income residents to participate without financial limitation will help keep residents busy with participation in activities	Kennedy-King
	I would like to see more funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) and units affordable to 30% AMI or below. I believe passing Bring Chicago Home is the strongest path to achieving the above.	Kennedy-King
	If domestic violence is the #1 call to CPD and the most dangerous, why do we only have a shelter. Its needed but is a band aid.	Kennedy-King
	In the city of Chicago there are large numbers of senior citizens. Generally, these seniors are living on fixed incomes. Also many of these seniors are home owners who are financially unable to fully pay for home repairs and maintenance. I would like to see programs that would provide some financial assistance to seniors to maintain their homes. Also there are other resources that seniors need to make their lives comfortable.	Kennedy-King
	Invest in South Shore CBA including 63rd and Blackstone 100% affordable (30% and 50% AMI). Social housing with local owned community based business on 1st floor	Kennedy-King
	Investment in worker owned coops and housing coops	Kennedy-King
	Is there a way to consider nontraditional housing, such as repurposing different types of buildings???	Kennedy-King
	It is imperative that people returning from being incarcerated have access to safe, quality housing. Too many people are incarcerated across the state, and sent to Chicago upon release with nowhere to go. Not just temporary housing, but a path to homeownership.	Kennedy-King

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Affordable Housing and Providing Services for People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness continued	Landlord registry	Kennedy-King
	Money should be set aside to promote the development of 2-12 flat apartment buildings owned by people that live in the building and in the community. Prioritize homeownership in a way that helps build the middle class while also providing naturally occurring affordable housing. This can come in the form of affordable mortgages, development grants for small developers/live-in landlords, or city built and sold at low prices.	Kennedy-King
	More (and proactive) building inspections	Kennedy-King
	More affordable housing for HUD income	Kennedy-King
	New family shelter centers	Kennedy-King
	Next time please ask participants to limit their comments to 2-3 minutes. South Shore needs protections against displacement. Make sure individuals give other opportunities to speak. Conversations should start with guidelines and agreements. We need more activities in schools. Remove standardized testing.	Kennedy-King
	Obama CBA Coalition is advocating for a \$60 million to stop the displacement of South Shore, who are majority long-term Black Chicago residents. Will the City of Chicago commit to \$60M in the proposed community benefits agreement?	Kennedy-King
	Pass a community benefits agreement in South Shore. Mayor Johnson already agreed to pass a CBA while he was on the campaign trail and has received the proposed CBA. Meet with community organizers with the CBA Coalition and work with us to pass the ordinance, which would serve both homeowners and renters and prevent further gentrification from happening in South Shore. Reopen closed schools in South Shore and in Black neighborhoods. Give more funding in the city for low income housing.	Kennedy-King
	Pass Healthy Homes: landlord registry, proactive inspections, defund ineffective responses to 311 calls	Kennedy-King
	Please please fully fund South Shore CBA ordinance, including anything around 63rd and Blackstone city-owned vacant lot, which could become so many affordable units!	Kennedy-King
	Preserve affordable housing	Kennedy-King
	Reform coordinated entry -- recognize "doubling up" as homelessness	Kennedy-King
	Second Chance housing	Kennedy-King
	Second Chance housing for residents who may have trouble in the past regarding evictions	Kennedy-King
	South Shore lacks resources that affect our community: mental health services, youth centers, housing that ppl can afford, open up stipulations/requirements for students	Kennedy-King
	Specific investments in affordable housing, ARO, and policies to facilitate investment and avoid displacement with housing (needs to be at 30% AMI)	Kennedy-King

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Affordable Housing and Providing Services for People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness continued	Subsidized housing “security” is out of control threatening and harassing residents.	Kennedy-King
	The city have to get better with the rental assistance process	Kennedy-King
	The community wants to see more opportunity, more people involved in programs that allow and give resources for health, shelter, and education	Kennedy-King
	The systems do not work together. We need one list for all the housing	Kennedy-King
	There are cracks where homeless individuals don't qualify for help. So I have a job but I make too much for help but not enough to live on and take care of my family.	Kennedy-King
	Vacancy tax and demolition tax	Kennedy-King
	We need a coordinated real time transparent affordable housing waiting list.	Kennedy-King
	We need deep investment and protection for residents in Woodlawn and South Shore. If the CBA is the model, then we need to apply pressure and get it done now before the story of gentrification is completely duplicated. We need protections (real ones, not just lip service) from shitty landlords and developers	Kennedy-King
	We need one list for all the housing	Kennedy-King
	What are the means you all are taking to combat mass evictions in areas like South Shore that have the longest evictions in the city?	Kennedy-King
	What I'm hearing is how difficult it is to get funding to create affordable / adequate housing, too many federal rules, etc.	Kennedy-King
	What method will the city use to acquire these additional housing?? Some new development is done. Will the city evict present homeowners in order to have these additional housing?	Kennedy-King
	What of services—help with housing, issue for all of us in the life continuum and not just displaced youth?	Kennedy-King
	Why is shelter system not accessible to people with mobility issues?	Kennedy-King
	Why not buy ALL the Lincoln Ave hotels for housing?	Kennedy-King
	Will there be enough money in the city budget for affordable housing? Will there be homes built on vacant lots for affordable home to own or rent? Will there be enough money in the city budget to help low to middle class owners to stay in their home? Also renter for rent control. For South Shore and Woodlawn area, also for Greater Grand Crossing area.	Kennedy-King
	Youth disability housing services / autistic children and adults	Kennedy-King
	225 is not nearly enough for homeless housing	Malcolm X
	All IL residents deserve to live in community-owned, publicly funded, tenant-governed, accessible, affordable, green social housing. Social housing would create and acquire and/or develop mixed-income building in desirable locations close to transit, parks, and <illegible>. Social housing would provide community-owned homes desirable to people of all income levels, created through thorough community-driven processes.	Malcolm X

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Affordable Housing and Providing Services for People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness continued	Back payment	Malcolm X
	Bring Chicago Home in order address homelessness in the city of Chicago we need resources + revenue to do so. The Bring Chicago Home ordinance accomplishes this by implementing a real estate transfer tax on wealthy individuals + corporations buying properties over \$1 million. This funding for housing and homeless services. We need to invest in the Dept of Housing (DOH) to end homelessness.	Malcolm X
	Can we reimagine social housing for all?	Malcolm X
	CHA section 8 inspections are wildly inconsistent	Malcolm X
	Delegate agencies-nonprofit	Malcolm X
	ERAP was crazy and too dependent on landlord cooperation.	Malcolm X
	Greetings! I work for an organization that receives funding for our Emerge Housing Program. It isa 2 year housing program for youth 18 - 24 experiencing homelessness. We provide housing units in apartments in South Shore as well as job training and therapy. People really enjoy the program; however, we are also having issues with violence. We are limited in what landlords will work with us. What are you doing for landlord outreach for long-term housing programs and rapid housing?	Malcolm X
	Healthy, accessible, affordable	Malcolm X
	Housing options	Malcolm X
	How can we get Eastlake to fix horrible conditions in their HUD and CHA units?	Malcolm X
	How can we have more programs that benefit both new migrants and the other unhoused?	Malcolm X
	How often do you talk to homeless leaders like Tom Gordon?	Malcolm X
	How to create affordable housing	Malcolm X
	I'd love to see homeowners. Community members becoming homeowners. Rent to own programs perhaps, and grant for down payment and closing costs.	Malcolm X
	Long-term housing development	Malcolm X
	More ownership routes	Malcolm X
	No where in the city of Chicago is there a 24 hour location to access shelter during inclement weather or poor air quality.	Malcolm X
	Prevention, maintenance of a crisis response	Malcolm X
	Rapid rehousing PSH	Malcolm X
	Rental assistance	Malcolm X
	There needs to be a flexible structure for temporary emergency shelter for those that live outdoors.	Malcolm X
There's a lot of sketchy eviction processes happening on the SE side	Malcolm X	

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Affordable Housing and Providing Services for People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness continued	Us as all people in need of help, I'm just asking if we can get more help with housing, due to the backgrounds that some of us have. It's people like me have changed for the better and I want better for me and my son. I know there are some that may not care about the housing once they get it. Me I'm in need and willing to do what it takes to get my own and keep it. All I'm asking is for a chance to the programs that others get and I'm not in that group because of my background.	Malcolm X
	What is the plan to step up source of income fair housing protections?	Malcolm X
	Why can't we step up the housing promised to Woodlawn?	Malcolm X
	Why is Rehab Network opposed to waitlist transparency?	Malcolm X
	Why not buy all the motels on Lincoln Ave?	Malcolm X
	Why not more use of median income by zip code?	Malcolm X
	Will there be an audit of CHA programs, land, housing?	Malcolm X
	Woodlawn housing preservation	Malcolm X
	20 years ago, under Mayor Daley, Chicago led the nation in "home/condo" ownership. What happened? How do we get back to this? Is this a priority or are we chasing corporate-owned tax dollars at expense of self-ownership? Why are we not taxing redevelopment gains to pay for affordable home ownership? Catellus reserved 12% of units for employee investments at steep discount. Why can't we use same math to guarantee existing owners/residents continued housing at rollover rates, narrowing gains to "value-added", which is the justification for redevelopment permits regardless.	Truman
	Affordable housing and Homelessness: Pass Bring Chicago Home. Increase SRO funding. Build green social housing (public housing for all). Stop CHA land dispositions. Vacancy tax. Tenant right of first refusal.	Truman
	Affordable housing and homelessness. Bring Chicago Home ordinance needs to pass. Protect tenants and hold landlords accountable to maintain safer conditions. Support community wealth building initiative to support the establishment of worker owned housing cooperatives. Create new affordable housing where no one pays more than 30% of their income on housing.	Truman
	Affordable housing for disabled and mental health issues including drug and alcohol addiction.	Truman
	Affordable housing. New developments need to include adequate parking spaces. Residents in affordable housing should not have to not have a car. Life is very hard without a car. Travel on Sheridan or Broadway buses to see how hard grocery shopping is. And parking in the Edgewater Beach (east of Broadway) is already impossible. Yes, I know the economic reasons for not providing parking, so make it less profitable but do the right thing! Raising a family without a car is hard!	Truman
	Bring Chicago Home ordinance with increase in real estate tax with dedicated stream of funding to go towards ending homelessness.	Truman
	Bring Chicago Home! Pass and fund to need. Housing Cooperatives! Wraparound service for homeless, housed, etc. Be creative in creating revenue streams!. Filling apartments at affordable rates maximized profit. Keeping apartments in good repair maximizes profits	Truman

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Affordable Housing and Providing Services for People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness continued	Bring Chicago Home. Rent stabilization ordinance. Chicago needs to allocate more resource to the Department of Housing in order to effectively combat homelessness. This includes investing in the creation and construction of new affordable housing.	Truman
	Can the city commit that no public housing land will be used for anything but public affordable housing?	Truman
	CHA vouchers. CHA needs to help those with vouchers. Need to release money. Stop selling land or giving it away. RETT and revenue generation. Better fund Department of Housing.	Truman
	Equity. Treatment not Trauma. Reopen public health clinics. Affordable and accessible housing. 988 all responses/initiatives community though a non-policing lens.	Truman
	Green New Deal for social housing	Truman
	Housing: Support Bring Chicago Home - need increased revenue. If we tax the rich we can support migrants and houseless. CHA - get a new head who is about housing. Stop selling off property, use vacant apartments, respect tenants - make sure CHA buildings serve their tenants (example: Ella Flagg where elevators go out and it's seniors).	Truman
	I have worked with thousands who are in need of vouchers, however the waitlist is 25+ years. Is there effort to create and issue emergency housing vouchers?	Truman
	ID support, get DMV involved. Safety oversight in shelters.	Truman
	Implement proactive housing inspection before a family moves in (for example for lead). MTO has done some work on this. Lead poisoning is preventable, the effects are not curable. Chicago has a worse record for lead than Flint ever did and the big problem is the paint.	Truman
	In advance of the speedy passage and implementation of Bring Chicago Home (inshallah) it's crucial that the 2024 budget contain significantly more municipal funding for permanent housing and supportive services than in recent budgets, and that individuals who are living doubled-up, returning from incarceration, and undocumented have better access to those services.	Truman
	Inspect all homeless camps when S&S and DFS perform work. DPH and Fire should be present. Signage Keep America Clean should be posted,	Truman
	Invest more money in the Department of Housing so that it implements a vacancy tax and increase demolition.	Truman
	It's unethical to run a city where people experience homelessness. Is it just a matter of budget? Reduce the public safety budget and provide that money to address mental health and homelessness. Pass the Peace Book ordinance. Cancel the ShotSpotter contract.	Truman
	No more giving away of public housing land for anything but public or very low cost housing development.	Truman
	Pass just cause for evictions	Truman
	Pass rent control for the city of Chicago - once the ban on this is lifted.	Truman

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Affordable Housing and Providing Services for People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness continued	Sarah Circle has the blue print for housing. You can reach Kathy Ragnar, Executive Director, 4838 N Sheridan. 773-728-1014 Ext 309. Email: sarah-circle.org. We need this type of housing all over Chicago. South side and West side.	Truman
	Support for a transitional living structural environment for women	Truman
	Tenants protections. Regulate rent increases. Increase demolition fees, a vacancy tax, implementation of a landlord registry, increase funding for the city inspectors to hold landlords accountable and protect tenant's rights.	Truman
	The city of Chicago needs affordable housing more than ever, as wealthy realtors continue to gentrify working class neighborhoods by replacing independent merchants and older buildings with expensive "luxury" apartments and condominiums. Today, we are asking for at least \$5,000,000 in additional funding toward safe living conditions and affordable housing - including new roof structures and functioning elevators. The demand for a decent home with affordable gas and electrical services has never been greater. The gap separating those with wealth and those in deep poverty continues to increase, as it has since 1980. The "Bring Chicago Home" bill is also critical. It will be a long term funding solution that will provide money for housing for many thousands of Chicago residents.	Truman
	We need money for more community outreach! Racial bias and stigma is holding us back. More public housing.	Truman
	What kind of outreach will be available for all of underserved communities including migrants for all services that will be available to them? Much stronger work for migrant services to give them housing security.	Truman
	Work more sensitivity with migrant communities through mutual aid groups. Very ad hoc right. Insufficient coordination across the ecosystem in general and in particular with mutual aid so they do not feel threatened. Mutual aids have uneven capacity and also have power and turf issues that are creating barriers to people getting housing assistance - particularly rental assistance.	Truman
	Access to affordable housing. Ask the homeless people. Drug resources. Mental resources. Job resources. Self care. Public wash areas. Mindset. Invest in the people. Consistent income first step.	Youth
	Bring Chicago Home ordinance	Youth
	Clean homeless shelters. Accessible therapy. Treatment not Trauma. Social awareness. Good mental health at home. Public health is how a community acts together. Public health - potholes. Mental health depends on one's environment. Parents have mental health problems that they're not aware of. Schools in low income communities lack these resources. Lack of mental health resources for boys.	Youth
	Get rid of and stop building anti-homeless architecture.	Youth
	I believe that we should allocate more money from taxes towards affordable housing. Also, I believe there is a need to give the mixed-status families an opportunity to apply and qualify for affordable housing units.	Youth

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	I'm sitting at the homelessness prevention table right now. My biggest take away is that a lot of the things being proposed are responsive policies. I think we should use our budget to prevent homelessness. A huge percent of homeless people are recently incarcerated people. I think an important thing we should invest in are programs that connect ex-cons with affordable housing and job opportunities. Not only will this reduce crimes under the idea of recidivism but it will also reduce homelessness.	Youth
	If we talk, do our opinions matter? And we should make sure the homeless rate is down, the After School Matters accepts more younger people and pay more. And the schools should make sure they get younger kids bank accounts and let them use them after high school. And helping people solve their problem instead of being one. And what we say is it really gonna matter and make a difference? P.S. Travion out that's the only think I gotta say.	Youth
	In alignment with development and not displacement, how can we interdependently as a city and as a collective of communities reduce homelessness with retrospect to abandoned residential housing/buildings and vacant lots in partnership with the Invest South/West project?	Youth
	Mixed income living I buildings. Knowing where to place certain types of living	Youth
	There's around 50K houses that are empty lots abandoned that means there is enough space for people to not stay in the streets. Now we could is plan a project that funds shelters, foods and more for the homeless. We can get non-profit organizations to help donate. And with our budget we can buy what we actually need.	Youth
Community Engagement	Basically I would say the experience with various city departments. Mention success and failures. Make recommendations. Over the decades I can say about 80% of the requests got done...However, he never said Thank you.	Forwarded Email
	Audit the effectiveness of all programs, subsidies, departments, authorities, and agencies / enforce laws against pollution, discrimination, corruption, rental conditions, wage theft etc. effectively / shift resources to underserved communities / help communities and populations to navigate how to use resources	Kennedy-King
	Bring back community listening ears	Kennedy-King
	Even though info is on website please consider using alternative methods of disseminating information: news media, radio, community boards	Kennedy-King
	Information must be posted / available for people to see	Kennedy-King
	More visible responses to community engagement. If someone says something they deserve to see something	Kennedy-King
	Neighborhood planners will be good for input / affordable housing downtown: seniors would love the safety and convenience of living downtown	Kennedy-King
	What kind of community leader list building do you do?	Kennedy-King
	Why was there not more of a returning citizen voice in planning processes?	Kennedy-King
	When will citizens have the opportunity to receive direct information from the community budget ideas and submit their contact information in specific issues and possible opportunities?	Malcolm X

