

Pillar	Open Responses from Website Survey question: After reviewing the [Pillar] goals and objectives, is there anything you'd like to comment on?
AC	Carry on! Art is Life! I am a retired architect and urban planner who worked with Mayor Daley on beautification of streets, Chicago Riverwalk, lakeshore, and bridges. Proud to have contributed - happy to continue to help;
AC	The Key Term of "creative sector/industries" seems to be missing the concept of crafts—pottery, glassmaking, weaving, etc. They could be separately mentioned as "crafts" in the long list of options. Making processes for applying for city funding simpler will help. Encouraging private sector support of local arts, deeper than the largest organizations will help too. 1% for art programs, focusing on using local artists and performers to be part of designing, decorating, and celebrating a new development 4.2—what does this even mean? Amplify their marketing? Expand their advocacy efforts?
AC	I strongly support arts education at CPS
AC	Many people living in Chicago are not interested in the arts. Throwing money there is not necessary. Many people are more sports oriented and thus no need to spend money there.
AC	While the goals and objectives are quite broad and somewhat elusive, I 4 with the ideas of getting more support for the arts in more places in the city. This city has the potential to an even better place to live---for everybody---if it would invest in all its neighborhoods. I have some minor nitpicks with the language. In Goal 3, it is stated "Low-income students who attend arts-related classes and programs are twice as likely to finish college as their peers with no arts education." The intention of the quote seems to be to support the idea that we should provide arts education to increase the likelihood of students graduating college, i.e. that there is some degree of causation between the presence arts education and college graduation. This is an obvious case of correlation not _necessarily_ being causation. It could be that the arts lead people to do better in college. It could also be that students who didn't receive an arts education were also not provided other resources and opportunities to learn skills that would enable them to succeed in college. While I 4 with increasing access to the arts, I think that this language should be clarified to not be misleading, as it currently is. It is also stated "Their dropout rates prior to college are exponentially lower than their peers with no arts education, according to Americans for the Arts." The use of the adjective "exponentially" is inaccurate here. Exponential as an adjective refers to comparisons of growth---observations over time, e.g.---not to ratios of two numbers. Again, I would change this language. Something as important as a city plan that has the possibility to become city policy should use words appropriately.
AC	Supporting the arts and culture in Chicago is a key component in improving our quality of life, happiness, and mental health; and nurtures our communities and sense of belonging. Furthermore, it is good for the economy, attracts visitors, and makes our neighborhoods safer.
CCE ED HN	We were very disappointed that the sections Civic Engagement, Economics and Housing excluded any mention of the Native American community or data. Therefore, we suggest that any place in the report that mentions action or focus to lift Black and Latino communities also needs to list Native American. Not doing so is a form of erasure.
TI	Low stress bike lanes is not defined, and no data is provided on "protected bike lane" status in the city. Higher focus on PROTECTED Bike lanes should be made when discussing active infrastructure
AC	Thank you for supporting film and tv productions in Chicago
AC	I've been working on a business that helps create vibrancy in all areas (including underserved areas) throughout Chicago that helps support local artists and serves for the beautification and vibrancy of the city as a whole. I've hit some roadblocks in working with the city on this and would love to speak with someone about this.
AC	Chicago's cultural institutions and arts scene are the key reasons I have stayed in Chicago. Providing expression through arts both helps marginalized communities but also adds to the value of our city.
AC	This is a super idea to bring Art and Culture to every sector of Chicago.
TI	Introduction: we don't need to maintain current systems, we need to transform them! The order of the items in the first paragraph should be carefully planned and explained and linked to the goals. Key Term for Universal Accessibility is a good statement! Data: In the top graph, what does "areas most impacted by roadway infrastructure mean? Impacted in what way? In bottom graph, does the title really mean the same thing as the label for the data? Not clear how this data translates to this conclusion. Goal 1 Obj. 1.2 Since both transportation and other kinds of infrastructure are in the goal, this objective should specifically state that is relates to transportation Obj. 1.3 Should be clearer on what infrastructure is being referred to here Goal 2 Obj. 2.3 this might be the place to mention mobility assistance devices like wheelchairs. Goal 3 Somewhere this should mention climate goals of electrifying fleets, both city and city contractors. Goal 4 Obj 4.3 would be more appropriate as 4.1 Obj. 4.2 is not clear...what does "support" mean? And how will conflicts between neighbors' desires be managed? Goal 5 is so important, perhaps it should be Goal 1. Obj. 5.1 is not clear about what it means will happen How does the Plan overall relate to the community quality of life plans created over the past 20 years? When local neighborhood plans are available, how does this plan work with and resolve conflicts in them?
	The Plan Implementation page is only a half page of text. Can that be fleshed out?
	Revise introduction to address - "Less a framework plan than a statement of goals; this document seems to imply it's the plan...CPC adoption implies the plan is complete. How do the goals guide the work of plan, relate to policies and systems plans to plan themes, and how the public can be involved in future work" Also need to relate historical reckoning and trust building in text.
ECE	Replace data page for E,C & E Goal 4 with full page map showing all freshwater resource (lake, rivers, lagoons) and industrial corridors (buffer objective) and move existing maps to new Goal 5 data page
AC	The arts is heavily influenced by your family as well as the community. So, a lot of artistic endeavors is sometimes heavily influenced by your family. Furthermore, if the city conducts surveys about arts and culture, it's pretty well established that preferences differ by region. You want to talk about avant gard works - go overseas or NYC. Just my 2 cents.
AC	Consistency is important.
AC	no
PHS	Proposed revision to Obj 3.1: Expand and sustain equitable, flexible public funding for City public health staff and infrastructure.
TI	Proposed revised Objective 3.2: Mitigate the health, safety, and environmental burdens caused by trains, trucks, and delivery vehicles, especially in communities historically affected by concentrated or sustained environmental burdens.
PHS	Pg. 99: I'm hoping we can note the dramatic disparity for Latinos in uninsured rate.
AC	We treasure Chicago as an art and culture "high" in this country - it's essential to keep it there and grow the category!

AC	There is no budget, no accountability, no measurement of where we are and were and when we will achieve tasks.
HN	Pg. 79: Measuring "Community belonging" is fascinating, but how have described it, asked the question? It would be interesting to see racial/ethnic disparities in community belonging in gentrifying communities.
HN	Pg. 75: Were the lending denials categorized by the race/ethnic identity of the applicant or the community area?
ECE	Pg. 72: I would encourage a re-thinking of the "all 77 community areas" language around housing. It feels like it glosses over the need for equitable housing placement and preservation and the work of affirmatively furthering fair housing.
ECE	Pg. 68: In the table on building-related emissions, what comprises "Other"? Knowing that 70% of our emissions are building-related, can we have an explicit decarbonization related objective?
ECE	Pg. 68: 5.1 "Significantly reduce the ongoing impact of climate change in our neighborhoods" is a very broad objective. Is there a way to break that down into more achievable aspects?
AC	The primary focus of arts should not be to right real social wrongs. They are other paths for this.
ED	Pg. 53: unemployment table on this page, but throughout: it feels like there is an under-emphasizing of inequities facing Latinos, which may not be as great as those facing Black Chicagoans but are still quite dramatic.
AC	Very supportive!
ED	Pg. 51: in the data table, does the Total (line 5) include Latinos (line 6) under White (line 1)?
AC	Laudable goals. I encourage the city to push forward.
AC	There is nothing wrong with promoting arts education, but if the budget is limited it is much more important to promote the core areas of english, math and science. If those are weak, forget about the arts and fix the core skills.
ED	Pg. 50: How will we achieve the availability of quality, affordable commercial space? (Overall, the how of these objectives is something I wish we had more space for)
ED	Pg. 48: I feel like there is a need to dig into why Black and Latino households don't use traditional banks. It feels essential to achieving our objectives.
AC	Each time click "strongly agree," the stars appear for all options.
AC	Art education in schools is a stepping stone to careers in marketing, advertising, food design, architecture, landscaping, groundskeeping, information design, and graphics. It help people learn how to appreciate beauty, our built environment, nature, the contributions of other people and cultures, and to think outside the box.
CCE	Pg. 43: is there a reason we don't have poverty and homelessness data from 2020 or 2021?
AC	This is long overdue and I will do everything in my power to support this initiative.
AC	I think this is a lofty goal. I wonder how the real world application will look and I am concerned about funding to achieve this goal. You have a difficult task to prove quality of life improves if you're raising taxes.
AC	Put an emphasis on creating more music venues on the south side. everyone shouldn't have to come to the Northside to see a concert.
AC	Arts to reduce gang influence ? Reduce violence? Increase climate emergency awareness?
AC	The city lacks the funds to waste taxpayer money on your plan here. It is not taxpayer's responsibility to find art programs across the city.
AC	I feel that we must provide robust music and arts education to ALL of the city's kids. The current fascination with guns can be abated, but not without any competition for their attention. Arts of all kinds - writing, painting, acting, music, etc. - is desperately needed to help all Chicago children see a future and sense their potential.
CCE	Pg. 39 and throughout: would it make sense, in the final plan, to include the ward maps while be using from here forward? Could be important for the long-term viability of the plan politically.
AC	I think improving arts education is maybe the most important goal across the board. I didn't realize it when I was a child, but the great level of exposure I had to different kinds of arts as a child was very unusual and fostered my lifelong love for the arts. Knowing what different kinds of arts were out there through my music, visual art, dance, and theatre classes allowed me to explore my own creativity and seek out artistic events in my community.
	Pg. 12: Is there space to include the late 2007-2014 foreclosure crisis in these structural issues? Arguably it had a direct impact on the proliferation of vacant lots and loss of wealth across Black and Brown communities.
AC	Government should keep its hands out of the arts. You will destroy the arts. Social engineering is a big NO. Equitable arts sounds like you will homogenize art. Arts speak truth to power. Power is in the hands of the government. Government led arts is not art.
TI	Pg. 114-15: What objectives can we look at for the decarbonization of transportation?
AC	Stop spending taxpayer money on initiatives that have no proven positive results.
TI	Pg. 113: How do we define "low stress bikeways"? What is being measured in the 146 mile baseline? Miles of total bikeways?
AC	The vague, almost meaningless pleasant and hopeful language in this survey may please bureaucrats. It is hard to disagree with. However, so far, I have no idea of anything the city will actually do.
AC	Diversifying the arts is critical.
AC	I oppose any government program/spending that targets specific races or skin colors. I worry any spending will go to politically connected friends of the programs creators and wasted. Isn't the city deep in debt anyway. Lets worry about this stuff when we're out of debt. In the meantime let's keep the streets safe and the roads plowed.
	Pg. 10: Including public housing among the structural injustices in Chicago's history. 100% true in terms of it's siting and maintenance, but it was odd to place something that should conceptually be a good thing between redlining and urban renewal.
AC	Not necessary
AC	Big on generalities, short on specifics. I disagreed with the marketing portion because I do not trust this administration to productively use public money following "Chicago not in Chicago" and "Chicagwa" campaigns.

