



2012-2013 Block Audit Packet

Dear Neighbor,

Every year each Chicago ward is allotted \$1.3 million to be used for a “menu” of infrastructure maintenance and improvements in their wards. In the 47th Ward, my office is striving to make the process for allocating this menu fund as inclusive, participatory and expeditious as possible.

I ask that each block in your area complete the following audit. Audits must be completed and returned to the 47th Ward Office by December 1, 2012. My staff will review the data from these audits along with data from the City’s 311 system and city departments to create a list of possible public projects for your area. This list will be submitted to your neighborhood group in January and we will ask the groups to rank the possible projects in order of importance.

While \$1.3 million never goes as far as we would like, we want to know which priorities are most important to you and your neighbors. If we are not able to fund all identified projects in 2013, we will consider them for the following year. I look forward to working together with all of you to ensure that our menu dollars are being spent where they are needed most.

Please fill out the forms to the best of your ability. If you have questions, please call or email Jim Poole in my office at 773-549-4462 or jim@chicago47.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ameyra". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Helpful Tips:

- This packet should be completed by at least one individual familiar with the block being surveyed.
- It can be helpful to complete this packet in small groups so several neighbors may contribute.
- If circumstances on your block greatly change, please note that when we submit projects for your review.
- An online version of this survey is available here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RW6BYWN>

Name:

Block Club:

Date Completed:

Complete this packet as applicable. Please respond to each statement listed by filling in an appropriate number or by checking the appropriate option.

SA = Strongly Agree A=Agree D=Disagree SD=Strongly Disagree

Terrible Condition 1 2 3 4 5 Perfect Condition

Street Name:

Street Number: (i.e. 4200 N Lincoln)

Estimated proportion of... (please indicate as percentage – rough estimates are fine)

Single family homes: _____

2 – 6 unit buildings: _____

6+ unit buildings: _____

Approximately how many residents have children? Preschool or younger: _____

K-5th Grade: _____

6th – 8th Grade: _____

9th – 12th Grade: _____

Approximately how many residents:

65 years and older: _____

1. Please rate the overall condition of the street (area between the curbs).

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

2. Please rate the overall condition of the curbs and gutters.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

3. Please rate the overall condition of the sidewalks.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

4. Please rate the overall condition of the street lights on the block.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

5. Please rate the overall effectiveness and quality of the city street and traffic signage on the block.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

6. The sidewalks surfaces are in good condition not crumbling.

__SA __A __D __SD

7. The sidewalks are largely free of obstruction (overgrown trees or bushes, leaning fences, etc.)

__SA __A __D __SD

8. The sidewalks are not wide enough for pedestrians.

__SA __A __D __SD

9. The sidewalks are well lit at night.

__SA __A __D __SD

10. This street is well lit at night.

__SA __A __D __SD

11. The corner crosswalks are ADA accessible (wheelchair accessible slope, etc.)

__SA __A __D __SD

12. The parkway corners have attractive landscaping.

__SA __A __D __SD

13. The public trees and parkways are poorly maintained.

__SA __A __D __SD

14. This street is mostly well paved and free of potholes.

__SA __A __D __SD

17. Overall, this street is pedestrian friendly.

__SA __A __D __SD

18. This street is bicycle friendly.

__SA __A __D __SD

20. This street has inadequate parking.

__SA __A __D __SD

21. I feel safe on this street.

__SA __A __D __SD

Water and Utility Infrastructure

1. Please rate the overall reliability of buildings' private drains, water service and street storm drains.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

2. Please rate the overall condition of the storm drains and catch basins on the block.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

3. Please rate the overall reliability of the electrical infrastructure on the block (how many outages or other issues).

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

4. Please rate the overall reliability of gas infrastructure on the block.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

5. We notice water leaks bubbling up from the parkway or street on our block.

SA A D SD

11. Many people on our block have disconnected their downspouts and/or use rain barrels.

SA A D SD

6. The street storm drains on the block are clogged and frequently leave water on the street days after rainfall.

SA A D SD

12. Many of the homes and two-flats on our block have water meters installed.

SA A D SD

7. We experience frequent interruptions in electrical service on our block.

SA A D SD

13. We experience frequent sinkholes near sewer structures on our block.

SA A D SD

8. We never experiences problems with gas service on our block.

SA A D SD

9. Our block has service available from all of the cable/communication providers.

SA A D SD

10. The basements on our block flood regularly.

SA A D SD

Alleys

Alley #1

Located Between:

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1. Please rate the overall condition of the alley surface.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

2. Please rate the overall condition of alley drainage .

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

3. Please rate the overall sanitation conditions in the alley.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

4. This alley is well paved and free of potholes

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5. There are overflowing trash receptacles

__SA __A __D __SD

6. This alley drains effectively and is free of pooling water after rainfall

__SA __A __D __SD

7. This alley is poorly lit at night

__SA __A __D __SD

8. Cars rarely speed down this alley (Over 15 mph)

__SA __A __D __SD

9. I see rats regularly in this alley.

__SA __A __D __SD

10. Trucks rarely block this alley

__SA __A __D __SD

11. Electric and telephone wires in this alley are safely positioned

__SA __A __D __SD

Alley #2

Located Between:

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1. Please rate the overall condition of the alley surface.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

2. Please rate the overall condition of alley drainage.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

3. Please rate the overall sanitation conditions in the alley.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

4. This alley is well paved and free of potholes

__SA __A __D __SD

5. There are overflowing trash receptacles

__SA __A __D __SD

6. This alley drains effectively and is free of pooling water when it rains or after rainfall

__SA __A __D __SD

7. This alley is poorly lit at night

__SA __A __D __SD

8. Cars rarely speed on this alley (Over 15 mph)

__SA __A __D __SD

9. I have seen rats in this alley

__SA __A __D __SD

10. Trucks rarely block this alley

__SA __A __D __SD

11. Electric and telephone wires in this alley are safely positioned

__SA __A __D __SD

1. Please rate the overall appearance of homes on your block.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

2. Please rate the quality of new development on the block, if any.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

3. Please rate the uniformity of newer development with existing homes.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

4. Please rate the speed of graffiti removal on the block.

(Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5

5. Most front yards are well kept (not parkways).

___SA ___A ___D ___SD

6. The buildings are in decent condition

___SA ___A ___D ___SD

7. There are many instances of graffiti

___SA ___A ___D ___SD

8. There are visible "We Call the Police" signs

___SA ___A ___D ___SD

9. Buildings recently constructed or renovated are appropriate to the characteristics of the block

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10. The fronts of buildings do not have adequate exterior lighting

___SA ___A ___D ___SD

11. Only a few buildings have tall front yard fences

___SA ___A ___D ___SD

12. Homeowners have visibly beautified the back of their property adjacent to the alley

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13. There are uncared for and/or vacant buildings on the block.

___SA ___A ___D ___SD