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Community Engagement continued	How to get communities to grow in legislative involvement with the community and to organize amongst organizations to provide funding and collective purpose in investing in communities. How to gather experience and use resources efficiently that we can create social awareness for economic, environmental and technological advancement.	Truman
	Improve marketing with existing and new services/programs. Clients speak as part of it.	Truman
	More advertisement for MCMF app in schools, parks, laundromats, churches. More info about 211.	Truman
	More public advertising of My Chi My Future and the benefits for community members.	Truman
	Please improve communication from the city to all the good that is happening and the city does. More people need to hear about all the good, using multiple means of communication, instead of all the negative.	Truman
	We need money for more community outreach! Racial bias and stigma is holding us back. More public housing.	Truman
	Low income communities need to be heard now.	Youth
	Please consider making a youth advisory board for college students! I have a lot of ideas, experience working with the homeless community and safety at my university and would love to help.	Youth
	Sharing info with youth. Resources outside school. Summer resources for students.	Youth
	Community Safety	Bring back real crossing guards not "safe passage"
Bring back the protected community		Kennedy-King
Bring back the walking school bus		Kennedy-King
Cancel the ShotSpotter contract and do not sign another contract around police surveillance.		Kennedy-King
Cancel the ShotSpotter contract. Invest in the Peace Book. End the gage database.		Kennedy-King
Decriminalize sex work and drugs / drug users!		Kennedy-King
Expansion of CARE Alternative Team		Kennedy-King
I want the officers in my district 09 we need the help we search. We search for help not just attention. We want the police to take action where they can because times that are serious can be right in front of them and could be the only time they could've solved the problem		Kennedy-King
I'd like to see the city invest in violence prevention by: cancelling the contract with the faulty ShotSpotter tech that has been shown via data for MacArthur Justice to be ineffective; invest in the Peace Book restorative justice model; end the racist and overreaching gang database		Kennedy-King
Invest in accessible trauma care that explicitly does not work with police or use involuntary commitments.		Kennedy-King
It is critical to maintain the 24th CPD Places of Worship Security Assessment Team (POWSAT) protecting synagogues and other places of worship in the face of rising antisemitism and violence against religious and ethnic minorities	Kennedy-King	

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Community Safety, continued	Keep police out of mental health crisis response. Make path for peer counselors to provide mobile crisis care. Ensure undocumented folks and other highly policed people can access home visiting without fear of criminalization and child welfare interference.	Kennedy-King
	Making sure that people feel that if they make the effort to reach out for help to report or otherwise support police and public safety help. If someone SAYS SOMETHING they will SEE SOMETHING. Otherwise people will do less and be more frustrated.	Kennedy-King
	More cameras: empowering more community water programs	Kennedy-King
	More funding for the 24th POWSAT team protecting houses of worship and vulnerable religious/ethnic groups	Kennedy-King
	More street signs and safety cameras in areas of education, safe places like library, churches, and school	Kennedy-King
	Non police crisis response throughout the city—eliminating the multidisciplinary CARE team	Kennedy-King
	Rapid response through 311 complaints	Kennedy-King
	Reparations for survivors of police torture	Kennedy-King
	Rideshare living wage and safety	Kennedy-King
	Safety on CTA	Kennedy-King
	Study the Twin Cities public safety pilot	Kennedy-King
	We need more detectives on the force to solve more crimes. A lot more!	Kennedy-King
	Why aren't we trying to organize gang leaders?	Kennedy-King
	Disinvest in ShotSpotter ASAP and move funding and resources to the Peace Book.	Malcolm X
	Invest in Peace Book	Malcolm X
	Is there any concentration on finding the black women that are continuously going missing in the city of Chicago?	Malcolm X
	It is my hope that the city does not continue to invest in things such as ShotSpotter (known as Sound Thinking)! These funds ought to be invested in things such as treatment not trauma and Peace Book. Investing in surveillance technology does not heal our communities.	Malcolm X
	Keep ShotSpotter reps out of these meetings.	Malcolm X
	The Peace Book would help the community / neighborhoods identify mental health clinics, provide resources / opportunities and would be a new look for the city.	Malcolm X
	Alternative response to police!	Truman
Cancel ShotSpotter contract. Increase budget for office of police accountability. Violence by police is a huge obstacle to safety.	Truman	
Community Safety: Divest from CPD to invest in violence prevention. Cancel ShotSpotter. Invest in the Peace Book. Invest \$36,240,000 for the Peace Book. End the gang database. Give reparations for survivors of police torture. Invest in non-police crisis response system. In 2020 budget survey it showed that 89% of Chicagoans support moving funding from CPD to fund other services. Public safety takes up the largest portion of the corporate fund. If more police made us safer we would be the safest city in the world. We should be investing in root causes for better outcomes.	Truman	

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Community Safety, continued	Decrease CPD budget to pay for: treatment not trauma, youth programming, public mental health treatment. Get cops out of their cars and walking the street. Stop parking (CPD) cars in bike lanes.	Truman
	Decriminalize sex work	Truman
	Defund police, fund better trained first responders and the community	Truman
	Fill PD vacancies with restorative justice workers, LCSW, etc.	Truman
	Get rid of the gang database. Take the funding that it takes to hire 1,000 new police officers and reinvestment into mental health and C.B.O.	Truman
	Hello my name is Lorie and my comment and concerns is Public Safety. Every topic is very important, but this stands out the most because if you're not safe the rest is history.	Truman
	I would love more public, non-police crisis response services. More public health communications regarding things like air quality (more PSAs), mental health. Use schools as community health center. Public mental health clinics - not through non-profits.	Truman
	Increase communications budget so that people know about the safety initiatives alternative to police. We need people to know that there are options other than calling the police, and what those options are. We need to establish routes of communication outside social media and other sources that require people to seek it out or already be connected. We need to meet people where they are to get the most out of our initiatives.	Truman
	Is there more salvage funding for other project? Stop the ShotSpotter contract! End the gang database. Support the Investment Act. Take money or use money from public safety and add the public mental health clinics back to the community. Invest in the Peace Book/see DUP/and add restorative justice.	Truman
	It's unethical to run a city where people experience houselessness. Is it just a matter of budget? Reduce the public safety budget and provide that money to address mental health and houselessness. Pass the Peace Book ordinance. Cancel the ShotSpotter contract.	Truman
	Need reliable public train. Add conductors to trains to prevent crime and increase safety.	Truman
	Police department regularly failing victims of assault, namely sexual assault. Further <illegible> and mandate informed practitioners during dispatch with independent reporting, authority, and job security. Presently victims are being failed, even with video evidence and witnesses due to police lack of interest and follow through. In neighborhoods and central business district - Loop, West Loop.	Truman
	Stop the ShotSpotter contract! No money for gun shot detection software.	Truman
To have community safety we need to cancel the ShotSpotter, end gang database, reparations for victims. Invest in Peace Book - Money for reparations for victims of police torture and memorial for victims.	Truman	
Traffic offenses - cameras. You could increase income and have a safer city. Traffic tickets to people running red lights, people turning right on red when not allowed. Parked in crosswalks - not stopping when pedestrians are in crosswalks. Bring back meter maids.	Truman	

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Community Safety, continued	Treatment not Trauma. Eliminate ShotSpotter. Get police off trains/ more police on trains. This person needs practice with facilitation.	Truman
	Vehicle scofflaws. Cars and trucks speeding through stoplights, stop signs, and intersections. Vehicles parked illegally in tow zones. Vehicles parked in alleys blocking people from traveling along the ally. We need to develop a nimble enforcement force that can enforce parking law and tow away violators. Towing is the only effective way to get violators to comply with the law.	Truman
	Do you feel safe when you riding in the train or bus?	Youth
	Do you feel safe when you're riding in the train or bus? Do you think you can depend on the cops? What neighborhood in Chicago do you think need to be more improved?	Youth
	More CCTV and lighting.	Youth
	More lighting and stationary policing in neighborhood. A pole/button near bus stops or schools which alerts police when pushed.	Youth
	More police patrolling to have comfort in knowing protection is always nearby.	Youth
	Poles with buttons to call police (especially near bus stops). More security on trains.	Youth
	Police connection programs	Youth
	Police inside of train cars.	Youth
	Promote already established programs or activities or create new ones altogether.	Youth
	Pull. Money away for tourism and the Loop. Not a dime to the police.	Youth
	Safety programs. Neighborhood watch.	Youth
	Sending 311 calls to a homeless shelter and doing more streamlined homeless pick-ups! Responding to 311 calls ASAP by changing how we do it!	Youth
	Social emotion training for police.	Youth
Environmental Justice/ Infrastructure	A city I lived in previously (it was Seattle :))would levy fines if you didn't recycle and compost properly — maybe we could incentivize people in a similar way?	Kennedy-King
	Bike Chicago / free bikes	Kennedy-King
	Bike Chicago / giving away	Kennedy-King
	Bikes need to be considered pay for ex as a bus / pay low price for bikes	Kennedy-King
	Build dedicated bike lanes	Kennedy-King
	Chi Street work zipcode alerts	Kennedy-King
	Clean the Streets besides just salt on streets in winter or making piles of snow	Kennedy-King
	Cleaning of the streets of Chicago that do not increase my property taxes	Kennedy-King
	Communicate to the community regarding construction, the reason, duration, and outcome	Kennedy-King
	Communicate to the community regarding construction: reason, duration	Kennedy-King

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Environmental Justice/ Infrastructure, continued	Cumulative impact ordinance! If polluters don't pay = shut down!!	Kennedy-King
	Daycare crossing for parents and children / signage at Lake and Pulaski	Kennedy-King
	Driver assistance and worker protection fund for rideshare drivers (funded thru BACP and OLS)	Kennedy-King
	During the campaign, the mayor pledged and his transition committee recommended that Divvy should be fully integrated with Ventra/CTA and that bike rides should not cost more than a bus ride. From a racial equity perspective, I strongly believe that electric bikes should be included in the plan to ensure ebike rides cost less than a bus ride -- residents on south and west sides have longer distances to travel and experience highest levels of air and noise pollution, these people deserve to be able to afford e-bike rides. Current pricing is inequitable, and while the Divvy for All program is a start, much more is needed. Would love to see bike share run by city employees long-term. Similarly, I'd also like to see the city invest in electric bike subsidies, as many cities and states are taking the lead on. Very excited about the way Washington, DC has designed subsidies—not only are subsidies progressive so that lower income residents get more dollars. They also include subsidies for locks, helmets, repairs/maintenance, and e-battery replacements.	Kennedy-King
	Electrify CTA routes where EJ communities are overburdened	Kennedy-King
	End sacrifice zones	Kennedy-King
	Ensuring that our water supply is safe from sabotage, etc.	Kennedy-King
	Environmental racism has a major and lasting impact on health.	Kennedy-King
	Equitable investment and the recycling and compost initiatives in CPS; prioritize low income and Black and Brown majority schools	Kennedy-King
	EV charging stations in West and South Sides	Kennedy-King
	Fund / approve the cumulative impact ordinance to hold industry and polluters accountable	Kennedy-King
	Funding for department inspectors = enforcement = polluter fines!	Kennedy-King
	How will the city teach people to stop dropping trash everywhere? 700 E 90th Place vacant lot with trash and weeds. Youth to <illegible> the green. Any help with a private garden that helps community? And help?	Kennedy-King
	I think the city needs to put money and work into the streets because potholes can cause a lot of damage to people's cars and other transportation. I also think the city needs to put more money into schools because a lot of the schools lack good resources for the kids.	Kennedy-King
	I'm a young mother with back problems and going through the streets on public transportation almost every day I go through those potholes bumps and traffic issues everyday. I'm trying to get to school work home daycare and my back my head ache from the bus going such bumpiness	Kennedy-King
	Increase education regarding how water department and sewer/water system works	Kennedy-King
	Increased inspection of aging pipes to prevent cave-ins and sink holes	Kennedy-King
	Larger sidewalks and maintained better	Kennedy-King

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Environmental Justice/ Infrastructure, continued	Lead pipes are still a huge issue / ways to increase replacement rate	Kennedy-King
	Lead pipes need to be replaced ASAP	Kennedy-King
	Major reinvestment for city of Chicago departments are public health, the office of climate and environmental equity, Department of Buildings, and Department of Environment	Kennedy-King
	More cameras: empowering more community water programs	Kennedy-King
	More for tree canopies on arterial roads	Kennedy-King
	Park rental resources need to stay in park communities. We need a festival grounds, not Douglass Park destruction	Kennedy-King
	People from the South and West need attention in the streets both summer and winter	Kennedy-King
	Permanently put a stop to the Tiger Woods PGA Golf Course Plan or any other PGA golf plan for Jackson and South Shore parks. Why? (1) 2000+ trees that we need to clean our air and reduce heat island effect would be clear cut. (2) Herbicide and pesticides needed to maintain turf monoculture will run off into Lake Michigan—our drinking water. (3) Copious amounts of water would be required to maintain turf when better use of water is needed. (4) This would destroy the South Shore Nature Sanctuary, a beloved respite site that promotes mental health of residents and visitors. This place could be developed for a mental health nature therapy site and made fully accessible for people with disabilities.	Kennedy-King
	Plan to create more dedicated bike and bus lanes	Kennedy-King
	Provide more money for lead pipe removal.	Kennedy-King
	Public education about how to use biking infrastructure for bikes and public education for drivers about how to share the road with bikers	Kennedy-King
	Reestablish Dept of Environment with above #staff!	Kennedy-King
	Reestablish the Department of Environment and double its funding to foster community relationships to implement cumulative impacts	Kennedy-King
	Rideshare living wage and safety	Kennedy-King
	Rideshare represent 40% (approx.) of the transportation infrastructure of city. Per the proposed rideshare ordinance, \$8.2M is needed per year in order to administer the public fund assistance. This fund would provide service to drivers' vehicles (equipment and maintenance). An additional \$1M is needed to administer an appeals process for deactivated drivers. The ordinance sets aside 9 cents per ride to the assistance fund (8 cents for drivers and 1 cent for appeals) so it's self-funded.	Kennedy-King
	Safer streets for the public take care of potholes, take care of street signs, take care of communication with the community, have one on ones with the members, tell them at public events, tell them on the news, newspaper, again, seeing a <illegible> telling you the facts and what the change will be is very important	Kennedy-King
	Street and Sanitation trucks should NOT be used as a barricade in protests	Kennedy-King
	Street lights constantly out	Kennedy-King
	Streets need attention in Latino and Black communities	Kennedy-King
	Take down Calumet Park Confined Disposal facility as promised	Kennedy-King

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Environmental Justice/ Infrastructure, continued	The City of Chicago should not be funding professional golf courses that largely serve people not in the community. The Tiger Woods Golf Course won't serve the local golfers or their community residents as well as the current golf courses in Jackson and South Shore Park. The South Shore Nature Sanctuary is very valuable to current residents	Kennedy-King
	Tiger Woods Golf Course would destroy the athletic facilities on the west side of the Jackson Park Golf Course	Kennedy-King
	Trainings for inspectors regarding environmental justice	Kennedy-King
	Transportation: too expensive. I have mobility issues and use paratransit. It takes me three times as long to get someplace than if I were taking the bus and trains which are not accessible and there are not enough wheelchair cabs. When you order them even a day in advance, they will cancel at the time of your ride. Uber drivers will pass you up if they see you in a wheelchair.	Kennedy-King
	Water or LSRL prioritize!	Kennedy-King
	We need dedicated bus corridors on major thoroughfares in the city with connections to the L and Metra	Kennedy-King
	What will happen between the City of Chicago and the Combined Disposal Facility inside the Port of Illinois?	Kennedy-King
	Work with downstate and governor to help with infrastructure so that people don't have to come from Springfield. Everyone needs help but if downstate had funds then maybe the city could focus on city things.	Kennedy-King
	Are you going plow the sidewalks?	Malcolm X
	Bait yards (no children, pets)	Malcolm X
	Cumulative impacts study needs to use plainer more accessible language and reach more grass top leaders.	Malcolm X
	Do several consecutive baitings until gone	Malcolm X
	Equitable transit	Malcolm X
	ETOD can't work if you can't get home from a 2nd shift job on transit	Malcolm X
	Is there anything in the city plan for prairie restoration? If not, please add. In rebuilding the prairie use an equity lens. Figure out how this can also rebuild communities.	Malcolm X
	Pellets in hole with newspapers	Malcolm X
	Permeable sidewalks and streets	Malcolm X
	Please give streets and sanitation more money for rats. Chicago is #1 rat city in country, #7 in world for more than 7 consecutive years.	Malcolm X
	Replace, repair garbage carts	Malcolm X
	Someone on my block restored a patch of their front lawn - the city owned part - and it is glorious. I live in an apartment - like most of Chicago. I can't use the city part to restore our landlords choose that. Can we get better access to garden and restore prairie on city property?	Malcolm X
	The infrastructure issue I believe should be addressed is the sewer system and the flow of water towards the westside of Chicago.	Malcolm X