ED	The definition for unbanked and underbanked needs re-working...it is awkward. Photo on page 48, talking about black prosperity, I like small businesses, but why not give us a black woman in a business suit, a high powered and high paid executive? Isn't there at least one? 1.4—so glad to see collective and cooperative ownership acknowledged as a way to build control of community assets and even out ownership options. We could try to begin to acknowledge that this may vary through lifetime too...shared to start out, on own while building wealth; shared when aging to make easier 1.2 is two very different things: financial literacy really tends to make it your fault that you don't understand; which access to safety net benefits fits with access to services in the previous area. Data: really emphasize the fact that white people own 75% of businesses here as only 36% of population—hard to get ahead when the field is so uneven. Nice introduction to the racial disparity—and this disparity underlies so many of the others. The disparately slow income growth rate for black people is important to point out—that we have not made any progress lately with current programs or activities, so really need to STEP IT UP! Page 52—this photo doesn't make sense—show people working or in a trade school or job fair 3.1 and 3.3, how are these different things? 3.2 Good to emphasize employer leadership in improving their employment practices. Why say "enhance?" what does that mean? How about push, require, promote? 4.3 financial incentives – to whom? From whom? Be clear about what this means
HN	For point 2.3, I not sure what "protections" are. Certainly something like preventing evictions during a housing crisis would be a good one. But policies like rent control have mixed results. Rental vouchers have better results as far as I know. On 3.2, we might want to add that we want to create future communities around existing and _future_ transit hubs. I.e. we can create a community by building a transit and allowing for walkable development around it. Places like Japan have done this very well. Goal 4: "Black and Latino residents are less likely to report feeling like a part of their neighborhoods than white residents, according to data collected from the Healthy Chicago Survey." The data that you provide don't support this. They support the idea that a sense of belonging varies by neighborhood. White residents are only 5% more likely to feel belonging than Black residents. The biggest gaps seem to be between White residents (51%) and Asian (40%) & Latino (42%) residents. One might hypothesize that some of this is due to many of these communities being immigrants. Ultimately, I think the objectives associated with this goal are the right ones, but the wording of the introductory paragraph seems at odds with the data provided.
HN	The definition of "historically marginalized" does not feel right—it mentions gender identity but not gender; and it does not explain that the effects have taken place over decades, even centuries... Important statistics shown, % of mortgage loans in different neighborhoods based on race Goal 1 very impt to preserve and maintain existing affordable housing in all 77 community areas 1.1very impt to develop new housing in all areas 1.2very impt to expand housing assistance 1.3very impt to ensure housing accessibility Goal 2 Data: homeowners believe Chicago property taxes are worse than other cities, but is it true? 2.1 4, increase non-white homeownership 2.2—finally, increase community ownership opportunities and collective land and property options (uses the phrase limited-equity cooperative in 2.2.C) 2.3 very impt to increase protections for residents and institutions with rising property values Goal 3 3.3 what to do with city owned vacant land—want to activate, but don't let the rich snatch it all up Goal 4 These items overlap with public health and with economic development; that is good, but perhaps should make the interaction of these kinds of items clear—braided efforts support each other
ALL	I stopped taking the surveys because they all seemed to focus only on the issues in the communities of color. There are citizens hat live in other areas of the city who are faced with living below the poverty level that are struggling yet they don't live in the right zip code.
CCE	Completely defund & abolish the Chicago police.
ED	ED Proposed new goal: The current section of We Will Chicago, mentions manufacturing once. We need a Goal 6 focused on re-building our manufacturing sector. A Proposed Goal 6 for Economic Development: Implementing a New Industrial Policy for Chicago: Inclusion & Industry 4.0 Chicago's was known as the City of Big Shoulders referencing its concentration of manufacturing companies that provided good wages and benefits, and sustained communities in every section of the City. It was this sector that attracted hundreds of thousands of Black workers in the Great Migration. Of course, there was a negative aspect of manufacturing in companies that polluted the air and the land, in companies that pursued anti-labor strategies in the pursuit of profits, and in discrimination against immigrants and communities of color. But overall, residents of Chicago enjoyed a stable and secure livelihood. In the 1960s, manufacturing represented over 25% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
ECE	ECE revision - new goal: Consider adding transportation goals and / or objectives in the Environment, Climate, & Energy Pillar. Mode shift to public transportation and active mobility modes from single-occupancy vehicle trips contribute to the reduction of emissions.
ALL	DATA: Grouping Native Americans with the Asian population does not make sense to us either. As mentioned already, Native American's special trust relationship with the federal government as members of a sovereign nation is not appropriately captured.
PHS	Wonder if it was a typo when you said "reduce contact between community and police" that seems to be a problem. I'm an almost 20 year resident of the city and am contemplating moving because of the insane amount of violence. It's ridiculous that I do not feel safe walking down my street during the day and now have to plan daily activities/errands around when I feel relatively safe. The Mayor's and her administration's response to this pandemic is disgusting and am embarrassed to say that I am from Chicago. Her countless empty promises and belief that hugs will solve the problem is delusional. I never thought I would live in a city where I would be afraid walking the 2 blocks from the local coffee shop to my residence at 7PM. DO BETTER AND STOP WITH THESE STUPID POLLS. MAKE REAL CHANGES AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. ACT LIKE REAL LEADERS.
CCE	I hope this become a truth and that we began to see progress. A sanctuary IN GOD (SPIRIT AND TRUTH) WE TRUST, PUT FIRST, AND KEEP FIRST. FOR THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH AND THIS WORLD WAS BUILT ON THE WORD OF GOD.
CCE	What no mention of preventing graft in the city
AC	The main thing we need in the arts sector is lots of no-strings-attached funding.
CCE	Restore mental health services provided by the city
AC	Please don't only support downtown arts and culture, but also efforts within local neighbourhoods
CCE	Thank you for including the viewpoints of Chicago citizens on this project.
CCE	Ensure diversity and city safety!

AC	In underserved schools, additional art programming should be added as after school programming (maybe 2 times a week).
AC	Chicago ought to continue, increase, extend funding for programming in Millennium Park--such as the Grant Park Music Festival, to which anyone can come to without entry fee. Using existing organizational structures rather than spreading funding too thin into areas throughout the city where there just isn't the infrastructure to succeed.
CCE	No
AC	Increased public art throughout the city and all of its neighborhoods.
AC	Need public arts and culture program, not having businesses and private partnerships take lead. Also need to expand art and culture workers unions and support for them to unionize and have a strong voice in the direction of this, not just their bosses.
CCE	defund the police, put that money towards social programs and public infrastructure
AC	I'd like to see a focus on intergenerational collaboration and mentoring, into the expertise and enthusiasm of older adults in relation to the arts - visual and performing.
AC	Far South Chicago Coalition/QLP is developing the Performing Arts and Culinary Programs
CCE	These are all really great things, I hope they happen.
AC	We need music in the schools!
CCE	How is We Will achieving the engagement goals stated in the plan? I do not think enough is being done to engage residents in the planning process and now plan review.
AC	Increase musical instrument and voice education in schools
CCE	Communication between Chicago and residents should be first class easy to do across all entities.
CCE	The city should focus more on the safety of impoverished areas and less on racial or other historical practices. The crimes that happen certain impoverished areas are horrendous. Maybe even have the Illinois National Huarf in these areas to help provide safe community for children amd families.
AC	The unique artistic and cultural elements of all 77 community areas can be best engaged, appreciated, and amplified in areas where those contributions can be appreciated: car-free, pedestrian areas like parks, murals and installations on streets closed to vehicles, in parks, and in places safe for people of all ages to congregate.
AC	One of the things I most love about Chicago is its richness of the arts, but I believe these should be private initiatives as with every other type of business. I particularly disdain "minimum quotas" of racial, ethnic, and health groups in any field; the arts should be no exception.
CCE	Improving Chicagoan's access to data was a really interesting goal to read about. I want to highlight the work our local Chapin Hall has done with equity-based statistical analysis - I think they could be a great partner in this endeavor! Also, I didn't know much about participatory budgeting before now and it seems like something that would be great to explore in more wards. Lastly, in terms of access to public meetings, I think having a virtual option consistently will be important for the immunocompromised members of our community even as many people are now out and about more.
CCE	Increase parental accountability and punishment when their dependents commit crime.
CCE	Actually do something about the ineffectiveness, corruption, and racism in the cpd. Our police system is terrible. The whole system is rotten, especially the police union.
CCE	This is the most ridiculous text I have ever seen a city publish. This entire plan is reverse racism masquerading as some sort of marxist how-to guide. How about Chicago deals with the insane violence that affects it's residents daily? maybe speak to a single parent who lost their kid to gang violence and see what they think of prioritizing art as pillar number one? Lori: you and your miserable employees are so remarkably out of touch with everyday residents. Your number one priority in the name of diversity should be to invite people who don't think like you to have input. Maybe then we can return to a slight sense of normalcy nudge away from the insanity that is today's Chicago political scene. Until then, we can keep waving our residents goodbye as they move to Florida, Texas, and Arizona.
CCE	The bulk of this section is a recipe for more division and strife. We need to rise above this to create a better Chicago for all.
AC	I wish we would invest more in arts and industrial arts in our schools as well as language arts
AC	Make Chicago a place where a musician can make a living wage being a full time musician. Talk to musicians about how the city can better support them. E.g. Don't allow venues to restrict artists from playing shows at other Chicago venues within a certain timeframe which limits their already low income. Follow the example of New Orleans and everything they do to protect their working musicians with liberal rights to play and benefits like healthcare. They understand that in order to sustain the culture of arts in the city, they must support the musicians.
AC	A special but minimum tax on gambling & cannabis to support the arts

