



What Is “MENU Money”?

Each year, every ward in Chicago receives a \$1.3 million dollar bond that is used specifically for infrastructure-related improvements. This includes street & alley resurfacing, light pole repairs, curb & gutter improvements, speed humps, stop signs, AND MORE!!!

Every 40th Ward resident is given the opportunity to weigh-in on how \$1 million of this budget is used. In the 40th Ward we call this allocation of funds the People’s Budget or “PB” for short. Alderman Andre Vasquez strongly believes that deciding how this money is spent should be done through a civic process that includes the ward’s residents and business owners.

How Can I Get Involved?

Residents of the 40th Ward are encouraged to participate in a variety of ways!

Have the asphalt pothole fillings on a particular street become more of a problem than a solution? Do you think the installation of Speed Humps may put a stop to speeding drivers? Would you like to see additional trees and greenspace? **NOMINATE** an improvement idea on our website at <https://40thward.org/pb>

Join in on meetings with other ward residents to **EVALUATE** improvements that have been nominated **and** to **DISCUSS** which projects get added to the ballot. The budget is not big enough to fix everything at once, but working together we can develop a plan.

VOTE! Regardless of if you got involved in the pre-vote process, every resident and business owner within the ward is encouraged to vote. The People’s Budget is built on community involvement. Your voice matters in deciding how we make our home an even better place to live!

We strive to include the entire community, especially those who have felt disconnected from the political process. The most immediate way that you can make an impact is by spreading the word! Tell your family and friends about The People’s Budget (PB)!

Check out the links below for more PB information.