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Environmental Justice/ Infrastructure, continued	Too many trees don't survive because of lack of support for caring for them.	Malcolm X
	Why not get actual money for water instead of just owning lots of debt.	Malcolm X
	Why not get money by reforming water billing?	Malcolm X
	WTF is lead line replacement taking so long> Can we get filters in the mean time?	Malcolm X
	Add bike rentals to South and West sides.	Truman
	As pledged by the mayor, and unanimously recommended by his transition committee, the city should fully integrate Divvy bike-share.	Truman
	CHA is a problem. They need to do more and be at this meeting.	Truman
	Composting	Truman
	Construction takes too long for many projects. Lanes of traffic are marked off for a year and workdays are literally 30-60 minutes of real work.	Truman
	CPS, Catholic Schools, Charter Schools, private schools, Chicago City Colleges, U of C, Northwestern, IIT, Chicago State University, Northeastern, Roosevelt University, Columbia College, UIC, Loyola, DePaul, day care centers, senior centers, libraries, etc. All have to change their ways about recycling!	Truman
	Cumulative impact ordinance and funding and support.	Truman
	DWM should develop a special team to go and assess the true reason by bills are too high...and not go directly to collection. If the excessive bill is due to a shortcoming in DWM personnel then that DWM personnel should be penalized and a negative performance letter put in their employment file. It is easy to investigate and determine the true situation yet DWM does not have a special team to do this service for building owners in trouble who undergo extreme distress and expenses.	Truman
	Ensure all development considers climate change. Environmental justice = climate change. Address urban heat islands and ensure cooling centers.	Truman
	Environmental Justice and Infrastructure have to act besides the legislation and provide interventions with community and marketing for the environment. Connect with more organizations, non-profits to receive funding, recognition. Hold people accountable for the environment. Develop the social impact and campaign on environment and infrastructure.	Truman
	Environmental Justice issue. Path Construction open air rood tarring. Check 311 records. Burning tar, blanketed Pilsen; asthma going up. Open windows into schools. Walsh Elementary	Truman
	Environmental justice: in order to increase effective enforcement and accountability of industrial polluters as well as clean-up industrial polluters - need to reestablish Department of Environment and double past budget or money required for robust support.	Truman
	Environmental justice. Use previous pavement, green landscaping, etc. to mitigate flood problems in vulnerable neighborhoods. Invest in sustainable landscaping.	Truman

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Environmental Justice/ Infrastructure, continued	Give communities that have been subjected to environmental racism (Altgeld Gardens, Southeast side, e.g.) a voice in policy and practice.	Truman
	I learned a lot about other issues being presented to BACP. I like the change to the process that allows us to stay with the issue/table we are most connected to. I also appreciate the opportunity to meet and discuss these important issues. One item in particular is increased protections and regulation to protect people working for app companies like Uber and Lyft.	Truman
	I moved to Chicago 9 years ago and used to live close to work. I had to walk or bike on Canal or the Roosevelt street bridge, but the streets are so unsafe - even with an unprotected bike lane - that I moved further away from work and bought a car. A goal for Chicago should be to reduce car ownership and dependency, but that required frequent, reliable, and safe public transit, protected connected bike lanes, and fewer aggressive drivers on the road. Please make more bike lanes, protect them, and connect them in to a network. A Bike Grid! Also staff the CTA and make sure they pay people well and treat them well so they can keep them.	Truman
	Impressed with discussion on Environmental Justice/Infrastructure. Please protect bikers more. I see cars drive in the park. Car drivers have devolved into dangerous people. And they get the long lights to speed.	Truman
	In regards to the 600 acres of United States Steel Corps. Property along the lakefront from 79th Street to the Calumet River, was the land properly cleaned of all potential pollution so a new real estate developer could bring homes, apartments, condos, businesses, schools and parks to this empty land? Two separate developers, about 5 years apart, walked away from this opportunity.	Truman
	Money for Decarbonization of affordable homes	Truman
	More bike racks	Truman
	Need reliable public train. Add conductors to trains to prevent crime and increase safety.	Truman
	Passage of rideshare safety workers ordinance. Wage theft.	Truman
	Plant more trees on South and West sides.	Truman
	Rapid and informed 311 type service for environmental justice/ public health/pollution issues. Well funded, for rapid, real-times deployment, reporting, consequences for polluters.	Truman
	Rebuild the public health department with community residents. This will provide union jobs, extensive community outreach, and ultimately save lives. Call the ordinance when it's presented. We're unnecessarily dying out here! Where is the public health education to keep us healthy? The communities need this. How has the city prepared for rescuing people with disabilities during emergencies? When elevators are out, how do we get out?	Truman
	Regarding Water Department: Demand/mandate bill of lading for private sector water and grey water hauling, otherwise companies are dumping, especially in EJ areas. Happy to discuss further from personal experience in industry.	Truman
	Speedup lead service line replacement	Truman
	Stop procuring asphalt for MAT Asphalt	Truman

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Environmental Justice/ Infrastructure, continued	The supervisor of signage does not mark off streets equally in all neighborhoods. Some are marked well and some are not marked well. Not marking well makes it dangerous and confusing for drivers trying to reroute themselves. Sometimes poor routing causes drivers to have to loop around in dangerous parts of East Garfield Park where they may get shot (the neighborhood is violent and dangerous).	Truman
	There are approximately 15 CTA elevators out of service. Persons with disabilities cannot ride the trains reliably!	Truman
	There are many situations where water bills are too high because the meters are broken or buildings are misclassified. The supervisor of meters should have qualified people to inspect with a uniform protocol. Nightly news regularly displays people who have gargantuan water bills because of meter defect or broken pipes. The city has monitors that will disclose broken pipes and is not using it to the best advantage. That then causes water flow long after the monitor sent its' first warning notice.	Truman
	We are working with Chicago Region Tree Initiative and the city forestry in tree equity program in Chicago. We are hoping that the mayor's office continue to support and provide more budget for the "Our Roots Chicago" program. Asking alder people to support community groups in their tree ambassador program/provide incentive to residents. Composting program/community garden problem provide free soil by composting the mulch using the process done by easy tree recycling. Water lead contamination: provide support/grant for community center to install water filtration/fountain to serve the community	Truman
	We need money to fix our sinking sewers stat!	Truman
	What are the city's next steps in the General Iron permitting process?	Truman
	What are the city's plans for developing a bus rapid transit system?	Truman
	What are the plans to bring back the DOE?	Truman
	When is the city of Chicago going to file a lawsuit in federal court to stop the Army Corps of Engineers from dumping the toxic waste from the Calumet River into the Combined Disposal Facility (CDF) which is inside the part of Illinois, at 95th Street and Lake Michigan, just north of Calumet Park? Can the toxic sediment leak into the lake, polluting our drinking water? What will happen now, because city administrative law judge ruled in favor of General Iron to have their company at 116th and the Calumet River, polluting the community near George Washington High School and elementary schools?	Truman
	Will the mayor be committing to the Cumulative Impacts ordinance?	Truman
	Air quality	Youth
	Fix the CTA!	Youth
	Fund and implement programs in schools that would educated students about environmental justice and the need for more environmentally centered policies.	Youth
	I want to see more spaces for all groups in the Chicago community. If one is not safe, none of us are.	Youth
	Make solar panels more accessible. Put more info out there. Enforce recycling at schools, neighborhoods, homes.	Youth

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Environmental Justice/ Infrastructure, continued	More community cleaning. More garbage cans in certain neighborhoods.	Youth
	More eclectic CTA buses. Student discount for electric scooters.	Youth
	More solar paneled powered homes funded from people's taxes. More green spaces. More community gardens.	Youth
	More street lights	Youth
	Please fix Kilpatrick/Erie. Kilpatrick is horrible to drive through.	Youth
	Speed bumps because schools nearby. Enforce the law.	Youth
	Treatment not Trauma. Not getting first responders to every crisis but the specialists that actually can treat the people. Things to help: 1. Mental health clinics within reach. 2. More afterschool programs and childcare facilities. 3. Easy access to more affordable and healthy food options. 4. Routine universal developmental mental health screening. 5. More greenspaces and natural walkaround engagement spaces. 6. Guidance with school, like guidance counselors and check-ins, or help with college/career guidance.	Youth
	Trees. The need for tress/green areas.	Youth
Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture	Does DOP have a CURRENT list of vacant lots that it distributes to City Departments so they can MAINTAIN City property according to ORDINANCES? I don't think so. You need to investigate and make sure this LIST is done. It can be done very quickly by going to to a TITLE COMPANY. There used to be a place that would do an uninsured search for \$7.	Forwarded Email
	Shoveling sidewalks/at least get city owned shovelled I see there is talk of the City Shoveling sidewalks. As a start the city could shovel sidewalks of VACANT LOTS it owns, In order to do this \, DOP would have to give an ACCURATE LIST of vacant lot properties it owns The IG made a request but this list has not been done to my knowledge. If Planning cannot inventory the vacant lots; a Different department such as Assets and Information Technology might be better suited. They already have an inventory of city property including some buiildings. They do maintain these properties, I can see it. DOP has not provided an INVENTORY of City owned vacant lots that is accurate. This is BIG DEAL because Chicago cannot maintain vacant lots according to city Ordinances Fence, grass Cut, removal of flydump, instruct police to stop illegal activity including drug and other illegal sales, This means the city does not comply to its' own Ordinances. This is a really big deal and is the ROOT CAUSE of BLIGHT on the south and west sides which are 70% a vacant lot or vacant building. In ward 28n the city owns ONE THIRD of realestate...that brings in no REAL ESTATE TAXES...aka revenue!!!# Destroying the TAX BASE of a neighborhood is UNCONSCIONABLE. and probably illegal.	

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<p>Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture, continued</p>	<p>There is a bonafide property owner who wants to purchase a non standard city owned vacant lot. She has been trying for at least 3 years to purchase this property and for some unknown reason the city refuses to sell so this property will be returned to the tax base. I believe that her attorney submitted a contract or some kind of offer to purchase years ago. Not sure if she is speaking to the same stone wall people I have had contact with in the past. Not sure if she offered \$15,000 for a 15' x 80 lot at 3310 W Walnut. Contact Jeanette and she can tell you the details. Included is the card submitted at the Budget Hearing last year. No one even contacted her. That was a little strange because typically at Budget Hearings the Commissioners respond to these kind of cards that are submitted. Guess that is one of the Lightfoot failures. Bravado with no substance. I spoke to Maurice Cox last night about this issue. He said he would look into it. He has been contacted about this purchase on several occasions over the past 2 years with NO response. Maybe a New Mayor will have a more sincere interest in helping development in underserved, violent neighborhoods where people SUFFER. Planning has had BAD BAD BAD development plans west of Kedzie for FIFTY YEARS. First they wanted \$30,000 for a vacant lot worth \$1000. Then they gave lots for the stupidly low \$1 that is 15 minute train ride to the LOOP. Now it is really up in the air what is up. One can say that these refusals to sell land in ward 28 where the city owns 1/3 of all real estate that the tax base is destroyed. If the neighborhood s 70% a vacant lot or building and the city owns 35% it is the City of Chicago holding back FREE MARKET development. Sure redling and discrimination in lending s the largest factor; BUT no plan at all for FIFTY YEARS was the kiss of death. MayorJ and AnnetteG PLEASE HELP JEANETTE COOPER. I have 2 vacant lots adjacent to her rental property. (I get retaliation tickets from S&S because I complain about the ward super.) She has another rental property on the block where she wants to increase the property and take care of the vacant city lot. Her presence has helped stabilize the 3200/3300 W Walnut block which had 30 shot and 3 killed the year before she came and started cleaning up the middle of the block. She evicted drug dealers who anchored drug dealing. She renovated properties and does her best to get good tenants. She goes and maintains and cuts grass, shovels snow herself these days. Small rehabbers like her are fate because they CARE about improving this dangerous violent neighborhood..MORE IMPORTANTLY SHE WILL PAY REAL ESTATE TAXES AND RETURN TO TAX ROLL. Here comes the snark....what a novel idea , return real estate to the tax base!!! MauriceC I know you could only do what Lightfoot wanted. We have a New Mayor. IMHO ALL city property should be auctioned and sold. Perhaps an EBAY auction global would attract BIG MONEY internationally. If Immigration still has the INVEST XX and get a Greencard we could attract RICH PEOPLE who can develop and stabilize Chicago. New fresh blood to replace flight is what we need.</p>	<p>Forwarded Email</p>
	<p>60% AMI is NOT affordable for much of Chicago / fund Bishop Brazier's development plan</p>	<p>Kennedy-King</p>
	<p>Abandoned properties need to be torn down, rebuilding in the communities such as Englewood, North Lawndale, etc.</p>	<p>Kennedy-King</p>
	<p>Agree with comment about appreciating DCASE investments and also concern about private events/spaces in public parks</p>	<p>Kennedy-King</p>
	<p>Appreciate the explicit focus on arts and culture as part of community development. Important area for investment.</p>	<p>Kennedy-King</p>
	<p>Audit the effectiveness of all programs, subsidies, departments, authorities, and agencies / enforce laws against pollution, discrimination, corruption, rental conditions, wage theft etc. effectively / shift resources to underserved communities / help communities and populations to navigate how to use resources</p>	<p>Kennedy-King</p>
	<p>Can we transform some of our grant funds programs like Home Repair or CWB to be paid out up front? Many programs/developers challenged by reimbursement-based model</p>	<p>Kennedy-King</p>
	<p>Community-centered trauma trainings</p>	<p>Kennedy-King</p>

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Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture, continued	Day centers for autistic people	Kennedy-King
	Develop a music program, starting in grammar school. The band at Fiske School 1970–1974. Band rehearsal started at 3 pm-6 pm. I am now a musician because of the creative direction I received at the grammar school level. High schools need life training courses brought back. To include: home economics, cooking, metal shop, wood shop, auto shop, tailoring. Place a situation in place for young people to release their tensions and address their trauma	Kennedy-King
	Establish a renew South Shore program to allocate \$12M to the p program to provide grants and down payment assistance for SS residents	Kennedy-King
	Find a way to keep funding the roof and porch repair program!	Kennedy-King
	FULLY FUND THE OBAMA CENTER CBA!	Kennedy-King
	Heard commissioner Cox say DPD focus is on West and South Sides, hope to see that realized and in a way that invests in both infrastructure building and people in community	Kennedy-King
	I am from the CBA coalition — I'm here to advocate for an ordinance in South Shore. South Shore is the #1 eviction neighborhood in the city, and the Obama Center is only making rents less affordable. We need the city to set aside money for the South Shore CBA ordinance / obamacba.org	Kennedy-King
	I believe that Chicago needs more expressive arts programming for children, teenagers, and adults. This can be accomplished through art and dance/movement therapy. I would love to be a resource to you all via Fontenell AA.	Kennedy-King
	I propose that the city allocate funds towards the Cleanse project. We build strong minds, strong bodies and strong bank accounts. We are America's first mental health, anti-violence and economic development project. We have a 4 phase course: positive mental attitude, healthy lifestyle, financial literacy, and celebrations. Our core values are purpose, life, attitude, and youthfulness. Let's play!	Kennedy-King
	I would like to see development and investment in underserved communities. Primarily South Shore, Woodlawn, and other black communities on the South Side of Chicago. Investment in housing will allow space for capacity to engage in stimulating and productive activity. Buildings for extracurricular activities and funding for low income residents to participate without financial limitation will help keep residents busy with participation in activities	Kennedy-King
	Important to connect to Food Equity Council priorities, food is a crucial economic development opportunity	Kennedy-King
	Invest in phone lines on the South and West Side. Also internet and anything that connects people. We get bad service but the North Side, suburbs and downtown have their needs met	Kennedy-King
	Money to pay kids to do art, culture, play, etc. - to get to be kids rather than hustling every day at dead-end jobs.	Kennedy-King

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Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture, continued	Most businesses on the south side on the main drags, like 71st, 75th, 79th, are boarded up. They can be renovated and seed money can be used if appropriately, if BACP and SBA work with honest marginalized people and train them to work to get these businesses to be viable. They should be run by people who live in the neighborhood and the money should remain in the neighborhood. And everything should be accessible to persons with disabilities. Also real estate.	Kennedy-King
	Safe Spaces: community gardens for youth to assist and more programs / spaces for youth	Kennedy-King
	South Shore lacks resources that affect our community: mental health services, youth centers, housing that ppl can afford, open up stipulations/requirements for students	Kennedy-King
	Streamline permit apps etc. for small BIPOC owned business	Kennedy-King
	The South Shore ordinance needs to be approved exactly as is. Money should be set aside for 63rd and Blackstone	Kennedy-King
	Until Chicago (CPS, Chicago Park District, CPD, PBC) builds the correct amount of athletic facility infrastructure for CPS, juvenile crime will continue. The CPD has stopped coaching children. CPD needs 1,000 MORE coaches. Swimming, soccer, tennis, basketball, volleyball, 12 inch softball. CPS needs at least 15 MORE 400 meter tracks with artificial turf fields, lighted, bleachers, fenced to prevent vandalism, storage containers, parking for a minimum of 200 cars, locker rooms, etc.	Kennedy-King
	Ventilation - Churches have always been a space where Black folk come together in community. These and other community spaces should be provided access and funds to acquire better ventilation technology.	Kennedy-King
	We have an acre and half of land which is fenced in with 4 buildings at 601 W 80th Street and we are building a performing arts art campus. It will provide the youth the opportunity to participate in theatre recording, studio arts, ceramics, rehearsal space, computer labs, dance studio, podcast rooms, film and video, photography, and computer animation. The land and buildings were donated to our non-profit organization.	Kennedy-King
	We need a great Chicago! Help the people of Chicago in all communities.	Kennedy-King
	We propose that the city invest into our art and dance/movement therapy. We use expressive arts to alleviate stress and trauma. We have curriculums for staff, students, and families. We propose our "Cleanse project" curriculum into different schools and communities to positively impact mental health challenges	Kennedy-King
	Will the City of Chicago commit to \$60M (in both 2024 and annual budgeting) to stop the displacement of Chicago residents in South Shore?	Kennedy-King
	Will there be enough money in the city budget for affordable housing? Will there be homes built on vacant lots for affordable home to own or rent? Will there be enough money in the city budget to help low to middle class owners to stay in their home? Also renter for rent control. For South Shore and Woodlawn area, also for Greater Grand Crossing area.	Kennedy-King