AC	Yes. Regarding the Arts and Culture goals and increasing marginalized and underrepresented arts engagement and increasing wages, I think its important to consider that The financial sacrifices and weight can feel even more tremendous when an individual and or groups have already experienced poverty and or instability in their childhood and adolescent years. The advice and guidance they receive from educators and mentors is often to continue their studies which is so positive. But a traditional fine arts education at a 4 year undergraduate institution can be cost prohibitive even with grants and scholarships. Also a student might not want to borrow as much or at all for their education, in which case this could be perceived negatively by those and even the household they come from. I think the city planning opportunity here is working with for profit and non profit employers in arts to just consider that artists come from all walks and of life and might not carry a 4 year bachelor degree. In terms of a specific arts education city planning initiative, I'd like to see a 1 year online fashion design program within the city's community college network with access to a maker workshop for completion of assignments and hands on experience. Fashion Design education at a private institution can be very cost prohibitive and its often a field that many people realize they want to work in later in life and an online program within the city's ccc network could help a adult pursue this degree in at a lower cost while being able to work part time or full time if they need and or would like too. In addition the employment opportunity for educators, specifically those of marginalized identities would be tremendous. Next, I think would be addressing the tremendous way in which the internet and its subsequent technologies has changed how commerce is done and subsequently how this has affected the livelihood of artists in Chicago and how they be a part of this and apply innovation and or technology techniques to their day to day tasks and operations and grow. In terms of another goal and objective, so many artists in Chicago and around the globe work from home so affordable housing is important and with costs rising sharply even if they are acutely related and not long term can affect an artist wages and save if they need and or would like to. Also, many artists based on rent income requirements might not be able to traditionally meet an income requirement in a neighborhood where their patrons, customers, and clientele are located. Revisiting this area I think will be crucial for the retainment of artists in city planning objectives. Also, many artists start their careers without a family and then grow their family and need more space and may relocate to other places in the world for more space or a better value.
CCE	The leadership of Chicago is absolute garbage.
AC	I believe that art programs should be available to more CPS school especially if the statistic is shown of more graduate rates.
AC	Arts funding shouldn't be limited by race or geography. All people should be able to participate in the cultural exchange of ideas regardless demographic categories.
AC	The Loop is the cultural center for all of us and a source of pride for all of us. I don't live in the Loop but feel strongly that we make sure not to neglect it
CCE	Sounds good in theory, looking for how it's gonna get done and how much it's gonna cost.
CCE	Ranked choice voting will improve civic engagement. Eliminate half the city council committees. And "truth and reconciliation" begin with the police department.
AC	this doesn't really put forth action plans. please allocate resources to the west and south sides.
CCE	Yes, we need city-wide participatory budgeting process or a city mandated ward level PB process.
CCE	Community based decisions leads to a loud minority often overpowering data-based decisions. Everyone should be allowed to voice their opinion, but ruling by who shouts the loudest is bad policy.
AC	Arts and culture are very important, but I don't want emphasis on arts and culture funding in place of funding for affordable daycare, affordable mental health resources, school funding, and elimination of lead pipes and the like.
AC	Fund art programs at all schools equally.
AC	Let the areas define their own interests and support them by reducing barriers that don't work locally.
AC	It would be wonderful to provide each school with required art appreciation classes.
AC	You need to provide continued relief grants to artists impacted by Covid. THE PANDEMIC IS STILL HERE, PEOPLE.
AC	1) CPS will be governed by an elected board and needs to make their own decisions based on their funding. 2) The City does not have money to support these programs on an on going basis.
AC	Pay artists to do art full-time for the city.
AC	I think more grants to help provide pay equity in the arts will be the most effective at meeting these goals.
AC	The city should actively recruit black artist to work on projects throughout the city
AC	Reply on community artists that have been integral in their community growth and expression. Don't bring artists to a community they have to establish relation with.
AC	Build the el paseo trail in Pilsen and fill it with art.
AC	The We Will Chicago plan should specifically look at cultural and arts venues and creation that is often overlooked, specifically nightlife. Chicago has an extremely vibrant nightlife scene that should be supported for both local producers and consumers and as an attraction. Chicago needs to reinvest in its music scene--specifically its house music, jazz, blues, and classical music. These are stand out nationally and internationally. Further, the systems that support this such as business operating hours (allow for some very late night venues), more late night transit, access to late night amenities like food etc. should all be explored. Additionally, the plan should outline how the city can capitalize on exiting underused commercial and former industrial infrastructure to facilitate the creation of new and exciting venues. Chicago very much has the bones to be an American Berlin and should explore those options. Additionally, very late night venues may thrive in otherwise commercial areas where low resident populations are less likely to be disturbed by the presence of late night venues. This is an opportunity to breath life into areas like the Financial and Theater District all day.
CCE	Why haven't you all engaged with CAICC and the American Indian Center? Native Americans are locked out of discussions of land use, community engagement, and representation.
CCE	In collaborating with community groups, we need to make sure that we don;t build on existing inequities in terms of which groups already have a strong relationship with the city and existing politicians. Not all community groups are necessarily progressive or about social justice.
CCE	In order to better support communities of color, the gang database needs to be dismantled as it is a racist surveillance tool that includes innocent residents falsely associated with gangs that creates barriers to housing and employment, and increases the harassment by the CPD.

CCE	After reviewing the Civic and Community Engagement goals and objectives I think it would be wonderful to see more support for community media. CAN TV and other public access channels can be and are a wonderful resource also to have marginalized persons and vulnerable persons of all identities produce relevant community content and have their voice heard. I think one of the major things that can keep people from wanting to be more engaged in Civic and democratic processes is the rate of change in government organizations and or NGO's often on a large scale. Encouraging educational messages for city residents regarding what they can do at a personal and city level and opportunities available to them are and can continue to be wonderful steps. City wide poetry and spoken word poetry slams can also be wonderful at helping individuals of all ages and backgrounds express themselves. In essence, indirectly casting their vote for civic topics by using a creative avenue in a non-traditional format can be a gateway for some to become engaged in a civic process, be even more involved in their community, read educational content, take courses and even pursue a career in civic and community engagement. In terms of city and community leaders at all levels and the public engaging, I think it is worthwhile to consider that knowledge of political jargon and processes can vary. So many public officials, civil servants, council members, community and faith based leaders, special interest groups and nonprofit leaders and professionals often have advanced education. Have perhaps given speeches, attended conferences, have meetings etc and are familiar with civic and community engagement terms, jargon and may possess a certain level of formal etiquette. However, this might not necessarily be the same for every city resident and the breadth of socio-economic backgrounds, communication styles, comfort and confidence levels. In addition, displeasure regarding policies and decisions on the city level, for example perhaps the cost of a project, school related topics and other such city related topics can be frustrating for individuals and families. When asked to and or given the opportunity to talk about them and give feedback they might not know how to express themselves with formal civic etiquette and jargon that might come natural to a public servant/official and help them be perceived as an equal, relatable and credible source of feedback regarding a policy, source of ideas or community representative. Additionally, the need to respond to or take action on an issue can require substantial and tremendous critical thinking and subsequent logistics for both city agencies and community residents. Virtual community engagement and volunteer opportunities can take many forms and might reach more homebound individuals, those meeting their house arrest commitments, utilize a mobility device, caregivers etc.
CCE	Eliminate the alderman role and create ward groupings that are geographically coherent. I called Dept of Sanitation as my garbage can lid has been broken off and after weeks of no response was told to call my alderman's office. Problem solved - but why introduce that complicated and expensive layer? Why so much graft by politicians? It's all about opportunity. Make our city work by eliminating this unnecessary bureaucracy.
CCE	Need involvement of unions and labor movement!
CCE	There is SO much here. These are great goals, but it seems like they need to be pared down.
CCE	Be accountable to residents and explain the ward maps drawing process, its objectives, and how well it's working. We hear the outrage over wards shaped like lobsters and Q-tips, but we don't hear the rationale, and we are frustrated with the lack of transparency. People are more reasonable than politicians give us credit for - we understand district drawing is complicated, but we would like to be part of the process.
CCE	Whenever I've seen data about these surveys, it's startling how much the north side is represented over the south and west sides. I find out about these surveys from my former alderperson's newsletter. My current alder person doesn't have a regular newsletter, nor does the alder person in the district that I teach in. Mandating (and providing resources for) alderpeople to make weekly newsletters could be one way to increase access to all Chicagoans? (I know that this is also a privileges point of access - email newsletters - but it's just one idea). Please prioritize making sure all surveys are representative of the entire city in a variety of ways.
ECE	Climate control is essential but so is current better breathing. Thanks for the survey.
CCE	equal opportunity for Women programs and grants
CCE	The chart on page 43 regarding poverty says something different than what the title says. Poverty #s in most categories have dropped (except Am. Indian). In four years those are highly impressive #s. Represent data accurately. The forces that impact trust in government are beyond the City's control (social media, technology). Some of these issues are good to identify but difficult (maybe foolish) to try to address.
CCE	Chicago should also, beyond being a Sanctuary City, be a city that welcomes refugees and ensures their prosperity. There is a need to reform the aldermanic system.
CCE	I think neighborhood residents need more power when it comes to approval / disapproval of developments that are financed by large companies / non-residents. When it comes to data recording, I wish there were a way to pinpoint locations on a map and say "Observed crime" / "Felt unsafe" / "Saw homeless person" / "Ghost bus" / Etc. 311 kind of serves this purpose for infrastructure.
CCE	do not want decisions based on race/religion
CCE	These are very lofty goals without clear direction. Over promising tends to leave a bad taste in peoples mouths. Focusing efforts on alderperson community engagement is vital, as well as keeping residents informed on the redistricting of the wards. Residents should have multiple ways to engage the city and an explicit breakdown of city departments. Alderpersons and city officials should be reachable and responsive.
CCE	Thanks for opportunity to share. I would like to suggest the city expand its collaboration with LISC connected agencies to better understand what the needs may be in the the varied communities these LISC organizations represent. The LISC network of neighborhood agencies which is represented in 1Chi4All is rooted in decades of community engagement which has lead to continual resident representation through the development of Community Quality of Life Plans where community member's voices were formalized in publication and residents voices then were legitimized and amplified to better serve them in the political process. Helping communities develop for themselves Quality of Life Plans focuses resident energy that leads to solutions. Here's an example of a plan that's still used today. https://nnp.org/quality-of-life-plan/
CCE	I wish to have Maurice Cox contact me. My book, Unified Philosophy: Interdisciplinary Metaphysics, Ethics, and Liberal Arts, 3rd edition, would support the 20 or 15 minute neighborhood.
CCE	This goal seems less about measurable outcomes and more like building our future city around inclusion. I am all for letting the racist practices of the past stay in the past. I am also all for reconciliation but in measurable ways - how do we promote something like fair housing when we allow developers a way out of having to provide those units?

