

## 47th Ward Block Audit 2016-2017

### Introduction

Dear Neighbor,

Every year each Chicago ward is allotted \$1.32 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 as many blocks as possible complete the following audit. Audits must be completed and returned to the 47th Ward Office by December 12, 2016. 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 added to our annual menu vote in January or February and everyone will have a chance to vote on which projects are most important to them.

While \$1.32 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 any identified projects in 2017, 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 complete this audit to the best of your ability. If you have questions, please call or email my office at 773-868-4747 or [info@chicago47.org](mailto:info@chicago47.org).

Sincerely,  
Ameya

#### Helpful Tips:

1. This audit should be completed by at least one individual familiar with the block being surveyed.
2. It can be helpful to complete this packet in small groups so several neighbors may contribute.
3. If circumstances on your block greatly change, please send us an email to let us know.
4. It is perfectly acceptable to submit more than one audit per block. The results for that block will simply be averaged together.

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### Your Information

**Questions with an asterisk require your response.**

\* 1. Your Name(s) and Contact Info:

Name

Address

Email

Phone Number

2. Block Club/Neighborhood Group/Organization:

\* 3. Date Completed:

Today is  MM /  DD /  YYYY

\* 4. Which block are you auditing?

Block Number & Direction  
(i.e. 4200 N)

Street Name (i.e. Lincoln  
Ave)

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#### Street, Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters

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

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree

                

6. This street surface has gotten notably worse in the past year.

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree

                

7. The sidewalk surfaces are in good condition.

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree

                

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

Strongly Disagree      Disagree      Agree      Strongly Agree

9. The sidewalks are not wide enough for pedestrians.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Curbs are in good condition and are not cracked, sinking or nearly non-existent.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Water regularly pools in areas of the street where there is no drain.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. Water pools over the entirety of the sidewalk forcing pedestrians into the parkway or street.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. Use the space below to provide feedback on street, sidewalks, curbs and gutters. When identifying specific problems, please be sure to note the exact address of the problem along with any other helpful information.

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#### Stormwater and Water Infrastructure

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

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. The street storm drains on our block are clogged and leave pools of water on the street days after rainfall has ended.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. Basements on our block flood regularly.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. There have been a number of new homes built (or gut rehabbed) on this block within the past few years.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. A majority of the homes and two-flats on our block have water meters installed.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. The water pressure on our block is good.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. Use the space below to provide feedback on water infrastructure. When identifying specific problems, please be sure to note the exact address of the problem along with any other helpful information.

## Alleys

**We have given space for two alleys to be assessed. If you have only one alley to rate, ignore questions #34 to #44.**

24. Alley #1 is located between?

Street Name A

Street Name B

Street Name C

Street Name D

25. The alley is well paved and free of potholes.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

26. The alley surface is damaged at the entrance/exit in the area between the sidewalk and the street (alley apron).

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

27. There are overflowing trash receptacles.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

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

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

29. This alley is poorly lit at night.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

30. Cars rarely speed down this alley (over 15 mph).

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

31. I see rats regularly in this alley.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

32. Trucks rarely block this alley.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

33. Electric and telephone wires in this alley are safely positioned and not hanging dangerously low or obstructing structures.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

34. Use the space below to provide feedback on Alley #1. When identifying specific problems, please be sure to note the exact address of the problem and any other helpful information.

35. Alley #2 is located between?

Street Name A	<input type="text"/>
Street Name B	<input type="text"/>
Street Name C	<input type="text"/>
Street Name D	<input type="text"/>

36. The alley is well paved and free of potholes.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37. The alley surface is damaged at the entrance/exit in the area between the sidewalk and the street (alley apron).

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

38. There are overflowing trash receptacles.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

40. This alley is poorly lit at night.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

41. Cars rarely speed down this alley (over 15 mph).

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

42. I see rats regularly in this alley.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

43. Trucks rarely block this alley.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

44. Use the space below to provide feedback on Alley #2. When identifying specific problems, please be sure to note the exact address of the problem and any other helpful information.

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

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

46. The trees on the parkway are well maintained.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

47. The street and sidewalk are well-lit at night.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

48. The street lights go out frequently on this block.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

49. The alley is well-lit at night.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

50. The alley lights go out frequently on this block.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

51. The street light poles are unsightly and deteriorated.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

52. Cars frequently speed down this block.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

53. This street is bicycle friendly.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

54. I feel safe on this street.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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### Homes and Buildings

55. Most front yards are well kept (not the parkway).

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

56. The buildings are in good condition.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

57. There are visible "We Call Police" or Neighborhood Watch signs.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

58. Recently built or renovated buildings fit into the overall character of the block.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

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

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

60. Only a few buildings have tall front yard fences.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

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

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

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

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

63. Use the space below to provide feedback on homes and buildings. When identifying specific problems, please be sure to note the exact address of the problem and any other helpful information.

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**Miscellaneous Requests**

64. Use the space below to summarize any issues/concerns not addressed elsewhere in this survey.

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65. Are you a member of your local neighborhood group or block club?

Yes

No

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**Block Club/Neighborhood Organization**

**Please answer the questions below about your block club and neighborhood organization.**

66. What is the name of your group?

67. Does your group hold regular meetings?

Yes

No

68. Approximately how many people are involved in your group?

69. Please indicate below on which issues your group is actively involved.

Public Safety

Community Building (Block Party, Potluck, etc.)

Zoning

Business

Schools/Education

Transportation

Other (please specify)

70. Which forms of communication does your group use?

E-Mail

Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)

Phone Tree

Paper Newsletters or Flyers

Other (please specify)

71. Does your block organize any block parties?

Yes

No

72. Is your group registered with CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy)?

Yes

No

73. Do you send a representative to your beat meetings?

Yes

No

74. How can people get involved with your group/club?

75. How can the 47th Ward Office better support your activities and initiatives?

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#### Block Club/Neighborhood Group Interest

76. Would you be interested in starting a block club or neighborhood group for your area?

Yes

No

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#### Neighborhood Info

**This is an experimental element of this survey. Your participation is appreciated.**

77. What is the most important improvement that could be made on your block?

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All Done!

Thanks for completing the 47th Ward Block Audit.

If you require assistance with city services or have questions, please contact the 47th Ward Office at 773-868-4747 or [info@chicago47.org](mailto:info@chicago47.org).