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Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture, continued	As a new CEO on the westside, it is amazing to see the number of new properties invested in (some in places that won't actually serve youth or families from the community they have been built in) that are done around organizations that have suffered from severe disinvestment despite the fact that they have the trust and are engaging with the community. City dollars need to be more closely scrutinized to ensure those investments are going to organizations that are providing and can provide additional impact to the community they serve.	Malcolm X
	Could the city provide wrap around services and support to start-up businesses (Ex: financial advisor for a year, helps/tips with marketing, education on fees).	Malcolm X
	In my opinion, I agree with making our neighborhood a vibrant community. To do so I think the best approach is example. I would love to see community members turn into bosses. I would love to see success stories. I think that connecting our community and following up with people making sure they are not giving up is necessary. We need attention we need more than 1 opportunity. I would love to see people around the community own the houses that we live in and build them to make everything better. If we lead by example we are going to make our neighborhoods better. We can't give up and the problems usually is lack of quality of life not because we don't know how to live but because we don't like to see our neighbors struggle and that usually makes us even feel guilty and sad. Some struggle with food, a place to stay and appearance. Let's give everyone quality don't give just anything.	Malcolm X
	Lawndale, Austin needs help ASAP	Malcolm X
	Livable wages	Malcolm X
	My name is Ilesha Malone. I am a Chicago Public School teacher in Roseland, 9th ward. Currently I'm trying to create access to literacy to the community of Roseland. I am having a hard time with financial support and support from Alderman Beale.	Malcolm X
	Pay a living wage to community health workers	Malcolm X
	Research and history shows that the solution is not more police. We need investment in communities through grassroots work and services.	Malcolm X
	The role of history and tourism with the neighborhood/community development and arts and culture. How can your department create a sustainable system to fund, support, and promote local organizations, residents, and businesses to have tourism programs around their historical landmarks?	Malcolm X
	Thought the "session" was dealing with corporations moving back into the community.	Malcolm X
	Tie art/being an artist into the churches, schools.	Malcolm X
	Working salaries that people can actually live on.	Malcolm X
	Arts funding - Helping non-profits to create these programs. Non-profit capacity building. Increase affordable live/work art spaces.	Truman
	Contracts included a requirement for company to be dedicated to racial equity and justice.	Truman
	Expand paid mentorship programs like After School Matters including vocational education.	Truman

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Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture, continued	Get rid of the gang database. Take the funding that it takes to hire 1,000 new police officers and reinvestment into mental health and C.B.O.	Truman
	Give more money in the budget to Make Music Chicago Pianos in the Park for upkeep and repair of pianos and add other teachers and musicians to teach other instruments and more pianos and longer times.	Truman
	I have a few ideas for neighborhood/community development and arts/culture: Offer <illegible> or another organization free informative/demos on raising animals (domestic) and also info/demos at parks and free zoos of native animals to pet and handle for both domestic/home animals and non-domestic native to this area animals. Teach young adults and teens free demos/webinars, etc. to properly care and raise domestic animals.	Truman
	Invest Grand Crossing area	Truman
	Invest in South and West sides.	Truman
	More visible safe spaces. More business owner connections.	Truman
	Open public mental health clinics. People need access to licensed mental health care even if they are on public insurance or have no insurance. Police should not be called to mental health crises. Need trained licensed mental health professionals. Invest in South and West sides.	Truman
	Providing autonomy and stability. Empowering neighborhood and relationships. Mandated support for hearing/visual impairment in all spaces (ASL, closed captioning, space for power chair and disability accommodations).	Truman
	Public Chicago Bank - sits at core of community development. Makes wealth of the community.	Truman
	Rehabilitation programs instead of investing in corporate prisons. More community centers and safety conscious spaces.	Truman
	Return management of the Chicago Cultural Center to DCASE.	Truman
	The empty store fronts of Lincoln Park need to be occupied. What is the city plan for Lincoln Park area for business and community development to replenish the businesses that left Broadway/Clark and other nearby streets?	Truman
	Access to information at community centers in low-income areas!	Youth
	Diversity ages doing art.	Youth
	Fine Arts. How can we implement more technical training in the arts for younger POC? Example: I loved dance since I was a child but I only had the opportunity to study hip hop. It wasn't until college that I had my first "technical" style of dance like ballet, modern, and tap.	Youth
Funding towards philanthropists and resources especially for low/non-funded neighborhoods. Lock in with grants and Ms. Keisha. Grants for philanthropist and non-profits. Work on business cards. Non-profit photoshoot?	Youth	
How can we work more diligently on creating space for unhoused community members that are equipped with the resources necessary to support them? (i.e. mental health services, employment support)?	Youth	

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Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture, continued	In trying to achieve and embody interdependency, what actions and programs can we utilize to reinvest culturally, socially, emotionally, mentally, economically and physically in our collective communities in terms of transformative leadership and transformative justice?	Youth
	More activities in the community.	Youth
	More greenery and the less vacant aesthetic.	Youth
	More info volunteering for elderly. Groups that connect people in the neighborhood.	Youth
	More music Programs.	Youth
	Neighborhood development includes the communities to be presentable and one place that everyone admires living in. Each neighborhood should have an equal amount of fairness. There are fewer resources in some communities than in others, limiting opportunities for people in those areas. In some communities, transportation is difficult to get ahold of, whether it's taking 3 buses to reach a train station or walking. Communities should receive endless amounts of resources.	Youth
	Personally, I would like to change the environment that we live in. The fact that my community, Little Village, doesn't have half the attention other communities have. Other than the fact that we are known for how dangerous the community is. The way we can change that is if we come together to clean our community. Provide more programs for kids to keep them in schools and off the streets. Provide jobs for unemployed people. Helping our newcomers (immigrants). There are ways to actually help change our community. Our only obstacles is the violence that not only does our community face, but the whole city of Chicago faces. To be honest, I feel that we waste most of our dollars on things that only provide entertainment. Using our money on the things that can actually provide us a good change would be good for our community.	Youth
	Pull. Money away for tourism and the Loop. Not a dime to the police.	Youth
	Use art classes/programs to go around the neighborhood to paint and or draw bringing awareness about problems in the youth and citywide. They can go to public parks and hospitals as well.	Youth
	Education. Make Uplift a community school. Increase funding for career technical education to need (CPS and City Colleges). Fund - Help people start own businesses. Ongoing support groups for small business owners. For all ages, jobs for kids! Teens. Chicago bank - public. Keeps wealth in neighborhood.	
Public Health Service and Mental Health	Accessibility to mental health <illegible>	Kennedy-King

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Public Health Service and Mental Health, continued	Chicago is a hub of abortion access for our state, for our region and for our nation in this moment--especially as we prepare for Indiana to fall, it is clear that the strength of the Chicago abortion access ecosystem is critical for abortion access writ large. As a leader in this space, the city should continue investments in the Chicago Abortion Fund and increase to ensure that all people, regardless of who they are, where they are from, or how much they make, can access abortion care in the City of Chicago. As the budget is a moral document, Chicago has an opportunity to increase investment in on the ground organizing an continue to be a leader in the country on ensuring abortion access. On our helpline I hear often how grateful people are that our city/state are publicly proabortion and that this makes them feel safe and affirmed. this budget will further make that statement	Kennedy-King
	Community access to mental health services	Kennedy-King
	Continued support for abortion seekers.	Kennedy-King
	COVID is not over and long COVID is highly disabling. Provide masks and ventilation upgrades for businesses who want to keep people safe.	Kennedy-King
	COVID is not over: Educate residents about COVID and prevention (masks, ventilation) and fund businesses in implementing precautions by funding masks, ventilation upgrades.	Kennedy-King
	Educational perspective for the Englewood comm <illegible> grocery store	Kennedy-King
	Efforts to increase public safety and decrease crime: There should be joint sweeps and coordination between CPD and Cook County Sherriff and Deputies. There should be biweekly "sweeps" randomly performed and daily roving on the streets on foot and/or bicycles. That the parole and / or probation officers also help with these efforts in management of their "clients." Also that mental health clinics and services are restored in the City of Chicago. Thank you very much.	Kennedy-King
	Federal VOCA cuts have defunded rape crisis centers like ours at Resilience. We work with 14 different hospitals to provide state regulated crisis trained volunteers to support rape survivors. We provide education to CPS all around west, north and central city. We provide training to COPA, universities, small businesses. We feel like an integral partner to city agencies. We center perspectives of black and brown people, trafficking victims, sex workers, LGBTQ+, and people who use drugs. We provide case management, education, trauma therapy. We also want to increase drug harm reeducation as a part of crisis intervention and prevention education.	Kennedy-King
	Fully fund non police mental health crisis response	Kennedy-King
	Fully open and expand mental health services, clinics, including alternate environments that will engage more residents.	Kennedy-King
	Harm reduction programs get more people into drug treatment than anything else.	Kennedy-King
	How do you get the services especially mental health to communities of need?	Kennedy-King
	I dream of a city that views me as a human--who carries trauma and experiences. I want a CDPH that invests in Treatment not Trauma. I've spent over a year searching for mental health care and have yet to find one. Our mental health is impacted by everything: housing, cost of living, family, investing in all of these can support a whole self	Kennedy-King

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Public Health Service and Mental Health, continued	I run the only South Side homeless youth/young adult shelter, Ujima Village. We need (1) on site mental health services that can assess, diagnose, and treat especially from trauma treatment. I've been searching for these services to come meet the youth when and where they are at for 10 years. Youth do not follow up on referrals, services need to come to them. (2) The shelter is only open overnight from 8 pm-8am. The #1 need the youth express is for the shelter to be open 24 hours, 365 days a year. It triggers their trauma to put them out every morning and restricts our ability to provide assistance for the youth and to help them use or get to community partners offering services.	Kennedy-King
	I'd like the city to invest in an expansion of the CARE Alternative pilot within CDPH and eliminate the CARE multidisciplinary teams. We should have a 24 hour pilot of CARE Alternative so that there is a real non-police mental health crisis response system. We should be responding to mental health crises with mental health workers, not cops. I'd also like to see investment in jobs programs as a safety measure.	Kennedy-King
	I'd like to see the city invest in the treatment not trauma model for crisis response instead of the co-responder or multidisciplinary model. We should reallocate funds from the 800 CPD vacancies to fund public mental health crisis responders. This system should be public and run by mental health professionals not police, since we know that people with untreated mental illness are 16x more likely to be killed by police. I'd also like to see the expansion of the CARE Alternative team to neighborhoods with the highest number of 911 crisis calls for mental health and expand the current public centers to be 24 hour drop in centers.	Kennedy-King
	Increase trauma support services. Funding of Treatment not Trauma. Non-police responses to mental health crises - peer counselor intervention.	Kennedy-King
	Investments into peer to peer mental health supports outside of traditional medical model	Kennedy-King
	Medicaid for All	Kennedy-King
	Mental health for the youth and some talks about mental health inside with community safety	Kennedy-King
	More mental health facilities open (reopen)	Kennedy-King
	More services for male victims of domestic violence, men with disabilities age 55-62 we are falling through the cracks.	Kennedy-King
	Non-police, 24-hour citywide emergency mental health response / reopen public mental health clinics	Kennedy-King
	Planned Parenthood of Illinois seeks Chicago's continuous financial support to continue to provide essential reproductive health and abortion services for Chicago residents. We provide services for 27,000 patients at our Chicago health centers. We have seen a 54% increase in overall abortion care patients since the Dobbs decision. We are one of the largest providers of STI testing and treatment in the state. We are also one of the largest providers of sexual / reproductive healthcare education in Chicago. Most of our students are CPS students. We hope to continue to work closely with the CDPH to further grow the CHAT and sex education programs	Kennedy-King
	Provide funding for Planned Parenthood of Illinois to continue providing essential reproductive healthcare, abortion services, and sex education to Chicago residents	Kennedy-King

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Public Health Service and Mental Health, continued	Public and long-term care for people with mental health problems and crisis	Kennedy-King
	Redirect funds from police to fully nonpolice response to mental health and related 911 calls. We don't need police in these teams	Kennedy-King
	Reopen our public mental health centers and expanding service hours and services	Kennedy-King
	Reopen the public mental health clinics	Kennedy-King
	Reopen the public mental health clinics that were closed	Kennedy-King
	Reopening closed mental health centers and expanding hours of access. Opening more public health clinics and expanding vaccination program for children. Increased funding for mobile health units into underserved areas.	Kennedy-King
	Reopening mental health centers and non-police crisis response.	Kennedy-King
	South Shore lacks resources that affect our community: mental health services, youth centers, housing that ppl can afford, open up stipulations/requirements for students	Kennedy-King
	The community wants to see more opportunity, more people involved in programs that allow and give resources for health, shelter, and education	Kennedy-King
	Treatment not Trauma. Establish a non-police response system. Instead of relying on police for mental health care, the Treatment not Trauma model dispatches mental health professionals and a EMT to mental health emergency calls instead of police officers.	Kennedy-King
	Understanding the population of jail are due to some type of mental health issues	Kennedy-King
	We need and want treatment not trauma: reopen all the closed public health clinics, end the co-responder model. Police should never respond to a mental health crisis. We want a nonpolice crisis response citywide. Expand services at all clinics.	Kennedy-King
	Why rape crisis centers need funding: (1) VOCA (federal funding) cuts, (2) Resiliences--the only stand-alone rape crisis center in Chicago can barely keep staff due to budget cuts, (3) Resilience partners with the highest amount of hospitals (14), (4) City of Chicago has historically disinvested in rape crisis centers until Lightfoot invested 25M. PLEASE CONTINUE.	Kennedy-King
	Above and beyond family recovery center we need more of these type of recovery centers.	Malcolm X
	Are we sharing with new mothers their rights to paid leave?	Malcolm X
	Balance- Medicaid expansion > to single payer (non profit) insurance coverage	Malcolm X
	Better food in schools / more food in schools to help with learning.	Malcolm X
	Connect CHWs with nurse practitioners	Malcolm X
	Invest in healthcare	Malcolm X
	Invest in treatment not trauma	Malcolm X
	It is my hope that the city does not continue to invest in things such as ShotSpotter (known as Sound Thinking)! These funds ought to be invested in things such as treatment not trauma and Peace Book. Investing in surveillance technology does not heal our communities.	Malcolm X

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Public Health Service and Mental Health, continued	Mental health needs for transgender people of color and employment to create stabilization. Employer training for cultural competence with LGBTQ+ communities of color.	Malcolm X
	Midwife / doula	Malcolm X
	Nutritional food for proper diets	Malcolm X
	Overdose prevention site	Malcolm X
	Pairing pregnant mothers with MH / SUD services prior to giving birth.	Malcolm X
	Pathway	Malcolm X
	The Peace Book would help the community / neighborhoods identify mental health clinics, provide resources / opportunities and would be a new look for the city.	Malcolm X
	The usage of community health workers in more fields like Family Connects.	Malcolm X
	What is the process of new MH / SUD providers partner with the city to help to eliminate gap and accessing services?	Malcolm X
	Are there plans to continue/expand funding for abortion access through the Justice for All initiative? Context: Chicago is receiving a huge increase in patients seeking abortion care. Many are traveling greater distances, and/or arriving later in their pregnancies with more complex health needs, due to restrictions in other states. Justice for All provided funding to the Chicago Abortion Fund and Planned Parenthood, both of whom certainly need more support. However, independent clinics like FPA Chicago and Women's Aid Center and hospital-based services at academic medical centers are in urgent need of support, either directly or through CAF. Thank you for all you are doing to advance reproductive care, justice, and autonomy!	Truman
	Can Chicago/CDPH commit to multiple 24/7 cooling centers? Mass distribution of PPE. Air pollution is worsening.	Truman
	CDPH needs to be more vibrant. Corporate/companies/agencies scatter money, attention, ability to respond. Centralize more, it's reactive not proactive. Reactive=the horse is out of the barn.	Truman
	COVID nasal sprays. City Purchasing, deployment. Carrageenan 80% risk reduction, \$20. Hypromellose nasal spray, 78% reduction, \$20. Nitric oxide, 75% reduction, \$60. Xylitol, 62% reduction, \$12. Would love to support this on community engagement side, especially in Pilsen and Little Village.	Truman
	Decrease CPD budget to pay for: treatment not trauma, youth programming, public mental health treatment. Get cops out of their cars and walking the street. Stop parking (CPD) cars in bike lanes.	Truman
	Education: Support and expand sustainable community schools, including figuring out how to support CBO involvement. Provide school level support for newcomer students and families (it was a real challenge to serve students speaking multiple languages and no English). Institute a CTE program in sustainability (or whatever it should be called). Beef up mental health resources in our schools.	Truman
	Equity. Treatment not Trauma. Reopen public health clinics. Affordable and accessible housing. 988 all responses/initiatives community though a non-policing lens.	Truman
	Expand hours and funding for mental health providers for emergency response.	Truman

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Public Health Service and Mental Health, continued	Expand hubs and outreach for mental health. Connect with trilogy and threshold to expand.	Truman
	Expand mental health resources for youth. Expand mental health resources for chronically ill.	Truman
	Fund alternative responder model (Treatment not Trauma). Fund violence interrupters.	Truman
	Get rid of the gang database. Take the funding that it takes to hire 1,000 new police officers and reinvestment into mental health and C.B.O.	Truman
	Getting migrants involved with community services. \$51 million dollars was appropriated for them to be in the city of Chicago. However let's utilize their presence in solving issues in the community they moved in. Get students involved in community service volunteering.	Truman
	Have a large amount of budget to pay for team of scientist studying/researching side by side mental health therapists/ICT, to work together to explore environmental factors that cause mental health.	Truman
	Have a mental health building in every precinct and offer 3-4 annual outdoor events with incentives, freebies, music, food, open to the public.	Truman
	Have a natural/herbal doctor on staff for non-pharma option for patients needing more than behavioral therapy/ICT.	Truman
	Have mental health department have booths at street festivals offering freebies, free consultations onsite, music, clinics to drawing people to get the help they need.	Truman
	How can we know more about how money is allocated from the different violence prevention departments like - office of gun violence prevention, Mayor's office of public safety, department of public health. Can we have a central office created by ordinance and funded by \$100 million dollars - office of gun violence prevention.	Truman
	I would love more public, non-police crisis response services. More public health communications regarding things like air quality (more PSAs), mental health. Use schools as community health center. Public mental health clinics - not through non-profits.	Truman
	Improve emergency plan for hot day to come. Our black and brown and poor and elderly are dying because of the lack of resources.	Truman
	Is there more salvage funding for other project? Stop the ShotSpotter contract! End the gang database. Support the Investment Act. Take money or use money from public safety and add the public mental health clinics back to the community. Invest in the Peace Book/see DUP/and add restorative justice.	Truman
	It's unethical to run a city where people experience houselessness. Is it just a matter of budget? Reduce the public safety budget and provide that money to address mental health and houselessness. Pass the Peace Book ordinance. Cancel the ShotSpotter contract.	Truman
Lots of ideas for public health/mental health department: Nurse like in UK for first few weeks at home after birth. Free/paid for by state/city.	Truman	