CCE	It is crucial there be empirical metrics aligned with each goal, ideally more than one and whenever possible RATES rather than simple COUNTS. Just as important, there should be national / international benchmarks against which to assess our progress; at minimum, targets must be established to help determine if progress is being made. Finally, ongoing results must be publicly available. Many of these goals are general and vague as written. Metrics will help transform those into pragmatic levers of change.
CCE	City departments that interact with the public should invest more in technology assets. The Chi311 app is one of the best things the City of Chicago has ever created for its residents. Similar apps and technologies should be prioritized for those of us who need to get building permits, zoning certificates, etc. And of course, more than anybody, the city clerk's office. This plan would be a good place to encourage a digital-first mindset for all departments!
CCE	Stop spending taxpayer money on initiatives that have no proven positive results. And stop being divisive! No one is being excluded from anything based on their ethnicity. And stop trying to undermine federal immigration law!
CCE	I am wondering why gender and LGBTQ issues aren't being addressed regarding equity issues?
CCE	I am sorry to say that You all are not off to a good start with this city plan. These surveys offer the same pleasant-sounding vague platitudes with a side of nonsense terminology that has been trotted out before to please bureaucrats, move money, but actually do nothing that works on the street for actual people. Please come to the population of Chicago with concrete plans?
CCE	Race specific policies are racist. The cure to past racism is not more racism. All allusions to "equity" seem to involve marxist ideas and I strongly oppose them. Chicago should not be a "sanctuary city." Immigration should be left to the feds. Non citizens do not deserve the same gov services of as american citizens. Existing laws should be enforced strongly. No illinois or chicago tax money should be spent on non citizens. Its not feasible on paper nor is it feasible in the real world. A city full of illegal aliens will only cause problems for the city. Especially because both the city and the state have budgets in the red and pension liabilities.
CCE	Make it a rule that a %of community improvement money needs to be allocated by the alderman through a series of community meetings where residents votes on their ideas. Resident know what infrastructure is needed in their streets
CCE	The language used in this plan is well done. When implementing it, please don't make it overly "woke" and fall into the trap that Fox News uses to derail everything. For example, "de-fund the police" is the worst slogan ever. The goal of changing police policies is not going to happen if stupid marketing is used. I mean this comment for the entire plan, which I think is excellent.
CCE	The City, especially under Mayor Lightfoot's administration, has failed at delivering equitable civic and community services and engagement. Chicago needs massive reform in how it's government is elected and operates. Specific solutions must include reducing the size of the City Council, establishing an elected police or integrated public safety board, working with the State Assembly to pass laws that allow all elected officials in Illinois to be recalled or impeached. There needs to be far greater accountability than currently exists. City departments like CDPH must be willing to take political positions on these issues. Unfortunately, I am not confident in the current administration's ability to deliver on this. Additionally, more services must be brought back into city government. This includes ending the habit of contracting out services, which results in underpaid, overworked employees and it makes services hard to find and coordinate. Furthermore, it reduces the efficacy of each dollar spent on services due to the need to cover the cost of redundant administration. For example, I work in subsidized housing administration, and city funding gets spread across dozens of agencies where it is spent covering the same administrative costs when all of this could be more efficiently spent with work centralized in a city agency. Bringing more of this work back to the city would support good paying jobs, enable employees to grow and become experts in their work, and allow more money to be shifted from administration to direct services supporting residents.
CCE	Any policies Chicago has around public decision making should take into consideration experts and the needs of the city as a whole rather than just those with the resources, time, and know-how to come to city planning meetings. I've seen time and time again projects that would benefit the city and community be crushed because 100 people in a ward of thousands show up to a meeting to complain. Municipal elections already struggle with turnout, expecting major decisions to be made by those who can come to multiple meetings a month is inherently undemocratic and favors the rich, retired, or just those in general who have the time to come to all these meetings. Holding multiple meeting times or in more locations doesnt change the fact that we're placing decisions affecting thousands in the hands of those who can keep track of these dozens of meetings and show up - thats what elections are for. I would rather have public comment on major policy and leave minor decision making (like zoning, installing bike lanes, etc) left up to experts or city wide planners. The city should also recognize when the needs of the wider community outweigh the needs of a few direct neighbors. In the example of bike lanes for instance - 50 people showing up to an aldermans meeting to complain about losing their parking shouldnt drive up costs or divert from the fact that thousands of chicagoans, including those who dont live on that street, would benefit from the lane's installation. I'd like to see more that recongizes how this process drives up infrastrucutre costs, especially compared to other countries, and that recognizes that over-emphahsis on community engagement is inherently undemocratic and places an overemphasis on the type of people who have the resources and time to attend these meetings.
ECE	The City should obtain open spaces from old industrial sites and maintain them as PUBLICLY OWNED parks in perpetuity, and STOP the POPS model of privately owned parks. That POPS model is a mistake future generations will pay dearly for City and PARK Dist. corruption.
ECE	Goal # 5, in addition to the other goals. How are these objectives being achieved? is there a budget for each item? is there a self imposed, reasonable deadline ? Are there departments set up to be in charge to achieve the goals? is there oversight? Are we working towards 0 net energy buildings like Cook county, etc ? the devil is in the details of how this will be achieved! looking forward to the progress
ECE	Most of this would just drive up the cost of business in Chicago, at a time businesses are already leaving and real estate taxes are skyrocketing. More focus on being business friendly
ECE	We need to add and utilize as much green space as we can. We need to restore our tree canopy but with a diverse range of species not just a few trees. We must add native plants on the sidewalks, streets, houses and businesses to mitigate flood and provide habitat and food for all the critters. Empty lots across the city must be turned into green spaces with urban farming /gardening for the community and a place where we can relax and breathe. Also teach environmental education in our schools to have our kids more engaged in the environment and appreciate what we have.

LL	Under Objective 1.1: Consider a new policy on continued collaboration that extends beyond the current focus of annual summits and engages agencies and organizations across Chicago for a more routine check-in.
LL	Under Objective 1.3: Consider a new policy that emphasizes communications and advertising that are framed by and anchored in community-scale successes.
HN	Under Objective 2.3: Consider a new policy to create a comprehensive healthy housing ordinance that proactively checks rental units for health hazards, such as lead and asthma triggers, and ensures landlords fix problems.
LL	Under Objective 3.1: Consider a new policy focused on providing funding to most impactful program partners.
ECE	I would like to see composting highlighted as a specific way to reduce waste.
ECE	Climate change is one of many crises/emergencies that the City must be prepared for. I understand that City staff know that this is a community effort and that residents should be viewed as key stakeholders. Additionally, the City must recognize the extreme trust deficit it has with residents, especially the Black and Latino communities. If the City is going to gain the support of residents, it has to find meaningful ways to SHARE POWER.
ECE	Thank you for Invest South/West efforts. Would love to be a champion of planting 1,000 trees in each of the 77 Chicago neighborhoods in the next 5 years.
ECE	Native oak trees and native plants should be planted on all government properties. At UIC the landscape department removed heirloom plants and replaced them with landscape architect junk plants. Replace or plant more native trees in parks and along the street when new trees are planned. Non-native trees are being prioritized. Inform residents of native tree species, such as oak.
ECE	In terms of the Environment, Climate and Energy goals and objectives, it has become more common on streets (where there are less trash cans) for trash/wastes to be placed inside the uncovered base of light posts. So the strategic placement of more trash cans would help to reduce waste particularly in high traffic areas. In terms of recycling initiatives, increasing recycling rates, having more public awareness campaigns on the importance and labeling regarding material separation at the point of disposal could help. Adapting a different bin format, for example, the Sustainable City Collection by Busch Systems appears inviting and modern https://www.buschsystems.com/recycling-waste-bin-products/sustainable-city-collection/ . A low cost option could be to place two of our current black steel trash cans in closer proximity to one another, and place a black trash liner in one and a blue liner in the other and label the blue can with an adhesive recycling sticker https://www.amazon.com/Recycle-Sticker-Trash-Can-Suitable/dp/B08RNGDRSM?th=1 or and or utilize season proof spray paint and stencil on the recycling symbol. In terms of relieving stress, just getting outside and seeing the city and lakeside beach areas clean and even more pristine could help alleviate stress for so many residents and visitors. In addition, there are many vulnerable individuals such as those who are blind, deaf, utilize a mobility aid, have a chronic condition, are homebound, incarcerated, have depression, struggle with addiction and or are in program, are caregivers etc who might benefit from exposure to plants and flowers by way of exposure to fragrance and touch. For example, a sensory touch and fragrance garden and or greenhouse in their community, and or being able to take home a free flower and pot or kit in a fun and inclusive workshop on plants or gardening. With regards to helping businesses address and mitigate the negative impacts of pollution, many businesses might not be aware of how implementing green initiatives doesn't necessarily equate to expensive or the vice versa cheaper but of inferior quality. In terms of getting city green campaigns and initiatives more exposure, working with local social service and social justice organizations can help get the information to vulnerable individuals, groups and families who need it the most. For example, many city residents might not be aware of the Link Up program which allows a SNAP issuer the ability to double a purchase value at a participating Farmers market, Food Co-ops and Grocery stores and enabled to accept an electronic benefits transfer chip. Since incorporating colorful fresh fruits and vegetables into one's diet is often recommended and can often vary in cost, knowing this information can help save an individual or family money and help to increase overall health and a sense of well being and boost confidence. Particularly so when public interest in plant based eating, green and sustainable living and subsequent business marketing trends have shifted to selling goods and services that may be of excellent quality but costly for a person or a family. For example, organic plant based snacks or the cost of a plant based laundry detergent at a popular health food store versus a traditional one that might not be biodegradable and not as healthy for water quality and aquatic life in Lake Michigan. In other words, feeling like one is able to participate in positive and beneficial green initiatives, the sustainable and circular economy etc as an individual through actions and as a consumer can help an individual's confidence and to not feel as marginalized, much less a vulnerable individual experiencing housing or food insecurity. In terms of green or other environmental initiatives, rental libraries can increase resources of all kinds in marginalized areas in the city. For example, being able to rent an item that will be used once as opposed to having to buy it can help save money. In terms of employment, having more
ECE	Work closely with the Chicago Department of Public Health and Cook County Health, US Forest Service, Chicago Regional Tree Initiatives, about how green space, quality nature spaces, tree canopy can improve human health. The Chicago public should also understand this connection and how essential urban nature is as we face a changing climate.
ECE	Recycle more of what's deposited in bins. Increase electronic devices recycle locations /events. Create Recycle for furniture/mattresses materials even if not specifically a reuse due to bugs and contamination.
ECE	Please invest in transit infrastructure! We need fewer cars on the road and more people walking, cycling, and taking transit. Remove parking minimums and surface parking. Build protected bike lanes. Replace additional car lanes with dedicated bus lanes.
ECE	Expand the L to connect more neighborhoods.
ECE	We need to invest more in public transit
ECE	I have little trust in city recycling being an effective way to mitigate waste, so more support for that system would be great. Also having a public composting program would do wonders for reducing landfill waste, providing resources for green space management, and making access to a powerful green tool equitable.
ECE	It is obvious that no one on project, who has any final say, has ever lived life, in the real world, with real people. All I see is the verbal nonsense that looks good in meetings around tables in offices. If the real Chicago outside the doors of your buildings is to have any chance, some people in power need to open the windows and look outside.
ECE	Provide food establishments recycling services so that customers can recycle packaging included in customer food orders. Even better, create incentives to reduce/eliminate single use plastics and styrafoam at food establishments.
ECE	Please consider a city-wide composting program, one that would give compost waste to urban farms and other agricultural enterprises that benefit our city. The Bay Area in California has some really great city-operated programming to model ours after.
ECE	N/a