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Public Health Service and Mental Health, continued	Mental health. We need the city to provide oversight of residential mental health facilities that are privately run. Currently, they are not monitoring residents who are panhandling, sitting on sidewalks, cups in hand, and having episodes within our small businesses. This is in the Edgewater community, the formerly "Historic District." Bryn Mawr Care is the reason that the restaurant "Francesca's" left our community, because they could not run an outdoor cafe with Bryn Mawr Care as a neighbor.	Truman
	More services for disabled male victims of domestic violence	Truman
	My name is Diana Rodriguez. I was happy to attend this event. I am an activist/leader in the community. I represent the disabled, domestic violence organizations and those who need a voice. I am hopeful that after this the mayor enacts help to the community regarding mental health, community safety and affordable housing. My phone is 956-267-0360 for future events. I feel that what I shared at each table really addressed the issues and both the general people attending and the people representing the mayor's office found my comments, feedback, experience and observations were well received. Thank you.	Truman
	Open public mental health clinics. People need access to licensed mental health care even if they are on public insurance or have no insurance. Police should not be called to mental health crises. Need trained licensed mental health professionals. Invest in South and West sides.	Truman
	Please reopen the mental health clinics throughout the city and open physical health clinics. Cut police funding and invest in Treatment not Trauma and other wraparound services to prevent problems. Treat people as whole persons and with compassion is better than punitive measures. Do community appropriate outreach and care.	Truman
	Public mental health. Reopen closed facilities! Take police out of responses to mental health crises. Alternative response teams for mental health crises, even on transit.	Truman
	Rapid and informed 311 type service for environmental justice/public health/pollution issues. Well funded, for rapid, real-times deployment, reporting, consequences for polluters.	Truman
	Rebuild the public health department with community residents. This will provide union jobs, extensive community outreach, and ultimately save lives. Call the ordinance when it's presented. We're unnecessarily dying out here! Where is the public health education to keep us healthy? The communities need this. How has the city prepared for rescuing people with disabilities during emergencies? When elevators are out, how do we get out?	Truman
	Rehabilitation programs instead of investing in corporate prisons. More community centers and safety conscious spaces.	Truman
	Residents of mental health agencies need more pocket money so that they can purchase food that they desire and not panhandle.	Truman
	Suggested options for exploration. Free counselling/telehealth. On-call social workers for GBV/IPV/mental health crises. Required training for all public servants (for direct intervention or bystander intervention).	Truman

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Public Health Service and Mental Health, continued	Thank you for asking us. We need more than one cooling/heating centers open for 24 hours. Over 700 Chicagoans perished in 1995 because they had nowhere to go. This is urgent! Improve response to request for well-being checks. Police do not belong as first responders in MH crises! It is a medical issue. TNT. Less MH crises means more community MH services in every ward. Reopen the clinics ASAP! It's been 12 years.	Truman
	To draw in men in particular (the largest statistic dealing with mental health -African American men) have an outside company like an intramurals group offering it at mental health office and can find out at street festivals. Make it a requirement they attend webinars and a few counseling for free to continue with friends doing intramurals.	Truman
	Treatment not Trauma. Eliminate ShotSpotter. Get police off trains/ more police on trains. This person needs practice with facilitation.	Truman
	Use schools as resources. Medical and psych services for staff and families. Visiting nurse program. Reopen mental health and physical health clinics.	Truman
	We need more city-run mental health institutions instead of relying on private companies and the patchwork relationships.	Truman
	Will the city of Chicago/CDPH commit to massively build public health replacing contracting out to fragmented private identities with public trained workers from the affected communities?	Truman
	City having a plan for migrants, case managers, legal counseling, investing in. community organization that provide better care for new migrants.	Youth
	Clean homeless shelters. Accessible therapy. Treatment not Trauma. Social awareness. Good mental health at home. Public health is how a community acts together. Public health - potholes. Mental health depends on one's environment. Parents have mental health problems that they're not aware of. Schools in low income communities lack these resources. Lack of mental health resources for boys.	Youth
	Have people protecting us on public transportation. Have more counselors. Invest in mental health services. Invest in POC communities. Awareness of mental health (mental health should be included as normal). More resources for physical health. Awareness of environmental resources. Global environmental pollution in low income neighborhoods. Clean CTA buses/trains.	Youth
	How can we work more diligently on creating spaced for unhoused community members that are equipped with the resources necessary to support them? (i.e. mental health services, employment support)?	Youth
	I think Gage Park would greatly benefit as a community with more mental health resources.	Youth
	Many minorities (children) (parents) should have resources where they are free to talk about their feelings so that many of them should feel comfortable.	Youth
	Men's mental health (Black) POC. Economic, health care, suicide amongst men (3rd leading cause of death), social injustice, systemic racism.	Youth

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Public Health Service and Mental Health, continued	Mental health affects public health. The environment affects people's mental health. Not all high schools have the mental health services as other low/high income neighborhoods. Having more counselors and access for youth. Investing more in mental health services. Mental health should be included in regular health care.	Youth
	Mental health awareness	Youth
	Mental health! Bring awareness to support the resources for mental health. Reduce stigma and promote well being overall.	Youth
	My name is Chasney Armistead. I am with the One Summer Chicago Program. I am interning with SEIU HCL. The progress or accomplishments I would like to see in my community as a result of budget investments are new mental health centers to ensure that individuals regardless of their immigration status, insurance coverage, or income, have access to the care they need. To establish transparent and accessible mental health infrastructure in communities across Chicago.	Youth
	My name is Nahdea Deberry and I'm with the One Summer Chicago program. I'm an intern at SEIU and I'm from the South Side of Chicago, Roseland to be exact. Growing up in Roseland, I never really seen any health care facilities within the community besides Roseland Hospital, which needs adjustments within itself. Furthermore, within my community, I would love to see more free mental health facilities with dedicated/qualified physicians, 24-hour mental health centers.	Youth
	Personally, I would like to change the environment that we live in. The fact that my community, Little Village, doesn't have half the attention other communities have. Other than the fact that we are known for how dangerous the community is. The way we can change that is if we come together to clean our community. Provide more programs for kids to keep them in schools and off the streets. Provide jobs for unemployed people. Helping our newcomers (immigrants). There are ways to actually help change our community. Our only obstacles is the violence that not only does our community face, but the whole city of Chicago faces. To be honest, I feel that we waste most of our dollars on things that only provide entertainment. Using our money on the things that can actually provide us a good change would be good for our community.	Youth
	Physicians that can go directly to tent communities. More funding for safety-net hospitals!	Youth
	Require mental health days at private schools. More resource advertising to reduce stigma around asking for mental health support.	Youth
	SROs - budget towards more counselor and mental health professionals in the school system.	Youth
	Teaching first aid, overall knowledge, within the community. Expand free access to health care.	Youth
	There should be more mental health services in low income schools.	Youth

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Public Health Service and Mental Health, continued	Treatment not Trauma. Not getting first responders to every crisis but the specialists that actually can treat the people. Things to help: 1. Mental health clinics within reach. 2. More afterschool programs and childcare facilities. 3. Easy access to more affordable and healthy food options. 4. Routine universal developmental mental health screening. 5. More greenspaces and natural walkaround engagement spaces. 6. Guidance with school, like guidance counselors and check-ins, or help with college/career guidance.	Youth
Unidentified / Uncategorized	Any basic human need is a human right	Kennedy-King
	Bring back passing on the legacy	Kennedy-King
	Bring back Pennies for a Purpose	Kennedy-King
	Change purchase of products for CPS. Cost is way up 2-300% on everything from pencils to computers	Kennedy-King
	Community leaders will spark, ignite, and intentionally create, transform, and cultivate neighborhoods that will inspire problem solvers to engage and build a system-centered ComeUnity Network, where we don't only survive but thrive	Kennedy-King
	Delayed payment of grants is a barrier	Kennedy-King
	Do let me know how to employ my work with the new office of climate and equity	Kennedy-King
	Everyone knows Sophie on Commercial Ave (or James in Uptown) and her many challenges but nobody is coordinating around helping her.	Kennedy-King
	Give a dime of time - volunteer in your community; show a dub of love - donate \$20 to a worthy cause or black business; save and spend a big ben - save \$100 and spend \$100 with a black business	Kennedy-King
	Give the people back their power! Reparations for descendants of slavery and the war on drugs period. 51 mil for 12,000 new arrivals give the same check to disadvantaged natural citizens period! It'll be cheaper than all these failed investments. Let the people in the community do the work to build our communities. Give us reparations!!! These programs do not work. You can try Brandon and some good but give us the money it's very simple	Kennedy-King
	Pay attention to patterns. If someone says something they deserve a response	Kennedy-King
	Reparations will solve all of this. Reparations for the survivors of the war on drugs and the descendants of slavery. It's very simple. That'll really be good use of the taxpayers' money. Brandon is not a savior he is a public servant. I am not giving accolades and clapping and dancing, cut us a check. City van programs and faculties have not worked, cut us a check. City admin was quick to cut 51 mil to the new arrivals. Give us the same respect	Kennedy-King
	South Shore lacks resources that affect our community: mental health services, youth centers, housing that ppl can afford, open up stipulations/requirements for students	Kennedy-King
	There is not only a lack of resources but also inadequate help	Kennedy-King
	Pass the healthy	Malcolm X
	Take care of home first	Malcolm X

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Unidentified / Uncategorized, continued	The realization of the optimistic program that Mayor Johnson promotes depends upon the willingness of career city employees at all levels in the city government and agencies to put their effort in support of that new direction.	Malcolm X
	Alderdwoman Ruth Cruz, 30th Ward - Avondale, Belmont Cragin. Annette Guzman	Truman
	CPS has elementary schools with no sports teams high school and elementary schools, 25,000 more CPS students need to play on a sports team. Sports develops responsibilities between teammates, or even when athletes are playing individual sports, like swimming or tennis. Both CPS and the Chicago Park District need advertising on their property. The PBC can help place locations for advertising on school and park property. I have some experience in setting up advertising at sports facilities. All CPS and CPD sports facilities should be measured fore advertising space.	Truman
	I love the focus on the children. Thank you for expanding safe and peaceful support. If funded again we'll have 5 weeks of free camps with lunch, fun, and relationship skills with doctors, architects, construction workers and builders, chefs and artists. Build on proven success and support innovations.	Truman
	What are the tangible outcomes of the Equity Plan?	Truman
	Funding for quality material.	Youth
	Where did the budget go in 2023?	Youth
Youth Programs and Services	For Parkside elementary STEM school, they should have therapy teachers for students that going through trauma. I also feel like they should have more academic teachers like history, language, and more classes for the advanced students, a higher school budget.	Kennedy-King
	Fun engaging to youth	Kennedy-King
	Give youth activities 12 hours per week, give parents courses to deal with parenting	Kennedy-King
	How can we provide more opportunities for youth to experience media arts / fine arts / commercial arts / also connected work-based learning after school? We need after school programs	Kennedy-King
	I think the city needs to put money and work into the streets because potholes can cause a lot of damage to people's cars and other transportation. I also think the city needs to put more money into schools because a lot of the schools lack good resources for the kids.	Kennedy-King
	LGBTQ+ training for all providers to give sage places for LGBTQ+ youth.	Kennedy-King
	More funding towards ECE - early childhood education; \$25 baqae pay for early childhood educators and staff; free tuition for ECE classes for teachers; free childcare for all working families making less than \$100,000 per year -- zero copay	Kennedy-King
More training for the youths in the trades!	Kennedy-King	

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Youth Programs and Services, continued	Pass a community benefits agreement in South Shore. Mayor Johnson already agreed to pass a CBA while he was on the campaign trail and has received the proposed CBA. Meet with community organizers with the CBA Coalition and work with us to pass the ordinance, which would serve both homeowners and renters and prevent further gentrification from happening in South Shore. Reopen closed schools in South Shore and in Black neighborhoods. Give more funding in the city for low income housing.	Kennedy-King
	School based restorative justice programs.	Kennedy-King
	South Shore lacks resources that affect our community: mental health services, youth centers, housing that ppl can afford, open up stipulations/requirements for students	Kennedy-King
	There needs to be real effort in funding programs that are reflective and supportive of the needs of the youth in impoverished communities that are not only integral in funding financial support services to help the youth and young adults become empowered and independent by addressing and finding solutions with their peers as well as real safe places that promote togetherness, prosperity and peace in our communities	Kennedy-King
	We have an acre and half of land which is fenced in with 4 buildings at 601 W 80th Street and we are building a performing arts art campus. It will provide the youth the opportunity to participate in theatre recording, studio arts, ceramics, rehearsal space, computer labs, dance studio, podcast rooms, film and video, photography, and computer animation. The land and buildings were donated to our non-profit organization.	Kennedy-King
	We need more youth afterschool and employment programs for children who aren't comfortable at home and youth employment for the youth who struggles to find meals, afford clothes, and shoes.	Kennedy-King
	Chicago invest more in education programs. Come home program which is where they help buildup in vacant areas that are clean. Charging more in Uber.	Malcolm X
	Could the city provide wrap around services and support to start-up businesses (Ex: financial advisor for a year, helps/tips with marketing, education on fees).	Malcolm X
	Invest in public education	Malcolm X
	There should be more programming in the park districts to offer youth opportunities for engagement. Many programs are not regularly available, i.e. too costly for parents to afford. Arts programs should be offered at all parks. Sports and other interest <illegible> should be made free or low cost for all CPS students. Exercise programs and field trips should be year-round.	Malcolm X
	Chicago Park District stopped coaching most children starting 20 plus years ago, as non-profit sports clubs began to grow. But most children who come from homes making under \$40,000 a year or even under \$20,000 a year can't afford private sports club fees, traveling to out-of-state tournaments, etc. Chicago used to develop Olympic game level talent, not anymore. The Chicago Park District has to hire 1,000 coaches for swimming, tennis, track, 12 inch girls softball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, and some of the existing youth football programs.	Truman

Topic	Comment / Feedback	Roundtable
Youth Programs and Services, continued	CPD takes 40% plus of the city budget and does not prevent violence or crime. I've seen them commit violence against community. They should have their funding and public relations positions cut and redirected to youth services, education, physical and mental health services, jobs affordable housing, and all other services that build good things instead of reacting to bad things. Make sure that COPA/CPAC investigate and remove police officers who abuse community members and release those imprisoned on testimony from torture and lying cops.	Truman
	Decrease CPD budget to pay for: treatment not trauma, youth programming, public mental health treatment. Get cops out of their cars and walking the street. Stop parking (CPD) cars in bike lanes.	Truman
	Education. Make Uplift a community school. Increase funding for career technical education to need (CPS and City Colleges). Fund - Help people start own businesses. Ongoing support groups for small business owners. For all ages, jobs for kids! Teens. Chicago bank - public. Keeps wealth in neighborhood.	Truman
	Expand community schools model.	Truman
	Make schools sustainable hubs with wraparound services. Increase stability. More transparency in budget process/outreach and education. Council hearings are too much like oversight hearings. Need more time for public input.	Truman
	Better role models	Youth
	If we talk, do our opinions matter? And we should make sure the homeless rate is down, the After School Matters accepts more younger people and pay more. And the schools should make sure they get younger kids bank accounts and let them use them after high school. And helping people solve their problem instead of being one. And what we say is it really gonna matter and make a difference? P.S. Travion out that's the only think I gotta say.	Youth
	Many youth like sports so I would like to see gymnasiums and art spaces.	Youth
	Mental health affects public health. The environment affects people's mental health. Not all high schools have the mental health services as other low/high income neighborhoods. Having more counselors and access for youth. Investing more in mental health services. Mental health should be included in regular health care.	Youth
	More afterschool activities for middle/lower school	Youth
	More programs for youth ages 18-30 years old! More entertainment programs for youth.	Youth
	More youth programs. Paid jobs, opportunities, sports/learning programs.	Youth

Topic	Comment / Feedback	Roundtable
Youth Programs and Services, continued	<p>Personally, I would like to change the environment that we live in. The fact that my community, Little Village, doesn't have half the attention other communities have. Other than the fact that we are known for how dangerous the community is. The way we can change that is if we come together to clean our community. Provide more programs for kids to keep them in schools and off the streets. Provide jobs for unemployed people. Helping our newcomers (immigrants). There are ways to actually help change our community. Our only obstacles is the violence that not only does our community face, but the whole city of Chicago faces. To be honest, I feel that we waste most of our dollars on things that only provide entertainment. Using our money on the things that can actually provide us a good change would be good for our community.</p>	Youth
	Safe haven for kids with nowhere to go.	Youth
	Spaces where teens can meet successful adults in a field they would like to pursue.	Youth
	Speaking within the house as well, generational programs to aid parents	Youth
	Team bonding activities/sports. Interactive engaging activities. Camps. Mentorships (see what young people) (incentivized). Technology (swimming). More safe spaces (Elders). Garfield Park, Humboldt Park. Metal detectors. Public infrastructure/funding. Cleaner community.	Youth
	Treatment not Trauma. Not getting first responders to every crisis but the specialists that actually can treat the people. Things to help: 1. Mental health clinics within reach. 2. More afterschool programs and childcare facilities. 3. Easy access to more affordable and healthy food options. 4. Routine universal developmental mental health screening. 5. More greenspaces and natural walkaround engagement spaces. 6. Guidance with school, like guidance counselors and check-ins, or help with college/career guidance.	Youth

BUDGET
APPENDIX B

This appendix presents the comments and feedback that participants submitted at the youth roundtable. Topics presented were housing, health, safety, community development, and environment infrastructure.