ECE	Transportation. Let's see expansion of comfortable rapid transit. Improvements connecting the spokes of our massively radial system would be great. I'm thinking true, center running BRT (or (more efficient and comfortable) center-running trams preferably) that could take you North-South on at least 2 roads West of the loop, such as on Pulaski, Kedzie, Sacramento, Western, or Ashland. Additionally, East-West service of the same kind between lines (like Grand, Chicago, or Washington), and farther North and South where there is not a lot of really fast, reliable transit going East-West
ECE	So many comments: +Goal 1 - You confound geographic distribution of pollution with EJ. Many pollutants are equitably distributed, however low-income communities don't have the resources to mitigate or avoid harm. Your flood suscept. index map is not accurate and is biased by including the same variable (income/race) that you then cite. To not include Albany Park or Norwood Park you have to be kidding! Better check your data or change your titles. +Goal 1 - Community voices are important input HOWEVER, most would appreciate expertise and capacity. Communities are not technical experts on issues such as water and air quality. We want adequate and expert staff not more focus groups! +Goal 2 - This map on air quality and health does it right. There is poor air quality in lots of areas, but social and economic variables indicate vulnerability. +Goal 3.5 - This sounds like pork for a few specific projects. Unless you are talking about MWRD one would think you are trying to send \$ to GreenEra. Careful... +Goal 3 generally - You are slamming a lot of things together here, may want to simplify. "diversion and buying power", "disposal and supply", "building technologies and reuse". I think you overuse "and" in this section. +Goal 5 - You say "mitigate and eliminate" but then you focus on adaptation and green infrastructure sequestration. The only objective that is mitigation is transit and that's not run by the City. Why not have "implement the climate action plan" or "address the climate emergency resolution" or something that actually addresses the goal? This is, by far, the weakest goal in this section. It shows how unseriously the Planning Department takes climate change.
ECE	There is a need for dramatic intervention to fix Chicago's broken recycling and waste management system. Chicago should consider making composting more widely available. Chicago should identify ways to shift power/utilities to renewable sources. Chicago should consider electrification of buildings, requirements for new buildings to be wholly electric, and programs to retrofit existing and older buildings. Chicago needs to ensure that homes are healthy, lead free, and that all pipes in Chicago are lead-free.
ECE	Environmental burdens have always been inequitably distributed throughout Chicago targeting our most vulnerable citizens, thereby compromising the health of those residents that need our help the most. When my neighbor hurts, I hurt; so, a greater sense of solidarity should be instilled in the citizens of Chicago to promote true sustainability instead of prioritizing profit over people.
ECE	more transit, especially a north/south connection on the west side. green infrastructure to reduce flooding does the city recycle what it collects?incentives for electrification for home owners requirements for developers to be energy efficient
ED	Make neighborhoods safe & accessible and economic development will follow.
ED	No.
ECE	Yes, more trees please! Every block of this city should have a beautiful (and environmentally effective!) tree canopy. Also, increase transit ridership and reduce car ridership. Park access is great, but parks are far less enjoyable when you can hear heavy traffic on all four sides and are breathing in pollution caused by cars. Parks should be peaceful public spaces that showcase the area's native biodiversity.
ECE	How is there no discussion of significantly reducing fine particulate emissions from cars? They are killing us slowly and deafening us with their noise. What specific measures are we talking about here? This is so general and fluffy.
ECE	again, you just listed goals and not plans. please do right by the south and west sides. pick up the garbage, maintain our public spaces, don't let businesses that will polite our neighborhoods come here. incentivize solar, recycling, composting, and create programs to share and reuse materials/supplies. incentivize not owning a car and make our streets more bike/pedestrian friendly. let people plant native plants on the parkway without risking a ticket. encourage community gardens. plant more trees, and don't cut trees down when you need to do street work.
ECE	I've heard that tree planting is declining in the city, and I'd really like to see this change, particularly in neighborhoods that currently lack consistent tree cover.
ED	I mean, are any of these goals bad? I'm guessing your results are essentially all Agree or Strongly Agree. What information are you gathering from this?
ECE	More dense, more developed and more walkable neighborhoods have far lower carbon footprints - environmental review and community input on developments, while important, also has the potential to kill development in the city and expand urban sprawl by pushing it to suburban or rural areas, which exacerbates the environmental damage we were originally trying to prevent. We should ensure development does not pollute or physically harm the neighborhood, but also recognize that development needs to occur to foster the density required to fight climate change
ECE	Allow property owners to lease roofs for solar. Expand CTA rail. Encourage adding above-deck roof insulation on all full-tear projects. Help residents with flood mitigation.
ED	Big goals!
ECE	While I greatly support local communities having a say in development, my concern is with NIMBYism, and a disjointed application of principles throughout the city. Sometimes the overall city must come before smaller communities (i.e. aldermanic privilege to stop bike lanes or disallow affordable housing). As the globe heats up, many more smaller parks and plazas like in Europe would be helpful than giant parks like Humbolt. Why does my 6 unit apartment building have a separate garbage/recycling vendor than the city? Most residents have 0 confidence in recycling being recycled. There is nowhere to recycle batteries or lightbulbs, for example, anymore (library and Home Depot stopped their programs). When I'm in California I see composting in offices and I don't see it mentioned in this plan. We need holistic solutions.
ED	Agreed that the narrative needs to change about Chicago's south and west sides (and about the city more widely). However, the narrative will change when the reality in the City and the communities most impacted by gun violence changes.

ECE	what America does doesn't matter until China and India improve their own envirometal issues
ECE	Focus on all areas instead of just minority areas... minorities do move around the city. Develop programs to clean the city. Fix city rodent issue,
ED	I really like that this emphasizes improving historically black and latino neighborhoods while not displacing current residents from these neighborhoods. This is very important to me.
ECE	I have never seen so much garbage on our streets, highways, and parks as in the past 18 months, and neglect of our neighborhood landscaping, gardens, and parks. As a city, we need to include affordable housing and reduction of homelessness in our objectives for the good of our environment and communities. Construction companies and all building owners and managers are key people in this important discussion; they should be held accountable for helping to keep our streets and neighborhoods safe, clean and beautiful. Also, we need transparency on how our taxes are being used for these goals and objectives. We have been paying that plastic bag tax for a few years now and I do not see any improvements on any scale in Chicago as a result of that tax. Where is it going? You also need to train and support city workers. They have tough jobs and can be treated so poorly. And it is not always about more compensation, sometimes it is just about making their work conditions safer, better, just, and more meaningful.
ECE	Need more specific goals/criterion
ECE	Urban farming is extremely inefficient and should not be considered too seriously. Public gardens are good, but dense neighborhoods that are walkable and have good transit access have a much more impactful role in our fight against climate change. Fight for more nuclear energy in Illinois, as well as solar and wind. We can easily become a fully green state in the next decade if we push for it. Disincentivize car usage as much as possible. Make CTA more reliable and frequent. Look toward the Netherlands as an example.
ECE	One of the easiest ways to cut GHG emissions and improve health is reduce car dependency. Invest in planning that supports people. Chicago needs to look into utilizing federal funds from the GRLI and GLRC that are continually expanding the narrative of restoration and conservation to alleviate environmental burdens and build coastal resiliency (I believe Burnham wildlife corridor is funded by GLRI). Chicago needs to also utilize state revolving funds for water infrastructure (drinking water fund and clean water fund) as well as support public utilities to reduce the cost and burden of energy and water use. Home hardening programs need to be initiated. And none of these things will matter unless there is a mechanism of accountability for offenders and polluters - as well as accountability for the city executing this timeline appropriately. This sounds like a lot of talk without a single action identifiable.
ED	All of this is hugely important and will directly reduce crime throughout the city.
ECE	Chicago needs a secure energy future with the cheapest, cleanest, and most widely available energy for all residents. More regulation and uncertainty for business will diminish our strategic advantages over other midwestern cities with similar transportation assets.
ECE	Chicago could lead in green technology - there is a lot of verbiage around race, take bold steps to go into black and Latino neighborhoods and give incentives for technology companies to build there. Go into neighborhoods that are falling apart and reclaim the land for open space. Chicago is amazing for outdoor space, so more, plant more, lead in this area. Our biggest underutilized asset are our waterways, go bold and absolutely clean them up and support the vibrancy that the rivers will bring.
ECE	Anytime a community can increase free space it is positive and encouraged. But with the thought of safety for the people enjoying these space. The green rooftops was a major example of how we can increase green space.
ECE	As noted, my book, Unified Philosophy: Interdisciplinary Metaphysics, Ethics, and Liberal Arts, 3rd edition, would support Maurice Cox's idea of the 20 minute neighborhood. I grew up in two of them. I want Mr. Cox to contact me.
ECE	Decarbonize now using already-existing technology including three big ones: buses, bikes, and elevators. Electrify everything. Starting with city buildings and vehicles. Then use carrots and sticks to decarbonize private vehicles and buildings. That would mean: improve bus service, eliminate parking minimums, allow dense development throughout the city, build protected bike lanes in a useable grid across the city, e-bike covered storage and charging on every block, increasing car registration fees on private gasoline vehicles to a point where no one will buy them, ban diesel vehicles within the city, ban two-cycle engines within the city, close Lakeshore drive to private vehicles, lower speed limits, no new natural gas connections to new construction or rehabs, incentivize changing buildings from gas furnace to heat pump, incentivize changing kitchens from gas ranges to induction cooktops and electric oven/broiler, incentivize water heaters from gas to electric, incentivize laundry from gas to electric, add solar panels to every possible rooftop in the city. Chicagoans also leave the city sometimes, and while not within the jurisdiction of the city, the city can use its political, lobbying, and economic power to push to electrify metra, increase fast, frequent metra service throughout the day, connect metra to fast, frequent network of pace buses throughout the day, build high-speed rail from a hub in Chicago, and push for a national carbon tax that is carbon neutral, that is to say: tax every source of greenhouse gas, and return every penny collected to all US residents, equally.
ECE	I think it would be smart to review environmentally up-to-date public housing is - it might not be well insulated or have out of date and energy-guzzling heating and cooling systems (and I'm guessing not just public housing but poorer neighborhood houses in general probably have similar heat island issues). Check out research from the Socio-Spatial Climate Collaborative: https://sc2.berkeley.edu/
ECE	I'm not sure why Black and Latino communities were emphasized in this particular goal. These issues effect us all and bettering the city in the name of the global climate crisis is a benefit to us all. If the survey even just used the verbiage of "poor" "low income" "vulnerable" communities, I would have been more engaged but continuing to divide us by race seems problematic to me.
ED	I was looking forward to reading this goal because I thought these would be measurable but alas....Though I am very much in support of changing the national narrative around the south and west side neighborhoods.
ECE	I believe asphalt takes on a bigger role in Chicago than green spaces. existence and importance of cars and trucks needs to be mitigated
ECE	We cannot make progress on any of these issues without educating our citizens about how the climate crisis is already here, so please invest in education about all these initiatives.