APPENDIX B. COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING YOUTH ROUNDTABLE

Topic	Response
Housing	Have more helpful jobs for the homeless
	Having enough resources for the youth can prevent going homeless such has a open gym, art, music, and fun activities
	Funding for partnership in schools with the neighborhoods
	There's around 50,000 homes that are empty left abandoned that means there is enough space for people to not stay in the streets,how we can plan something out is we can get non profit organizations to help out donate items and with the budget we have we can buy the things we need for the shelter.
	Have more accommodations for those with disabilities
	Have ppl who can look out for homeless people and help them when needed
	Have a plan that homeless ppl can pay back everything at the end of the year and having someone watch over them so they won't use the money for negative stuff
	Having more programs like afterschool matters to help
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -try to change the system so the it doesn't keep the homeless homeless -jobs with benefits for people that might have low income -resources in school that helps you deal with the real world (teaching things that we need in the real world -teaching things that are really meaningful -openness for the homeless or people that need it - safe community spaces -understanding of the youth
	A After-school matters program for the homeless
	Having them a job but instead of giving full pay give them a reduced payment but also give them a place to stay
	Help youth find a talent
	BRING CHICAGO HOME: real estate transfer tax on properties over 1\$million. Use funding for homeless services.
	Downtown can have affordable housing and giving homeless people a chance to get money and pay rent
	Gamer tournaments
	Help youth find a future
	Basketball tournaments in neighborhoods
	Youth programs that take kids to the gym because it can help kids focus there mind
	More community centers
	Have more people to actually care for the homeless
	Stop racism
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -find funds to help and create more homes(from apartments and homes) -creating more way to understand them -helping find jobs despite their background(more understanding job to mistakes that they have made in the pass) -allowing a way to get paid more so they would have a better chance to make it -find a way to stop discrimination -starts young (some kids leave their home because its harmful to them) -finding a way to make baby steps
	Have places for homeless such as hotels bc some don't have all room checked out and the city can pay for the room for a bit so they can restart

Topic	Response
Housing, continued	Metal health for people to keep jobs
	Help people get jobs if they don't have a address to put down
	More funding for elder and community
	Understanding the people in each neighborhood and assessing to their needs because one neighborhood can need better housing while the other needs more grocery stores.
	More funding for people for disabilities
	Unused trailers for homeless to sleep at night so they want be cold
	Homeless centers
	Sport facilities for youth
	Job opportunities for kids younger than 16
	Teach people how to buy a house
	Drug addiction programs
	More understanding housing assistance programs.
	Programs to prevent drugs problems
	Local events for youth
	Shelters where teens can live by themselves instead of requiring an adult.
	Helping reduce poverty
	Affordable housing should be actually affordable
	-looking more into technology
	-setting family/s/ people up with a way to create generational wealth
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Programs For Youth who are struggling with mental health or substance abuse
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
Bring Chicago Home!	
Treatment not trauma	
Treatment not trauma	
Treatment not trauma	
Treatment not trauma	
Treatment not trauma	
Treatment not trauma	
Treatment not trauma	
Treatment not trauma	
Treatment not trauma	
Make trains more youth friendly and clean	
Make prizes lower for train	
Treatment not trauma	
Treatment not trauma	

Topic	Response
Housing, continued	Treatment not trauma
	-group home (to get help and learning how to budget and contacting affordable housing not going right into it) -teaching how to pay and deal with taxes -teaching the youth and adults to stop the problem you taxes handling money
	Make sure kids have organized events properly
	Treatment not trauma
	jobs for the homeless that wants to work
	Letting homeless leave the hospital without the proper treatment can cause lots of negative outcomes
	Summer Food program for kids who only eat in school
	Closer and better quality hospitals
	-more resources / mental health resources -more housing for the homeless free or affordable -providing mental health because there is a deeper root that got them into that situation -job training programs -secondary education(chance to work on their future) -child care & more access to affordable after school programs) -getting the word out (podcast etc.) -hygienic care -phones (to allow them to have a way to contact job) -being able to engage with their community to get help
	Health services and information to get out of the streets
	Help the youth don't discourage them
	Giving healthy amount of drugs to try to stop addiction?
	I would like to see the city taking action on the sewer system/pipes by my neighborhood (Austin) because they constantly back up and flood my basement and the neighbors around me basements, some people in my neighborhood don't have enough money to buy supplies to clean the aftermath of the flooding
	Teach youth how to INVEST there money
	More funding for non profit organizations to help homelessness
	More shelter beds, supportive housing, and health
	Teach how taxes work and how to budget and make money in public school
	Getting identification for the homeless can help
	A store specifically for the homeless
	Teach youth what money is at a higher understanding
	Open health clinic for homeless and people that are close to being homeless
	More paid opportunities for youth 14+ jobs for example and more sports facilities Bball,swimming,soccer,football,etc to keep youth active and better community happiness
	Teach youth how to budget and run a business
	Global Cooperation: Strengthening international collaborations to address global challenges such as poverty, hunger, conflicts, and pandemics.
	Mental Health Awareness: Increase awareness, support, and resources for mental health, reducing stigma, and promoting overall well-being.
	Programs
	Homeless sometimes don't have any identification
	Affordability

Topic	Response
Housing, continued	More warm/day shelters
	Help a program called " BRING CHICAGO HOME"
	Instead of using money for permanent housing use more for temporary housing
	Mental health for homeless
	-Improvement in bike lanes enforcement to ensure safety of youth (Auburn Gresham) - Adding timers for pedestrians at stop signs so they have safety of timer (Calumet Heights) - More bus stops near homes and neighborhoods so there are no long walks in dangerous neighborhoods(Auburn Gresham) - Safety within CTA, more buses that are efficient to come after one bus leaves -
	Some homeless can have good skills but need help getting to use them
	Having more resources to help the homeless
	More community involvement with plans to help out with homelessness. More shelters
	I would like to see options of house for all of the immigrants that have been imported recently before the weather gets too cold.
	Use the money the right way to help the homeless
	more green, more job fields, more after school programs, have teens help in remodeling, taking migrants off the street, 50% of affordable housing units. more support.
	Get the homeless in Jobs
	Get the homeless in programs
	Turn and remodel abandoned schools into shelters
	Less homeless people
	Affordable housing less crime rates
	More community spaces for engagement
	Open up places we don't use for the homeless
	More resources
	Help the homeless and putting them in the right track
	More community gatherings
	More shelter and food banks
	Housing for immigrants
	Affordable housing is helpful for people who need a place to stay
	More affordable housing
	More affordable apartment buildings.
	more support for the homeless
Less empty lots	
More Greenery	
Health	Fire Arwady
	Treatment not trauma
	Fire Arwady
	Having resources online for public health and mental health
	People suffer from anxiety, more people should be educated about anxiety and counseling should be available
	Reopening health centers to help communities
People go to cat lines to have mental outbreaks, there should be more support for them in those areas	

Topic	Response
Health, continued	.
	Small things like community care clinics (like opening hours and making sure it's targeting the needs of the specific communities)
	Social health and mental health the together, there should be more programs to help with education people in communities
	A lot of misinformation targeted low income neighborhoods
	Self care workshops
	Many minority families should have more resources where they can feel more comfortable tell their issues
	Programs to help kids learn about how to save life's
	Increase communication and information about vaccinations (information campaign on important vaccinations)
	I think Gage Park would benefit greatly as a community with more mental health resources.
	Schools should offer programs about mental health
	Heath care for all.
	Mental health can be seen as a sensitive thing, men don't deal with issues the same way. Men' and women' should be able to be vulnerable and no gender should be Put into the idea
	Clinics where you can get checkups without insurance and ids (especially for undocumented immigrants) is necessary.
	Getting more secondary programs
	Reopen the closed mental health services on the south side.
	People should be educated about mental health and have communities talk and do activities to help them
	Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
	The Back of the Yards community space is so beneficial to students serving as a safe space
	Programs to help parents and their kids to help with mental health education
	More green spaces for mental/physical health
	DIVEST FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT.
	Have centers to allow people to get educated and get the help that they need to help them get over their addictions
	City will release initiatives assuming that ppl will know about them. City needs to be better at reaching out to communities.
	Provide jobs for the youth with purpose.
	There should be programs to help with addiction, specially on the homeless communities.
	Provide education for those in the inner city.
	-more affordable health care facilities -get more career advisors -check ins for mental health
	More city clinic locations and point of access near schools.
	Have a student body at school talk about mental health.
	There can be programs going to school to help teach about the proper use of drugs
	Promoting and advertising Unspoken more n social media so teens are aware!
	More position funding for the community
	There should be more control of distribution of drugs, because it also affects the health of people. Which affects how much health care costs
	The schools should have mental health days.

Topic	Response
Health, continued	Culture position for people
	Focus the resources in medical services
	TREATMENT NOT TRAUMA: divest from police department into department of public health. Send emt and mental health professional to mental health emergency calls instead of police officer.
	Provide help for people of color because it is shown as a form of weakness
	More health care
	I would like to see more accessible and especially affordable therapy available to youths. I feel like I really appreciate schools that offer counseling because nowadays it's so hard to seek help outside of school.
	Invest more in Public Health Service
	Medicine is very expensive, there should be a budget to help with medicine prices
	An equity issue, where mental health clinic have closed are in southern neighborhoods. This will have long term public affects like increased PTSD and anxiety will increase. Systemic equity lenders.
	Increase the awareness of mental health with information for young boys.
	-making it known there are mental health services available in communities and school - make sure the services are available year round - spread the word for parents -resources that are more specialized
	There should be more resources to help with health and mental health
	There can be programs to help parents understand what mental health is, and help they're children rather than discourage them
	Provide places for people to go with mental health.
	Have more resources for those that are homeless.
	Mental health also starts at home, there should be someone who helps with mental health for children and I'm general families
	More relaxing activities
	More drug therapy
	City to directly hire profession psychologists to streamline the diagnosis process for therapy and mental health care.
	There should be counselors available for every student in the schools, it should just be for specific students or emergencies
	Adults needs to understand mental health from a youth perspective (online generation).
	I'm Chicago public schools there's a lack of counselors, which is a big issue for the students who need mental health
	There's no more resources given I'm highschool no more, first aid clases should be included in the schools to help safe pibes I'm situations
	A wide range of counselors at CPS Schopls wild be incredible ;94 studenf
	More counselors need to be funded and they need to be more engaging with students.
	Free access to people who can't afford healthcare of any type. There shouldn't be an age limit on who can afford to get free healthcare
	More art activities
	Action I think we need to teach first aid to people to be able to save lives, since there's a lot of issues like shootings and injuries in the community
	The diagnosis and mental health process for teens who need therapy needs to be stream-lined.
	stop genderification

Topic	Response
Health, continued	more investment in art
	Community centers that were defunded had a detrimental effect. They need to be funded so people can thrive
	less westernized art
	more traditional art
	Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
	Shelter healthcare and mental health help should be improved
	Reopen the mental health centers!
	Wellness centers need to feel safe and accessible!
	Having conversations with other people and to the city to spread the word
	Treatment Not Trauma!
	Treatment not trauma
	NON POLICE RESPONSE
	Treatment not trauma
	Reopen PUBLIC clinics
	Market better events for youth that deal with mental health.
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	FIRE ARWADY
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Find a way to make facilities for people who need help with menta health and healthcare since shelters aren't always safe or there isn't enough for all the people needing help
	Treatment not trauma
	Give the youth something to do, like provide activities.
	Treatment not trauma
	-bring workshops for parents in bipoc communities to help end stigma on mental health
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Wellness centers are not well maintained and not safe to enter (loses the purpose of safe community space). Perhaps remodel.
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	I would like to see more counseling services offered to youth in elementary, middle, and high schooling. Intervening and destigmatizing mental health at a young age is important to equipping youth with the knowledge and tools to talk about their emotions as well as seek support from others.
	Treatment not trauma
	The city is doing well by LGBTQ+ people, but I think there is more to be done
	trans rights

Topic	Response
Health, continued	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	Treatment not trauma
	More recreational centers so teens can be active and in turn feel healthier (more gym equipment for example)
	More easy to access mental health help sources
	Treatment not trauma
	The youth recognize mental health as a disease and everyone handles it differently.
	Funding for specialized training for police officers, firefighters, and other first responders to improve their ability to handle mental health crises effectively and with empathy.
	Reopen public clinics
	TREATMENT NOT TRAUMA - reopen the mental health centers. Hire mental health professionals with union jobs!!
	fire Arwady
	There should be equality and healthcare should be free for low income families
	People all over the mental health spectrum should be able to feel safe in these wellness centers.
	Paying people and Getting people to spread the word about the event
	Have wellness center all over the city that addresses vulnerable topics, is a safe space for teens, and provides services.
	Some jobs should be paying their workers when they are injured, since they can't go out and work to get the money to pay for healthcare
	More mental support in low income schools
	More resources for assistance of people with disabilities
	Race plays a factor in mental health. Youth coming to school after a trauma took place and no one checked in on them. Have mental health days for youth.
	Advising to local stores and schools so they can attend to outside activities
	The pollution in the environment is affecting the people in the communities, gets people sick and people don't have insurance or the money to afford going to the hospital
	Some teens admit themselves in psych wards, hospitals, and get arrested so they can escape home to get access to free resources.
	Advertising to the locals
	-Free mental health clinics that are free and accessible and inclusive to everyone -more child services like after school programs or facilities -access to healthier foods -medical accountability and evaluations -support for people with disabilities
	Labor conditions affect the healthcare, there should be a balance
	Quality of hospitals and psychiatric facilities experience and care is not the best in communities.
	There's so many unsafe working conditions
	More local advertisement for activities
	Healthcare is very expensive and not everyone can afford it
	Public health is unsafe, there should be more help to be able to get a check up
	Hospitals on the north side are well funded. Community funded hotspots are not well funded.
	School counselors aren't always the best option to get the mental health that is needed

Topic	Response
Health, continued	Mental health care disparities and accesssibility for groups that may not speak English
	Having more programming for school
	Hospitals
	Extra curriculum for teens
	Policing should be increased in 79th street and in red line train in the night.
	School should have more funding to have help for students, enough for every student
	Providing a space for kids
	Breast care screening and focus on amnesia those disparities amongst the various neighborhoods.
	Therapy is very expensive, it should be more cheaper so it's affordable for everyone. Some school have support but only during school time
	Mobile health clinic so it can be more accessible
	Having more mental health services
	Food insecurity in metropolitan areas like Chicago (in "ghetto areas"). Lack of food security and Burt Ritu on plays a huge role. School lunch needs to be improved upon.
	More socials workers in school so the students can get help and have space for young people
	We should also focus on all groups not just specific groups, we al need help (mental health)
	Empathetic Rhetoric that discourages Nicotine and vaping amongst teens
	More sports and activities to help the kids so they can get distracted
	I'd like to see more events being organized in my community, university village, to better connect the people of the neighborhood since I feel that connectivity is one of our weak points.
	More programs About understanding of problems that they have experienced
	There should be more support centers for the men, since there's more help for women
	Investments in food and nutrition (which in turn impacts your mental health)
	There should be more gender based facilities to help with mental health
	More places that help with the mental health of people, specifically focus on trauma.
	More facilities open for the public, specifically kids and families
	More open therapy sessions for kids and families
	More mental health professionals to communicate like ptsd and many more
	More affordable counseling
	More active budge on musical production
Safety	Programs where you can leave school with paid internships while also getting paid
	programs closer in communities
	connections with schools with companies that help students earn certifications
	connection with red cross to gain certification like CPR
	police neighborhood knowledge
	street cameras
	teenage jobs
	promoting resources for teenagers
	after school programs in middle schools
	Funding CTA
	personalized mentors
	building more infrastructure

Topic	Response
Safety, continued	-More city engagement with the teens.
	security call buttons at bus stops
	-Better gun control
	DIVEST FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT. End gang database.
	DIVEST FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT. End gang database.
	buddy system
	incentives for going to rehab and therapy and making progress
	security/ police outside of school
	Better way of reaching out with programs
	-Investing in families that helps create a better environment for the community.
	-More training in community's to help or prevent less gang bangers. (That are not involve with the police).
	security inside trains
	clean parks
	Safe path systems
	seating restaurants
	more trained cops
	West side need more things such as transportations basic things that other sides have.
	mentoring ship programs
	programs that connects ex-cons to get jobs to reduce a repeating of crimes
	police stationed at night
	teen clubs - oak park library
	funding on crackdown where people get their weapons from
	-Pedestrian safety (re-painting, more stops or speed bumps).
	- Invest more in the youth's like invest in their education.
	better police training
	less liquor stores
	community police
	police availability
	- More activities at the parks like tournaments such as basketball or soccer. Any type of sports that engage their selfs on it.
	more local police stations
	Better police respond time
	it's a key to everything
	-Get more attention in streets. (fix the street.)
	education services
	Less restrictions on youth
	proper police training
	More green aesthetic
	public and mental health services for youth in communities tha dont get alot of investment in those areas

Topic	Response
Safety, continued	-more security on trains and buses to ensure safety of citizens
	More "green" in neighborhoods to reduce pollution
	Mental health awareness programs
	Paid training services to gain certifications
	Peace Book NOW Youth employment opportunities
	Music programs to influence teens to get off the streets
	-Free public transportation for students so they can be able to get to school - Having more block parties or community engagement within different neighborhoods to bring people together
	Advertise more activities / art / music / dancing and more things that include teens having more fun then rather being on their phones.
	Free therapy
	More policies to reduce pollution
	-CPD engagment in community programs tp build relationships -Programs to mentor people how to use public transportation for youth, etc. -Adding better bike lanes and more enforcement for safety of youth(Auburn Gresham) -More jobs that youth can participate in community engagement -More bus stops around houses and neighborhoods to eliminate dangerous walks to buses - Have more buses that drive from schools to each student houses
	- More timers at stop lights
	Advertise sports.
	Sports/workout programs
	more funding to summer and after school programs
	More physical health programs for the youth
	-Street lights -more street cameras -Better treatment at hospitals -Big Brother roll -Bring or talk more about mental healthcare. -Less gangs in the streets -Bring more opportunities focus in sport type. -Do free therapy's for teens.
	People encouraging young artists
	Neighborhood watch
	Trash pickup programs
	More art programs
	law enforcement protecting schools
	More well lit places to walk around late at night.
	funding to restorative justice programs in schools
	More security at public schools
	More security cameras
	Free tutoring
	Decrease the limit in when police gets involved in a situation
	Jobs for teens
	Emotional training for police.
	more mentorship programs

Topic	Response
Safety, continued	More programs for youth withing the community
	Authority over gangs
	More cameras strategically placed in communities
	Cracking down on gangs
	Eco-friendly in low income communities
	Groups that connect people in the neighborhood and help create bonds.
	More transparency on police officer background
	team bonding
	Enforcing fines
	Internships for teens working with the city
	Availability of trash cans and recycling bins for streets
	More services that cater to elderly people
	- community areas that are open 24/7
	more activities
	- programs for police to connect to the community
	Speed cameras
	More opportunities for teens during the summer
	Enforcing law more
	- More holistic approach to community safety
	going to store safely
	More community involvement
	- More investment in street lamps
	Speed bump
	More community groups
	Less potholes.
	1. Community engagement in our own neighborhood (block club parties) 2. Teach more about different cultures in schools 3. Trauma programs 4. Safe spaces 5. Mental health clubs in schools 6.
Community Development	What ideas do you have for program and services that would benefit youth in your neighborhood?
	1. Classes on how to apply for jobs/ resumes workshops 2. Taxes classes on taxes 3. Veteran support 4. Better job opportunities for the homeless 5. Library jobs for the youth
	More staff for Chicago Office of New Americans and more efforts to spread the word that it exists
	Publicize youth events in ways seperate from technology. Going to physical places to spread the word. This could be done through community ambassadors.
	Advocate for people with disabilities and their strengths in communities
	cheaper pre-school/daycares
	Have events to allow people of different cultures to present their culture and teach others about themselves and their history

Topic	Response
Community Development, continued	With open spaces in neighborhoods like parking lots that are abandon lots two we could be building mental health helping that are non profit organizations that will be built all around the city for people that have mental health problems it would be free to get help with it
	Bringing different cultures to the inner cities
	More internships in high school and raising awareness of the programs that exist
	Help elderly keep up with and maintain their hobbies and skills. << programs for the elderly
	Have people at stores that help people with disabilities and elderly people. (walk to car, check out, help carry groceries,etc)
	events in neighborhood
	more parks
	People in the community submitting artwork to museums
	more fun program options
	Elderly centers that help elderly specifically with disabilities.
	better college prep programs
	post secondary programs
	more scholarship programs
	Stop building and take down any anti-homeless architecture
	spread more about programs such as after school matters, ymca, one summer chicago, etc.
	Assistance with helping youth find more options besides school, or helping people get into further education if that is something they want and don't know much about
	more block parties, more events, drive in with some provided vehicles, find a balance for trends, more outlets, having engaging events.
	More money should be spent on driving infrastructure now (streetlights, road fixing, etc.) and down the road, the city should gradually be made more walkable
	Having more focus on how people feel about the other cutlers and having more culture art for the people. It really matters an how your neighbor hood is like too see if people like that's type of culture or that type of community. Have people that are willing to donate stuff for the homeless or any kinda people who are in need this would help high schoolers also elder people
	more passionate teachers
	more value into teachers and respect so students can learn more
	Assistance to people who left school and need to be prepared to go back
	more money goes into cps schools, schools in chicago area
	Addressing rent concerns of residents whose rent is being raised, many have to relocate
	More street lights and faster fixing of broken street lights
	value teachers more in cps to prevent less strikes
	more responsibility for safety and health in uber/lift companies
	resources allocated to food insecurity (free mobile food trucks with fresh food)
	More resources to help people with less opportunities, try to understand people who experience homelessness and meet them where they need
	increase mental health awareness
	Most budget investments should be allocated to places that have more trouble with engagement and arts/culture, like the south and west sides

Topic	Response
Community Development, continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All year around Advertise youth programs more. • Community Center. • Interact •Start as a young. • Address Mental health. •Changing graffiti from negative to positive (creative) • Programs to point out for graffiti •Community Clean up • Easy availability to create events • Make it easy for Small business vendors • Black people have events • City processing •Schedule for more sports for low income youth •Take out Gpa department • how to apply to jobs in school
	Better distribution of information for jobs (easier to use websites, better accessibility for websites). Also having non-internet ways to distribute information.
	Build more basketball courts , baseball field, football fields for the kids around Chicago also building ice skating rings around the city for the kids or the people who take it seriously
	More community gardens Shade space and sidewalk maintenance
	better health services in school
	increasing quality of public transportation
	cleaner transportation and more kid friendly.
	Help centers to help immigrants navigate life in the United States, how to apply to jobs, where to seek financial help, etc
	more after school programs/clubs/sports
	More help centers for immigrants.
	free tutoring
	donate food to cps schools
	Youth led youth centers
	maybe ymcas in school
	youth come together for youth group
	More help centers for people experiencing homelessness.
	1) More engagement with people with disabilities. More resources for people with disabilities (financial, awareness to resources).
	more understanding to lessons for certain kids
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical centers 2. Creative arts programs 3. Habilitation centers 4. Murals 5. Affordable health care 6.more job opportunities for youth
	more diverse celebrations
	Occupying abandoned buildings
	more support systems for bullying
	less loitering
	1) Promoting arts and culture
	more access to programs for kids with disabilities
	1) Having open space is a big concern. Preserving and updating infrastructure of current spaces. Skate parks is an example.

Topic	Response	
Community Development, continued	Youth in movies, tv shows etc	
	More after school programs for those interested in the entertainment business.	
	More museums	
	more male teachers	
	diversity in cps/in specific schools	
	more teachers	
	1) More reliable transportation. Bus and train stations are far away and times. MANY times they don't arrive on time or at all.	
	more after school programs	
	more stuff for kids like basketball courts/activity centers	
	more recreational centers	
	1) Want more connections between bike trails (where they start and end) so that they are safer.	
	1) Safety concerns cause for people not going outside even if there are green spaces. More safe spaces needed.	
	Wants more community engagement in washington heights. more green spaces and parks would help with this. More youth spaces needed (for activities)	
	Environment/ Infrastructure	Create programs that promotes keeping our communities clean and planting
		Create groups to remove graffiti in areas such as the west side
Create more personalized councils to create spaces for more discussion		
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious		
-provide aid towards floods and funds -sustainable energy sources -311 service to provide for rodents -led poison		
Create more homeless shelters in areas such as the east side		
Floods and sewer drains improved for rain/storms		
Anything to be done for the air quality with the Canadian fires		
Grffiti makes bridges prettier when done for art and fun		
Rusty bridges, ice forming during winter time		
More community cleaning		
South side has no street trash cans, north side has street trash cans which helps it stay cleaner		
Create accessible means to remove waste in public spaces such as parks.		
Certain communities are dirty and have garbage on the sides. Some neighborhoods can create groups to help clean up and volunteer		
Land not being used in neighborhoods, there could be a gated up grassland that can be turned into a community park or program		
Promote general education on the subject to further awareness		
Further invest in renewable resources in our communities to lessen pollution		
Too many abandoned buildings not being used		
Further promote and improve on public transportation to deincevitize driving		
Changing the fast food industry		
Promote the creation of more bike lanes, such as Little Village		

Topic	Response
Environment/ Infrastructure, continued	Find means to improve air quality in low-income communities.
	Create more main roads to lessen traffic
	Create more spaces to hold programs like boys and girls club or after school matters.
	Updated parks, new playground, safer and less concrete
	Create groups to check on new/old building infrastructure
	Empty lots, a lot of grass and concrete
	Events for the community to come out and give to nature
	Street lights at night
	Abandoned buildings (empty space, a lot of opportunity)
	Convert broken buildings into usable facilities, such as mental health clinics and nearby hospitals
	Justice for littering if you litter you get a ticket Less abandon houses. Less fuel less gas more solar powered buildings
	Programs for youth (getting hands on with nature)
	Gardens for our neighbors (active and well maintained)
	-protective bike lanes -renewable energy -pollution in parks -upgrade buses -penalize cars for parking in bike lanes -upgrade traffic system -making transportation systems affordable -community gardens -increase in farmers market -increase stores around local areas
	A budget on road pavements in residential streets
	Buildings under construction are a bother when delayed, as well as highway construction
	Adding more bike lanes
	Electric cars
	Tree trimming, roads are hard to see because of trees blocking signs, pedestrian safety at risk
	Create more community centers and use up open lots
	Fixing roads, too many potholes, cracked roads
	Make cta more reliable for the people dependent on it
	Improve upon water quality in public spaces for people to use without worry
	Encourage more frequent maintenance in schools to prevent dilapidation
	Encourage schools to open garden spaces and have students participate in its care
	Promote more "green spaces" within our communities
	Invest in road maintenance for smaller communities/ south side.

BUDGET
APPENDIX C

This appendix presents participants' interactions with the OERJ's equity posters. Each poster asked two questions: Who in the community isn't reaching this outcome? and What's one idea that could help that group reach the outcome?

APPENDIX C. COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON OERJ'S EQUITY POSTERS

<i>Roundtable</i>	<i>Board Theme</i>	<i>Who is not reaching?</i>	<i>What's one idea to help reach outcome?</i>
Kennedy-King	Education	Persons with disabilities both apparent and nonapparent	
	Education		Include the disabled in the decision making
	Environment and Climate		plant trees along streets, expressways
	Environment and Climate		Trash/littering causing floods on Cottage Grove: more recycle bins, education on recycling in schools, more recycling centers
	Environment and Climate		stronger environmental enforcement
	Environment and Climate		cumulative impacts ordinance
	Environment and Climate	Cottage Grove	
	Environment and Climate	Seniors	
	Environment and Climate		Assistance / infrastructure for snow removal to help elders
	Housing		Vacancy and demolition fees
	Housing		More and proactive building inspections
	Housing		Support setting aside development cost for 63rd and Blackstone lot that can become affordable housing
	Housing	What about agencies that are paying your rent when you are behind. Also can they help you move into a nice building? Low income	
	Housing		Landlord registry
	Housing		Legal services to prevent eviction
	Housing		\$3 million annually to PEAR program for multi-unit buildings in South Shore.
	Housing		\$15 million in rental assistance for South Shore tenants and \$5 million annually. Establish cap on rental application fees.
	Housing		Create more opportunities for shared/co-housing development for at-risk populations.
	Housing		Less red tape for HCV holders when seeking safe, clean, affordable housing
	Housing		Greater enforcement of housing discrimination against HCV holders
Housing	Is there a positive answer for rent control? Senior		
Housing		South Shore CBA ordinance fully funded!	
Housing		Make more funds available for affordable housing	

Roundtable	Board Theme	Who is not reaching?	What's one idea to help reach outcome?
Kennedy-King, continued	Housing		We need money in the city budget for affordable housing infrastructure and to rehab more regularly current affordable housing. The affordable and supportive housing supply in Chicago needs heavy investment.
	Housing		Affordable housing funding. Accountability <illegible> the buildings. Housing for returning (ex-con) citizens.
	Housing		Senior housing
	Housing		Affordable housing should remain affordable not just for a bit period of time
	Housing		Bring Chicago Home
	Housing	How soon will they open up the school at 63rd and Racine? Used to be a ward school	
	Housing		Assist homeowners that are targeted by developers
	Housing		Renew South Shore program. \$12 million for grants and down payment assistance
	Housing		Fund to pay down property taxes for single home/property owners in low income neighborhoods
	Housing		Individuals experiencing displacement of housing need to have better access and assistance from the agencies. The agencies need to have some accountability for the lack of aid given to residents of Chicago.
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		Year round jobs
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		Places for students to go after school
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		Prioritize skills training in schools (computer skills, programming, etc.)
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		Ensure residents participate in development rather than displacement
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		Housing that people can afford versus affordable housing because it's based on median income, which doesn't always meet the financial need of residents
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture	Youth	
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture	South Shore Youth	
Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture	Cottage Grove		

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Kennedy-King, continued	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture	Artists	
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		CBA funding to help with displacement around the Obama Center
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		Youth in south shore: Community centers, skating rinks, public pool etc. for kids; More affordable housing, affordable grocery stores; Youth services more than libraries
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		Subsidize artists
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		Funding for arts, storytelling, for kids and parents. CPL could be good avenue. Involve the who community
	Neighborhood Planning & Development, Arts and Culture		Subsidize schools for the arts
	Public Health		Fund more street outreach and emergency response teams to help connect them to treatment
	Public Health	A CDPH that loves Chicagoans—that loves people unhoused, with substance abuse disorders, with mental health issues, poor people—has to invest in care w/o police	
	Public Health	Homeless men struggling w/mental illness in Humboldt Park	
	Public Safety		Programs and outreach for at risk youth targeting males 16-31
	Public Safety		Youth—the community should be allowed to have safe places open to them anytime when in need
	Public Safety		What happened to Talent Search and Neighborhood Youth Corps? They worked!
	Public Safety	Youth in low-income communities that are looking for safe outlets west and South	
	Public Safety		Summer activities for children so parents can be aware and give children something fun to do that are affordable
	Public Safety		CPD does not need more training--provide civilian officers training on what to look out for in victims/how to approach victims

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Kennedy-King, continued	Public Safety	Officers become involved in the community as a citizen. Visit/shop at the grocery stores, read stories to children at the library, attend community events (church services, graduations, school programs, senior citizen homes, etc.). By doing so there becomes a developing shared vision of a beloved community	
	Public Safety		211 for info: mental health, see something say something
	Public Safety		Increase support for trauma focused training for all city depts. Chicago should be trauma informed
	Public Safety		Stop/street signs for safety; patterns with emergency calls (pay attention), more institutions in the community fund organizations, schools, public transportation, safety increase
	Public Safety		Invest in non police crisis response for mental health by expanding the city's CARE Alternative model to take the burden off police
	Public Safety		restorative justice practice/training
	Public Safety		There can be a better job on police patrols at night but in the hot spots part of where gang violence is at
	Public Safety		Why isn't the city connecting with us to promote No Crime Day—August, A citywide initiative?
	Public Safety		Using a more community-based approach to policing, look at models from other cities!
	Public Safety		Defund the police; security on CTA buses; Cleaning vacant lots and <illegible> vacant homes
	Public Safety		Fund the institutions that create safety and address root causes and defund police
	Public Safety		Better schools, better lunches in schools
	Public Safety		Institutions open schools after school hours; safety hubs
	Public Safety		Open schools year round
	Public Safety		More funding for rape crisis centers (Resilience)
	Public Safety		24/7 community centers
	Public Safety		encourage neighbors to engage with each other and build relationships
Public Safety		Community resources, safe spaces, tutoring spaces, mental health resources, afterschool programs	
Public Safety		Funded to health from mental health; youth focus; free home nurse visit, more health plus needs	
Public Safety		Behavioral, mental health when you call 911	

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Kennedy-King, continued	Public Safety		Community resources, safe spaces, tutoring spaces, mental health resources, afterschool programs
	Public Safety	Victims of Sexual crime	
	Public Safety	Youth below the age of 14-24	
	Public Safety	Black men. Trans sex workers	
	Public Safety	People experiencing homelessness	
	Public Safety	Youth with mental health issues are being under-served that's why crime is up	
	Public Safety	Elders. Youth	
	Public Safety	Latinos other Hispanic origin	
	Public Safety	Who is underserved? Youth, seniors, domestic violence, homeless	
	Public Safety	West Side	
	Public Safety	Seniors	
	Public Safety	Black men in leadership	
	Public Safety	Back of the Yards, Marquette Park, Pilsen, Little Village	
	Public Safety	Underserved: elderly, African American, youth	
	Public Safety		More opportunities for communities from different background to have roundtables to break down misunderstandings and stereotypes
	Public Safety	undocumented community members	
	Public Safety	teens and young adults not served well	
	Public Safety	Black communities on south and west sides where schools and mental health clinics were shut down	
	Public Safety	Areas in Back of the Yards, hot blocks: 48th and Wolcott 60609, 46th and Winchester 60609, 45th and Wood 60609, 45th and Honore 60609, 47th and Wolcott 60609	
	Public Safety	Englewood; Black and Brown communities	
Public Safety	Individuals experiencing homelessness who have mental health issues		

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Kennedy-King, continued	Public Safety		Senior need more security
	Arts and Culture	Not everyone reaching this outcome: this outcome needs to extend beyond just children, but include the entire families, individuals	
	Arts and Culture		One idea is to develop arts programs that include both children and parents. Parents that need parenting skills can learn ways to engage their children in positive activities. Also arts, music, visual, dance, storytelling
	Arts and Culture		After school art and media programs
	Arts and Culture		Housing for artists; subsidize arts businesses for artists; arts in school
	Arts and Culture	Youth, teens	
	Environment and Climate		Pass the cumulative impacts ordinance
	Environment and Climate		Restore the Department of the Environment
Malcolm X	Arts and Culture		Give DCASE more \$\$, \$25M in 2024
	Arts and Culture	Students and young people without easy access to downtown or cultural centers	
	Arts and Culture		Are there ways to expand and build programs like the museum passes
	Arts and Culture		Provide stipend for youth to connect with seniors. Ex. Uses of smart phones.
	Arts and Culture		Technology pair youths with seniors. Provide stipend.
	Arts and Culture	Distracted by the reality surrounded in war zones and under privilege	
	Arts and Culture		Mobile app development to include free/informal activities
	Arts and Culture		Partner with artists/organizations in all of 77 communities to provide enrichment opportunities.
	Arts and Culture		Have businesses ready to receive return citizens to help our communities grow.
	Arts and Culture	Children of families under the age of 8	
	Arts and Culture	Make room for return citizens to be connected. Many of them are valuable.	
	Arts and Culture	From support from the city? Low income and people of color	

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Malcolm X, continued	Economic Development		Introduce youth to trade programs, summer/ after school camps
	Economic Development	Unknown individuals to the resources around them	
	Economic Development		Make meetings engagement within times that meet the needs of working families
	Economic Development		Community engagement that's welcoming of its residents
	Economic Development	Financially burdened residents	
	Economic Development	Families with limited time due to having work and family responsibilities	
	Economic Development	Uninformed communities	
	Economic Development	Low income minority families	
	Economic Development		Educate residents regarding wealth building
	Economic Development		Feed people
	Economic Development	Low income and people of color	
	Economic Development	Rideshare and app workers	
	Economic Development		Bookstore in Roseland. Rosecafe.com "Literacy Access"
	Economic Development		Rideshare and app workers should have some wage and safety protections
	Economic Development		Don't focus on W-2 as a way to earn a living
	Economic Development		Provide trade programs within the community
	Economic Development		Provide childcare so that working parents can participate in community
	Education		Acknowledge what knowledge and skills are determined to be a standard to thrive
	Education	Students who experience houselessness	
	Education		Provide housing services at schools and nearby accessible sites
Environment and Climate	Trash cans on public ways on the south and west sides.		
Environment and Climate	People want to not litter; more trash cans would significantly help with this.		