ED	The gap in ethnic income is based on education. Even within the same ethnic group, the difference in income is education. This study is not addressing that issue. If individuals are to succeed obtaining better pay job, they must have more than a High School education.
ECE	make better transit access a environmental goal also tree planting is a must
ED	Some of these ideas are appropriate but many are beyond the scope of what the City can afford and should be providing.
ECE	I wish this plan was more race-neutral. Historically, hyper-emphasis on race created division and inequality in our city. I fear we are ultimately repeating the same mistakes under the guise of fixing them.
ECE	While these goals and objectives are great, they are not measurable, SMART goals. These goals need to be tied to concrete, clear, time-specific, and resource-specific goals that can be measured and tracked. It is great to have such comprehensive plans but Chicago already has so many of these types of plans that are sitting on shelves doing nothing. These goals and objectives MUST be implemented for these to mean anything. Equity should be first and foremost and if the city continues to talk about equity without actually implementing it- what does any of this mean? A 311 request for a tree planting should not take years longer to be fulfilled on the south/west sides as opposed to the north side. This plan needs to have real and equitable implementation.
ECE	Chicago is not an island and many of these suggestions while they have good intentions cannot be enacted without regional and national coordination.
ED	"Change the narrative"? How about freeing up the private sector, instead of imposing the will of the administration, and disseminating propaganda?
ED	Yea I believe in order to achieve the desired goal, we must refrain from making it easy to survive without making an effort to provide for themselves. Free comes with a price that's often a road to poverty
ED	The city has never been this bad. The leadership especially the mayor has absolutely failed us.
ECE	Office buildings in Chicago are always frigid. I don't know how the city can regulate that, but it's a huge waste of energy.
ECE	We should be prioritizing being greener, safer and also protecting the city from climate change. People centric and climate centric development should be Chicago.
ED	Create a pathway where the city invests \$\$ in south and west side small businesses. Once the city invests \$\$ it changes the narrative because it says the city believes in this business.
ED	I completely disagree. My family is half Asian heritage and I feel excluded from my community. Blacks and Hispanics aren't the only ones disadvantaged.
ED	This isn't inclusive my family is Chinese and we've been discriminated against for a long time. As a Chicagoan, and Chinatown member, I feel completely ignored.
ECE	New environmental reviews sound great on the surface but they will inevitably slow the rate of development and have a terrible long-term effect on Chicago's economic health. Neighborhood-based groups should not always be put in charge of development decisions, particularly when the development has a city or region wide benefit. It also seems like we should better prioritize preservation of freshwater resources! California and Arizona could come for our water at any moment, and this is an opportunity to strongly repudiate the mere notion of that.
ED	I would love to see the south and west neighborhoods of Chicago become more safe and have better resources for education and entrepreneurship.
ED	It is difficult to promote economic development with Lori Lightfoot's alcohol curfew. These plans do not mention how developing communities of color will avoid gentrification and displacement. And this administration has failed miserably regarding marketing (Chicago not in Chicago? Chicagwa? Please.)
ED	I do not believe that every single goal/objective should have a race-based connection or connotation to it. The entire point of a City Plan is to include a vision for EVERYONE in the city, not just amplify certain groups. Asian, European, and Middle Eastern citizens are completely ignored in the goals/objectives of this Plan, which is incredibly short-sighted and narrow-minded. Put this back to the drawing board, and come up with goals/objectives that EVERY Chicagoan can be proud to support.
ED	The data cited in this plan is very, very misleading. You cannot compare "north suburban" communities to the South Side of Chicago to illustrate a point about racial inequity. That's ridiculous. Also, where is the plan to address crime in the city? That is the biggest obstacle to investment. You can't keep giving away money and resources to underserved communities and NOT address the crime and violence that plagues those neighborhoods.
ECE	Allow more community gardens without aldermen standing in the way. There are many corner lots that need remediation compliant with EPA rules. There are complicated zoning requirements that the average person doesn't understand. Many of these empty corner lots were previously gas stations and they still have underground storage tanks that are likely to be leaking and expensive to remove...leaving overgrown bushes and creating an eyesore. Let the community put a garden on vacant spots without a lot of red tape.
ECE	Stop contributing to higher energy costs and the extreme agenda of radical environmentalists!
ECE	There is a limit to what government can reasonably accomplish. Enforce all existing laws. Do not make decisions / laws based on the skin color of residents. Any reference to race will lose my support. Industrial areas are a source of jobs, so they should not be outlawed. There is a danger of unnecessary red tape and the city's bureaucracy is already burdened and burdensome to its citizens.
ECE	Make it easier for the public to know of violations companies in their neighborhood have committed. Especially companies that have committed air particle pollution since those lead to respiratory issues.
ECE	It would be good if environment, climate and energy goals extended across all neighborhoods and people in the city. There should be more access to recycling (by renters in apartment buildings, and in public spaces, like the sidewalks). New buildings should be incentivized to be "green".
ECE	Stop privatizing public assets and stop privatizing access to public land.
ECE	Would like to see stricter emissions standards, and the reduction of car use as larger priorities. Instead of encouraging recycling it would be great to see it required. Would like methods to ensure the city is actually recycling the material from the blue bins. Would like to see more attention paid to the rivers.
ED	Stop privatizing public space. Stop supporting corporate developers.

ED	Invest heavily in worker-owned cooperatives. Create a public bank. Heavily tax major chains. Subsidize the formation of new unions and unions during strikes. Improve the regulatory environment for labor & tenant unionization.
ED	More advertisement on financial incentives on the south and west sides.
ED	Most of these things could be done through private sector if city removed barriers and regulations; and allowed creative new thinking.
PHS	Safety. Prevention of robberies, car jacking
ED	Institute a Universal Basic Income to lift people out of poverty!
ED	Why would the casino site not be prioritized to the south or west sides, bringing more tourism and employment opportunities? We are saying the right things but given the opportunity we are not doing them. We also have to address the root cause issues (systemic racism, poor education) before we can hope to stimulate investment in these neighborhoods.
ED	In terms of the Economic goals and objectives, it would be wonderful to see the promotion of financial prosperity and wealth building initiatives for vulnerable and disabled individuals. Such as low cost and free education, skills and job training and advanced education and disability enabled learning platforms for both children and adults. In addition, I think it is tremendously important to get feedback from individuals and or their caregivers regarding the economic challenges they face. Additional Dwelling Units to a family home can provide independence and comfort for a vulnerable individual with a disability as the primary caregiver ages but funding for the build may be out of reach for a family, so more city grants and support and city zoning with these individuals in mind would be tremendous. Economically speaking, data and information of all kinds is a large economic resource for residents of Chicago and in our globalized economy in producing a wage and increasing one's overall wellbeing. One example of this would be to expand CPI's digital library technology services budget to include Gale courses which has a dynamic breadth of 6 week online courses with certificates available upon completion for many fields and is available in many library institutions across the country but currently not Chicago's CPL to date. Gale courses are great because so many people want to build their confidence first on an online before entering an in person course. For example within Chicago's Community College. A Gale license (https://www.gale.com/c/gale-courses) in our CPL system would also help with the lifelong learning plan pillar. Economically speaking, improving health outcomes and reducing stress for residents and especially vulnerable individuals is vital. Also economic prosperity and wealth for those that are not comfortable shouldering any debt whether large or small whether it be for education or housing or might explore options later on when they feel more financially secure. I think it is worthwhile to mention because this can affect different industries and their development economically speaking and the ability to attract and retain talented workers of all ages and education levels. Also in terms of economic development goals and equity so many individuals of all ages are just starting to learn about finances and how to increase their financial knowledge and would like to achieve financial goals beyond retirement. Small Business educational workshops and grants can be tremendous also for homebound individuals who would like to participate in the global economy with their own gifts, talents and knowledge base. I also think in terms of the economic pillar that it is key that city planning initiatives focus where most of the economic growth has occurred. For example, technology and e-commerce and how Chicago can participate in it. From publishing an e-book or having an online business etc.
ED	Focus on GOOD job opportunities for areas of Chicago with lower incomes in order to reduce the cycles of poverty, housing and food instability, gun violence, and incarceration.
ED	Please make sure as you're working to spread financial literacy, you are also investing in schools, starting with elementary school and through higher ed. Children need access to this knowledge from an early age, so when funding financial literacy, please give access to children at all grade levels.
HN	Department of Housing to use the outcome of the overall Chicago plan to guide its policies and then funding
ED	I am pro "changing the narrative," but first lots of work needs to be done to address violence and disinvestment in Chicago neighborhoods. We shouldn't turn a blind eye to this and pretend everything is fine - as much as I love Chicago, the level of crime and poverty in this city is astonishingly high for the "developed world." Make these areas safe and vibrant first, then work on marketing - but don't market something that doesn't exist yet.
ED	again, no real plans. i live on the west side and we don't have grocery stores, there's garbage everywhere, and cops harass people constantly. maybe get us places to buy food? there hasn't been any support for west side communities for a long time- the city needs to work to maintain them and make them livable. clean our parks/public spaces, give us social services (food security, housing resources, good schools, health care options, mental health care options, etc). you can't say you'll invest in economic development in these areas while also ignoring the needs of the community.
ED	I think chicago should lower taxes in certain areas to promote development. Especially buisnesses and bear public transportation.
ED	Focusing on living wage is only one slice of the pie. People also need good vacation time, parental leave, sick pay, health care, and work life balance.
ED	I hesitate to promote the south and west side to tourists before the violence is addressed and transportation access is increased. As a long time northwest side resident I rarely go to the south side because it's just so hard to get to on public transportation. I dream of when I will have a car so I can shop in pilsen or visit rainbow cone myself.
HN	No, you covered the issues well.
ED	Stop using color to define people. Black and brown people are just as good as white people. This survey feels like it is marginalizing black and brown people.
ED	My hope would be that the City would look to decrease the Government imposed costs of doing business in Chicago (business license fees, property taxes, etc.) which have proven to be one of the biggest barriers to Black economic development and business ownership.
ED	Has the City or partners heard of a Neighborhood Real Estate Investment Trust? I think it an interesting wealth building and community ownership tool. Urban Institute has some interesting case studies available. Also, how can vacant land play a role in support neighborhood economic development both with short term solution and longer term development?