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Malcolm X, continued	Environment and Climate	Young people who have to ride diesel school buses. The state of Michigan is doing school bus electrification	
	Environment and Climate	People with underlying health conditions	
	Environment and Climate		Social housing - retro-fitting existing housing to be green. Social housing and allow for city-owned, community operated housing model where tenants pay cash no more than 30% of their monthly income. Green powered housing.
	Housing		Provide more direct support to people who are deaf and other disabilities to housing resources.
	Housing	Community health workers for housing	
	Housing	How can libraries promote and share your services, programs, etc.?	
	Housing	Policies that reduce evictions - that protect against gentrification	
	Housing	Low threshold housing	
	Housing	Invest more money in the department of housing	
	Housing	Culturally humanity for housing	
	Housing	Housing is a public health issue	
	Housing		Increase the 225 rental units
	Housing	Build more mixed use housing. Stacking all affordable into building, seems counter-intuitive.	
	Housing	Community wealth building infrastructure - under the Department of Development - to support the development of worker and housing cooperatives	
	Housing		Making housing more affordable to minority communities in Pilsen, Humboldt Park, Austin. Or build more affordable housing for low income communities.
	Housing		Solution: The city could invest in green, social-housing. This housing would provide city-owned homes/housing desirable to people of all income levels, created through thorough community-driven process. Tenants will spend no more than 30% of their income on rent.
Housing		Contact church leaders to turn churches into housing.	
Housing		Affordable housing in all communities. Affordable rent prices in sage rental spaces for all persons . Eradicate gentrification.	
Housing	Need to pass the "Bring Chicago Home" ordinance. Include the real estate trader tax.		

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Malcolm X, continued	Housing		Pass Bring Chicago Home and allocate more of the city budget to housing. The housing crisis impacts safety, mental health, and transport.
	Housing		We need to expedite Bring Chicago Home. New revenue that does not come directly from budget.
	Housing		Recovery budget set aside for private homeowners to invest in transition, private "she/her" units/ housing.
	Housing	Build more median income condos. People want to get on the property ladder and SFHs are out of reach. (\$150K - \$400K) with FHA approved mortgages	
	Housing	Tenant protections. Keep people from becoming homeless in the first place. Vacancy tax on landlords.	
	Housing		Have homeowners and landlords turn over their properties sooner if they cannot afford them
	Housing		Chicago spends very little on homelessness every year relative to both the need and to what other cities spend. Chicago needs to spend more money on permanent solutions.
	Housing		The Kindness Campaign has a model of employees not being afraid to reach out homeless campaign.
	Housing		What is being done to ensure safety in shelters where there isn't any privacy? Have you thought of grandfathering in residents and prevent rates increase?
	Housing		Need emergency housing for persons who use drugs and are experiencing homelessness without 311
	Housing		Flexible housing for homeless can get housing in the cold weather
	Housing		Continue to have roundtables so residents understand the "real" capacity of homeless shelters
	Public Health and Mental Health		Invest in student courses around psychology or a class around mental health development.
	Public Health and Mental Health		Passage of treatment not trauma
	Public Health and Mental Health		Redirect police budget to fund mental health services for individuals with records/ that are seen as criminals
	Public Health and Mental Health		Expand CARE alternative team; 24hr drop-off center
Public Health and Mental Health		Fund police training on how to deal with individuals with mental health challenges. Redirect some of the public safety funding	
Public Health and Mental Health		Reform for police officers on how they interact with people with mental health challenges	
Public Health and Mental Health		Mandatory procedure to include mental health professionals on calls with police if a person informs 911 that someone is dealing with a mentally ill person.	

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Malcolm X, continued	Public Health and Mental Health		Include a prompt in the 911 call process about whether or not the person in question has a mental illness
	Public Health and Mental Health		Diversify language for mental health services to meet the needs of individuals who speak languages outside of English.
	Public Health and Mental Health		Schools as community hubs – 24hrs
	Public Health and Mental Health		Increase the social worker-to-student ratio. Open more positions.
	Public Health and Mental Health		Rebalance the city's budget. Need a proportionate budget for public safety and public health. The disparity between them says a lot about our values.
	Public Health and Mental Health		Address racial bias in the mental health licensure process
	Public Health and Mental Health		Decrease wait time in general: It's taken six months for a community member's son to get treatment. Fund youth mental health services to be seen quicker. This can also be through community workers
	Public Health and Mental Health		Funds to improve air quality
	Public Health and Mental Health		Integrating clinics into health care systems/hospitals (holistic approach): Clinics are isolated from hospitals, making it challenging to challenge stigmas around mental health; Referrals from doctors to mental health professionals
	Public Health and Mental Health		City-funded in-patient facilities.
	Public Health and Mental Health		Reopen the six clinics that were closed: Make this transparent, Reach out to CPS, Invest in community health workers with lived experience, not paid city employees. Pay them for their expertise.
	Public Health and Mental Health		Track employees who are utilizing mental health services available
	Public Health and Mental Health		Open more mental health facilities
	Public Health and Mental Health		Address the gap between community mental health and private practice (hiring, funding, etc.)
	Public Health and Mental Health		Fund more opportunities for peer-support facilities.
	Public Health and Mental Health	Youth	
	Public Health and Mental Health	People with mental illness	
	Public Health and Mental Health	People with criminal backgrounds and mental illness	
	Public Health and Mental Health	People who need mental health services	
	Public Health and Mental Health	Youth	
Public Health and Mental Health	Migrants		
Public Health and Mental Health	Black women who are pregnant		

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Malcolm X, continued	Public Health and Mental Health	Communities over-burdened by poor air quality	
	Public Health and Mental Health		Support the mental health of incoming migrants. Decrease wait time. Need more bilingual staff.
	Public Health and Mental Health		Funding maternal health for Black women: Open up more free clinics for pregnant women
	Public Health and Mental Health		Funding city workers/front-facing staff mental health services: Integrate therapy and education about mental health in the training of front-facing staff. (Learn about therapy, get assigned a therapist, etc.)
	Public Safety	The Blue Line from and to downtown feels very dangerous whenever the rider volume drops after rush hour.	
	Public Safety	Blue Line - I have to get off the train due to smokers and threatening people. Also when I exit the train I am usually very afraid to walk to my car around the corner on Cicero. I have taken Uber to go 1 block.	
	Public Safety	We have to clean up communities. Put garbage cans in community. Clean expressway exits.	
	Public Safety		Fund the Peace Book
	Public Safety		Can we make police misconduct settlement payments be paid out of police pension funds?
	Public Safety	We'd feel safer if they didn't exist as an institution.	We'd feel safer if they didn't exist as an institution.
Public Safety		We should fund community training for de-escalation and violence intervention. Stop the Sound Thinking contract	
Public Safety	Police need to be on foot engaging community residents in a positive matter. It makes no sense they sit parked in under privileged communities with lights on. They should be out of the car talking to residents.		
Public Safety	Police need to live in the community they serve or at least in the city of Chicago.		
Public Safety	False dichotomy	False dichotomy	
Public Safety		Is there any concentration on finding the black women that are continuously going missing in the city of Chicago?	
Public Safety		Invest in most vulnerable communities. Treatment not trauma. Peace Book ordinance. Address root causes of violence and crime. Invest in young people. End ShotSpotter contract/Sound Thinking	

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Malcolm X, continued	Public Safety	Take assessment of all the grassroots organizations that are already doing public safety work/ non-violence. No need to re-invent the wheel (fund them).	
Truman	Arts and Culture	Students in CPS, who don't all receive the same quality of arts education	
	Arts and Culture		Require all CPS sites to have a fully certified art educator, and all students to receive arts education
	Arts and Culture	BJ Levy President, Chicago Fed of Musicians Local 10-208, Let's work together! 312-782-0063, blevy@cfm10208.org	
	Arts and Culture	Create microbusiness in the arts to develop current youth to make money. Training all school park districts. J. Foreman 404-290-2175	
	Economic Development		Better pay, safety and worker protections. Stronger regulation of the industry.
	Economic Development		Don't take away the TIF. Improve the process
	Economic Development	CHA needs new leadership, period.	
	Economic Development	CHA. Why are not people in Uptown, Englewood, Lincoln Park Housed?	
	Economic Development		Support cultural corridors and the small businesses that are art and culture focused
	Economic Development	Workers from App companies like Uber and Lyft (majority BIPOC and immigrants)	
	Economic Development		Invest in small businesses and incentivize them to engage and inspire youth
	Economic Development	Develop micro business in the arts. Use schools and park district as education source. J. Foreman 404-290-2175	
	Economic Development	Support independent cultural education to promote youth city pride	
	Education		Make all public universities free.
	Education	Keep safe and peaceful going year-round	
	Education	Youth campaigns for environmental justice, assets, water, parks, mental health and nature	
	Education		Civics education for city level government
	Education		Support public health initiatives to heal communities
	Education		Multiyear mental health education and services

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Truman, continued	Education	UIC students (and those at other public universities) who drop out because tuition and fees are too high!	
	Education		Micro business training in the arts to reach youth talented, hip hop, street that are now disaffected dropped out. Use schools, park district, after school program.
	Education	Childcare. Families cannot afford care. Children are not getting appropriate care. Workers are making poverty wages.	
	Education		The childcare system needs: 1. \$25/hour wage minimum. 2. Free tuition for workers. 3. Free childcare for families. 4. Pathway to a union for all workers.
	Environment and Climate		Make it easier to get around without a car. Hire more CTA drivers and make more protected bike lanes so we can ride safely.
	Environment and Climate		Fully fund and staff relevant departments
	Environment and Climate		Pass the Cumulative Impacts ordinance
	Environment and Climate		Restore Department of the Environment
	Environment and Climate		Hold powers accountable
	Housing	Accountability and anti-discrimination. Make all units built with LITCH, TIF, CDBG, TrustFund, HOME, ESG, HOPWA, MAUI, and City Bond Funds listed in a searchable citywide database. All developers must report on demographics of who they housed where and account for all money they spent as well as vacancy rates.	
	Housing	Align city with Cook county property tax definitions and land inventory/asset classes.	
	Housing		Vacancy tax
	Housing		Implement a city-run rebate/insurance program to protect from rapid increases. Do not increase the current city levy.
	Housing		We need better accountability for nonprofits running homeless shelters to ensure that they fulfill the needs of the community and do not run into the common pitfalls creating barriers to people feeling safe in using them. Physical safety, security for people's belongings, and being treated with kindness and dignity should be based on feedback from the people the services are aimed at.

Roundtable	Board Theme	Who is not reaching?	What's one idea to help reach outcome?
Truman, continued	Housing		Federal money gets allocated to Texas to support migrants coming into border towns. Now that these migrants are being redirected to Chicago by Greg Abbott, we need to fight for some of this federal funding to be redirected to the city of Chicago.
	Housing	Property owners in quickly gentrifying areas (seeing rapidly increasing property taxes)	
	Housing	Create social housing by seizing bad buildings from large corporate entities to expand and democratize where low-income and affordable housing is.	
	Housing	Create a plan for community creation. Public housing: Release the vacants. Defend the CHA "Footprint." Build back to the 19,000 unit Faircloth standard	
	Housing		Use ARO to invest in affordable home ownership in South and West sides.
	Housing		24/7 Operations for overnight youth shelters. Expand diversion pilot to all youth programs with emerging shelters. Medical respite housing for homeless individuals.
	Housing		Replicate Hub of Hope (Philadelphia) to provide support services to homeless individuals on CTA.
	Housing	Families with young children-ensuring access to state and affordable housing and connecting them with early learning opportunities and services.	
	Infrastructure		Have more trees, benches, public gardens, water fountains, and public bathrooms to make walking around easier
	Infrastructure		Real broadband public education monitor
	Infrastructure		Make all CTA stations ADA accessible. Expand paratransit options.
	Infrastructure	Get cars out of the bike lanes	
	Infrastructure		Slow streets
	Infrastructure		End the parking meter deal
	Infrastructure		Democratize ComEd
	Infrastructure		Install cameras for when vehicles (3-5) drive through red lights - a fine/ticket is issued. Will generate money to buy cameras and increase motivation to not violate transit laws!
	Infrastructure		Bike grid
	Infrastructure		Increased pedestrianization
	Infrastructure	Broadband is so necessary to underserved communities. Not reaching real number of people in Black communities. Comcast program was to	

BUDGET APPENDIX D

This appendix presents the Individual Form that participants completed indicating their prioritization of Community-Identified Budget Ideas. The Individual Form was also available in Spanish.

APPENDIX D. INDIVIDUAL FORM COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED BUDGET IDEAS

In previous years, we heard about major investment ideas that were important to residents and that they were interested in funding. Listed below by category are community-identified budget ideas. We are interested in learning which is the most critical for your community to inform and prioritize budget decision-making. Please select from each category the community-identified idea you think is most important for your community from the list below.

Please note: If you select more options than instructed, your response will not be recorded.

Affordable Housing and Providing Services for People at Risk or Experiencing Homelessness (Select only one)

- Identify opportunities for the expansion of affordable housing development.
- Expand services to persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Youth Programs and Services (Select only one)

- Expand youth employment opportunities and after-school programming.
- Provide more wrap-around youth services.

Environmental Justice/Infrastructure (Select only one)

- Identify strategies to address climate resilient infrastructure and other climate/environmental responsive initiatives.
- Improve the ongoing maintenance of existing infrastructure.

Neighborhood/Community Development and Arts and Culture (Select 3)

- Identify additional opportunities for arts and culture through strategic neighborhood programming.
- Identify ways to expand broadband access to currently underserved communities.

- Transform and leverage City-owned lots.
- Improve language access and accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Identify ways to streamline City services and processes for residents, businesses, and nonprofits such as simplifying applications, permits, and contract processes, and improving procurement processes to increase equity.
- Provide more workforce development opportunities.
- Increase investment and development to revitalize historically disinvested neighborhood and commercial corridors.
- Provide more resources for efficient and effective services to businesses.

Public Health Service and Mental Health (Select only one)

- Increase access to culturally responsive mental health services.
- Address root causes of health issues through extensive public health investments, including investments in family, maternal and mental health.
- Identify opportunities to implement programs focused on serving underserved communities including formerly incarcerated individuals, and immigrant residents.

Community Safety (Select only one)

- Improve public safety responsiveness and accountability such as making the response times more transparent across the city for performance improvement, hiring more dispatchers (311/911), and creating a public input council for police accountability training.
- Identify ways to expand alternate response programs such as evaluating cosponder model for expansion and revising 311 and 911 protocols to determine best response for a situation.
- Increased Community Policing Services
- Identify technology and communications improvement advances, such as improving the user experience of City website and providing more access to data.

Community Engagement (Select only one)

- Implement ongoing community briefings to directly communicate with the public and community organizations.
- Identify ways to engage the community in additional strategic planning opportunities.
- Evaluate the feasibility and determine a possible structure of a community ambassador program to help residents navigate City services and programs.

Please share other ideas that would address critical needs in your community not listed above.

What progress/accomplishments would you like to see for youth from investments in youth in the next year?

How can we improve future budget engagements to better incorporate community voice? (i.e. more sessions, longer sessions, more information, year-long engagement, etc).

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