ED	Investment should happen in areas that have well thought out plans and not just because they have special interest. Barriers should be eliminated in all aspects to allow the communities to create their own future. Changing narratives doesn't happen at the city level, it happens inside the community and each neighborhood has to own that. Moving resources that give the city a better ROI to go to areas that will under utilize or waste the assets makes no sense.
ED	You cannot have growth of any type of a community is not safe. It should be the goal of any civic approach to first and foremost make a community safe. The crime in the southside largely goes unnoticed. If you want to fix a narrative you would have to provide safety. The police has their hands full. Perhaps the national guard presence in the. Communities that need to be made safe is the first step to many of these civi, arts and culture. I say this because no one can enjoy or want to live in an unsafe environment. Safety first.
ED	Investment should be in all races, genders, and socioeconomic populations. Singling out black and Latino populations is racist and shouldn't be tolerated
ED	I wish to contact Maurice Cox. My book, Unified Philosophy; Interdisciplinary Metaphysics, Ethics, and Liberal Arts, 3rd edition, would support the 20 or 15 minute neighborhood. I grew up in two of them.
ED	I think community partnerships & education will be crucial to the Economic Development goals. When I say education I mean programs that introduce kids to things like computer programming - a lot of kids might not know that working in technology is an option (which...is probably a lot in part due to the fact that poorer communities don't have as much access to computers...). But I use this as an example - the a lot of effort should be put into partnering with organizations in burgeoning/strong industries to work with youth to educate about what's out there (e.g. Dream Hustle Code, Black Girls Code, Girls Who Code). And then existing companies should expand recruitment beyond, say, university job fairs - see Accenture's Apprentice program.
ED	Special focus on home improvement. Most my be home owners but are not able to make a lot of the necessary repairs.
ED	Yes. Do you have a moment? So, first I applaud the effort that it took to compile this report. These initiatives can take months (or even years) to develop before being released in draft form to the public. However, this is a bunch of flowery, empty language that ignores the underlying problem at hand. Racism is not a political issue as much as it is human nature. White liberals in Chicago are just as racist as white conservatives. They say "Black Lives Matter", but don't back up their words with appropriate actions. Our city is still more segregated than ever. When blacks move to close to whites, the white flight begins. It's happening all over the city in our schools, grocery stores, and communities. You can almost see the Biden/Harris bumper stickers as they pull off to live in the North Suburbs. Real economics is about fairness and prioritization of resources. We don't need another multi-million dollar renovation of a sports stadium or more trees down Michigan Avenue. We need to make sure that college grads can get SBA grants to start businesses if they can't find jobs at least 6 months after graduation. We need to make sure that white executives aren't using cronyism and nepotism to shut out qualified people of color. Save the cute graphic design and actually put a plan together that tells the truth.
ED	Giving the people of the neighborhood a chance to invest with small dollar investments! When it comes to these mega projects via the invest southwest we should seek to give everyone a chance to profit and benefit from the growth of these projects
ED	Don't be minimizing crime in the dangerous areas of the cities to outsiders. Don't lure tourist targets into gang territory. City is failing horribly at this. Fund dedicated winners with skin in game, get all loans repaid after 3 years to fund next person with a track record of being able to succeed in the real world of business. Standardize on a free accounting software point of sale/buis system so non-accountant entrepreneurs look at their operating numbers and obligations vs using cash register as a piggy bank.
ED	Statements like "especially businesses owned by Black and Latino people" are often read as super divisive by white Chicagoans. I get the sentiment 100% but this plan could do a better job delineating the economic development problems facing strong retail strips on the north side. It doesn't even have any recommendations about downtown which seems insane. Chicago doesn't even exist without the Loop, we can't have a statement in here that makes clear how important the strength of downtown is to the regional and global economy? That it needs to be supported? That it may need to transition to something else as the nature of office work changes? Like hell 'cmon. I really don't have a huge problem with any of these recs but you really should look at adding more!
ED	Consider econ dev that's reflective of the specific neighborhood culture that does not allow for over saturation of cheap stores like dollar tree and too many chain fast food places like KFC
ED	The city should not provide services based on race. That's racism. Is it equitable that boulevards and large parks are not distributed equitably throughout the city? Is it equitable for a dozen police, on a good night, to police 32 Square miles and a quarter million citizens? While other areas, much smaller, have hundreds of police? That sounds like an investment that is not equitable.
HN	If everyone moves out, there is no Chicago.
ED	Lease Soldier Field to the BIG TEN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE for one dollar a year and allocate 50% of ticket revenue for full ride scholarships to Big Ten Universities for CPS students who meet admission standards.
HN	The entire city of Chicago is currently underserved, especially in the areas of traffic safety and transit. BREAK GROUND ON BIG PLANS NOW
ED	I see a lot of "black & hispanic" "south & west side" "equity" but nothing for median income, men, or sexual orientation or identity.
ED	Help should be available to all, not just minorities. Minorities should be specifically helped if they qualify.
ED	Chicago's economic development plans should not be framed with growth as the goal, rather socioeconomic stability and health should be the goal. Framing economic development exclusively through the lens of growth does not necessarily mean an economy is healthy, sustainable, or serves residents. A healthy economy serves the needs of residents and enables them to live a comfortable, healthy, thriving life where they can spend quality time with and investing emotionally, spiritually, physically, and economically in their family, friends, and community. Likewise, Chicago's economic development should not put too much weight on tourism. Tourism does not serve residents. While it can be part of a diversified economy, ultimately tourist services seldom deliver what residents need. Tourism should be a happy byproduct of a well invested in city.
ED	I strongly object to separating Chicagoans by skin color. It is racist and unAmerican to separate people by skin color. I also do not trust government to fix any problems, especially when it centers on the physical appearance of its citizens. If government wants to help they can make medicaid work-currently its broken and useless. They can ensure public safety instead of denigrating police officers. They can provide operating and functional infrastructure. They can lower taxes on poor people. They can lower taxes on businesses so they don't flee Chicago or set up outside its borders.

HN	Stop building new high rises in low rise areas to line developer's and aldermen's pockets. Listen to neighborhood Real concerns.
HN	I want Maurice Cox to contact me. My book, Unified Philosophy: Interdisciplinary Metaphysics, Ethics, and Liberal Arts, 3rd edition, can support the 15 or 20 minute neighborhood. I grew up in two of them.
HN	I agree with this objective "Focus future growth and density in and around transit hubs, key commercial corridors and/or anchors.". However, does this mean only focusing on current transit hubs, etc.? There are parts of Chicago that do not currently have these amenities due to disinvestment. Will we also aim to increase these important anchors and grow areas there too?
HN	Make all new housing projects Carbon Negative. They must take away more carbon than they use.
HN	With the current housing market, many Chicago homes are too expensive and out of reach for first-time home buyers. How exactly will this plan increase home ownership in the city, when, 1. wages are stagnant 2. The developers ultimately control housing costs. 3. Supply and demand. There are big corporations buying up all the land and homes making it extremely difficult for the average citizen to obtain home ownership within the city. Also, the bidding wars, inflation, and other factors.
HN	MASSIVELY INCREASE CAPITAL GAINS & RENTAL INCOME TAXES ON NON-RESIDENT LANDLORDS. Property values collapsing is *good*. Allocate funding to community land trusts actually created by and managed by the marginalized community members & long-time residents of the local neighborhoods in question.
HN	Property taxes have increased astronomically in more expensive parts of Chicago for people who have lived there all their lives. Thus forcing people to move from their homes. If people have lived in houses 40 or more years, their taxes should be capped. This should be in ALL parts of the city not just in low income areas. Where you are enhancing and putting in new things for non paying immigrants and welfare/low income - who is paying for this? Why don't you tell us that so we can tell you how much we really want something. I want a lot of things, but I can't afford them. Everyone thinks things are free, but we working taxpayers are footing the bill. Why don't you ask what is more important or of a list of things list what is most important to you. Then you'd know what interests the city residents the most instead of a blanket, do you like this?
HN	if the city invests in infrastructure, development will come to accessible neighborhoods - I'm not sure its the city's job to force development.
HN	I'd like to see greater attention paid to providing housing to people who are homeless, following a "Housing First" model.
HN	The global reality is not everyone can afford to live everywhere. You need to recognize that to create affordable and sustainable housing over the long run. Nobody has a right to live in the same place at the same inflation adjusted cost for their entire life.
HN	Less support for developers building "luxury apartments", more affordable, mixed use housing higher density around transportation hubs, make these areas friendlier to walking and biking, safer from car traffic violence
HN	Segregation in Chicago needs to stop. There should be a big push and incentives for large companies to invest south & west; All of Chicago should look like the North side of Chicago. West & South shouldn't look as DESOLATE as they are.
HN	If Chicago focuses on being a kid-friendly city, it can be friendly to all!
HN	Many of these areas could be addressed by private sector and not for profits with creative approaches if city had less regulation and was open to new thinking
HN	clean up the trash on the streets. Before the pandemic, service workers would sweep and pick up trash in the streets. That service is gone. There is a lot of trash on the streets like broken bottles, paper, trash under city provided trash barrels. The side walks are dirty and filthier than pre-pandemic. Street cleaning is reduced. Some streets need re-paved.
HN	Reduce regulations so that it makes financial sense to build more housing - number of housing units is the top predictor of homelessness across US cities. Pass Bring Chicago Home and make it easier for all residents to build ADUs, per this article: https://ternercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/ADU-Equity-August-2022-Final.pdf
HN	Prioritizing equity across all 77 communities may be an over reach. Why wouldn't the efforts target those areas that need the most support, knowing different neighborhoods will have different issues requiring different solutions?
TI	Rather than focusing development along existing transit corridors, we need to build more expansive public transit. The south and west sides of the city are not well serviced by transit today. Build the transit infrastructure, and then development around it.
HN	I have some concerns about minority ownership, high percentage of new businesses fail within a short period of time. Also affordable safe senior housing is getting harder to find. I have lived in an affordable senior bldg we had 24 hour security, it was a safe place to live. We had periodic social activities that were nicely done. The building was clean & quiet. It was sold several years ago 1st thing they did was cut out security & signed an agreement with CHA to bring in young residents and it's no longer a senior building. There are more pit bulls than I've ever seen at any place I've ever lived. We had a 20 pound weight limit. The police are here constantly, two young women got into a fight 2 days ago, one got stabbed in the shoulder. The renovation they did was a nightmare, with in 6 months 10 seniors died from what they put us through. We couldn't get help from our alderman who was friends with the developer. There are suppose to be only 2 people living in our small apartments. Now there are 5 in some apartments. That is how Cabrini Green got run down with overcrowding and management not enforcing the rules. There are no advocates for seniors. There are plenty of low income seniors that have lived in senior housing in 60610, 60614, 60657 that are running into the same problems our building has experienced. Oh yes I forgot the rats that are running around our building, keep requesting more rat motels for months. you can't sit in the courtyard at night because rats are running around so much in our courtyard that use to have flowers and bushes until they tore them all all out with just planted a few things looks terrible. Now we don't have AC in the residential floors
HN	Government is not qualified to do anything
HN	Stop high rise development in Old Town.

HN	With regards to the Housing and Neighborhood goals and objectives, it would be positive if the the neighborhoods were revisited for accessibility for vision impaired, deaf and individuals that require wheelchair accessibility and those that are vulnerable (for example Autistic, Cerebral Palsy, require cancer care and have chronic conditions such as diabetes or are recovering from long term Covid and need respiratory therapy. Also, an accessible neighborhood with a good quality hospital particularly now with sharp inflation increases (even if acute) can very costly. Also I think it would be beneficial to have a centralized hub/center for those requiring immediate resources such as housing, food, crisis support, mental health support etc. It's wonderful that they can be googled online, but a especially vulnerable individual, family and or group might not have a cellphone or internet access or might have acute or long term hearing and vision impairments or a physical disability or vulnerability. Even without those things, the correct jargon/query and the right agency or support can be very hard to find. Also, there are extremely vulnerable individuals as well as those that are employed with advanced education and skills and may have housing, but may be experiencing food insecurity due to inflation. In both such cases there may be hesitancy or even shame associated with needing services, so they may delay or never get the information and benefits they may need. Also an individual having to talk about their circumstances and what they might be going through may be very overwhelming. In terms of a vision for Chicago neighborhoods and to solve this problem I could see friendly and cool neighborhood information hubs with both employees and volunteers who will be skilled and knowledgeable in the most critical of basic needs. The hubs could also serve multiple purposes such as serving as a productivity and continuing education hub as well. The most critical point I'm trying to make is that a more casual environment that doesn't necessarily look like a social service spot and just serve that purpose might help to destigmatize needs and be more uplifting and prevent extreme vulnerabilities like long term housing insecurity for an individual or a family. Also in terms of another objective or goal I think it would be great if the city did a survey or revisited the income to rent ratios. Many rentals require an income 3 times the rent, credit, references, and a security deposit and a cosigner. In my opinion, this does affect housing and neighborhood demographics. To have all of those things particularly as a vulnerable individual, a marginalized identity and or student can be very challenging or would require a fair amount of financial education and support which many might not have or are starting to build. In terms of Neighborhood goals, improving neighborhood health outcomes and getting relevant and time sensitive information regarding food, shelter and health insurance and Medicaid sign up dates is always wonderful. Also for many people, the ability to live and work in the neighborhood they live and is preferable to commuting and can reduce stress associated with commuting, reduce travel related expenses and create an overall sense of well being for people of all ages in the city of Chicago.
HN	Housing should be available for those looking to own their own home, and those looking to buy properties to rent them out and not maintain them should be discouraged. There should also be more education and accessible assistance in purchasing a home of any sort, especially for first time buyers.
HN	Universal basic income and good job opportunities with a livable wage to reduce the cycle of poverty, housing and food insecurity, crime, gun violence, and incarceration.
HN	In Austin, TX, there is a program for landlords in to be trained in first aid, mental health first aid, and in aid specifically designed for veterans who might be suffering from PTSD. Please consider investing in programs so that neighbors can help in crisis, instead of police, who have been known to cause more harm in these instances.
HN	When affordable housing gets built in my neighborhood its always studios and one bedrooms, but the housing we are losing is 2 and 3 bedrooms, so the families are still being displaced. There's no affordable housing for people with kids who need more than one bedroom.
HN	It's unfortunate that minority neighborhoods have experienced decades of disinvestment. However, these communities may not be the place that benefits most from pro-housing-densification policies. Make sure that pro-densification policies apply in all neighborhoods so that increased supply can drive down prices in the most expensive and desirable places.
HN	More housing and more density! Building enough housing units to satisfy demand is the only way to sustainably keep rents down without shutting people out of the neighborhood. Increased density also adds to the vibrancy of neighborhoods. Keep property taxes in check - the assessed value of a single family home or condominium when it is bought should be used to determine property taxes. It is not someone's fault if homes in their neighborhood rise significantly in value, and they should not be penalized for that in the form of property taxes that are so high that they can no longer afford to stay in their home. That's how you displace residents. Use the assessed value at the time of purchase (adjust for inflation, though) - not the assessed value 20 years later.
HN	The connected communities act is amazing. More of that please!
LL	Great education should be available to all, not just residence on the north side of Chicago.
HN	Focus on increasing supply of market-rate housing so that housing becomes more affordable across the board, reducing the need for subsidies.
LL	the goals are not specific, can be abused. What is available now? No one knows.
HN	please actually invest in the south and west sides. i live on the west side and we get no city services. our alderman doesn't pay attention to service requests from this part of his ward. our tax rate just doubled, despite the fact that there are vacant, unmaintained properties everywhere, inadequate city services, our grocery stores keep closing, and more. all of these goals are great, but right now the city isn't doing anything to make owning here more affordable or to improve the living conditions in poor neighborhoods. stop converting multi units into single family homes, build affordable units on vacant land or make them into real community spaces (gardens! playgrounds! dog runs!) give folks grants to help pay for them to buy/improve/maintain their homes in poor areas. you also can't say you want to improve neighborhoods without addressing food insecurity, school quality, mental health care, health care, and public spaces- you need to make sure resources are equitably distributed before west and south side communities can thrive.
HN	Parking spaces should not be a requirement for building new units of housing.

HN	#1 priority should be to build more units, higher supply is needed to keep housing costs low. Alderpeople and community organizations have too much power in rejecting reasonable developments for bad reasons. The Pilsen Land Use Commission for example has openly stated they have prevented the development of over 900 units of housing, including hundreds of affordable units, for vague and poorly defined reasons - this has directly contributed to rents in Pilsen raising faster than in other communities that have built more. This pattern of a small group of highly connected and highly active residents being able to torpedo developments at will should not be possible - developments that increase the number of units and affordable units should be generally approved, not subject to an uphill battle and endless review by small groups of highly vocal opponents.
HN	Plan for multi-generation housing. Expand coach house eligibility. Legalize micro homes for homeless. Create more pedestrian-only (in summer) areas. Allow windows as means of egress.
LL	Universal basic income and good job opportunities with a livable wage to reduce the cycle of poverty, housing and food insecurity, crime, gun violence, and incarceration.
HN	quit focusing on race
LL	quit focusing on race
LL	Education is a national emergency. An uneducated public is a detriment to the world at large.
HN	Parking minimums should be eliminated city-wide, and three-flats should be allowed as-of-right city-wide. Density should not be offered as a "bonus" to developers, but should be encouraged by ordinance whenever possible.
HN	Get rid of single family zoning and parking minimums city-wide to encourage more building.
HN	Chicago must ban single family zoning similar to Minneapolis and Oregon. Only allow zoning of 2 flats or 3 flats. Make it easier for developers to build apartment complexes, and easier for homeowners to build ADUs on their property. The only way to quickly and efficiently fight rising rents and spiraling property values is to increase the market supply of housing. Allow for Mix use zoning in predominantly residential neighborhoods to allow for small businesses, corner stores and shops to operate close to residences, to encourage walkable and bikeable communities
HN	Streamline the permitting process to allow more units to be built
HN	I would like to see a clear goal about how many housing units are needed in different income levels to meet housing needs. I think the goal about developing vacant land needs fleshed out a little more and I would like to see something about helping folks with bad landlords/ finding ways to improve the quality of privately owned rentals that are kept in poor condition.
LL	The absence of lifting up educational needs (usually in the form of removing barriers) for LGBTQ+ youth, youth in care, and children whose parents are justice involved was striking. These three populations often have isolating educational experiences and therefore should be deliberately included in the naming of priority populations.
HN	The goals and objectives of this section are so generic as to be almost meaningless. If it wasn't already a priority to increase density near transit hubs, I don't have much hope that the City has the will and fortitude to execute anything described in the plan. Why is there not an objective to specifically change the zoning of properties near transit hubs to allow for high density development by right? At every opportunity the plan mentions the disinvestment on the South and West sides of the City, however, it is not a stated objective to increase the allowable density in those areas of the City. The South and West sides are zoned extremely low density. Further, if a stated goal is to allow for increased business opportunities an objective should be to allow for more mixed zoning opportunities on more streets than just arterials. The Zoning ordinance is written and constructed like a suburban ordinance. Until that changes, there will continue to be large disparities in income and opportunity in our City. I would expect a result of this plan is a remapping of City's zoning that cannot be solely controlled by alderman and is an actual, thoughtful master plan for the City.
HN	Stop making everything about race. If you want more affordable housing, allow greater density, less community participation / feedback, remove the department of housing, cut approval and permitting times, and provide greater clarity to developers.
HN	I only saw safety concerns in one topic. The south side is an undesirable area not because of the residents being black or Latino but because of safety. I believe the major concern should focus more on safety and welcoming of the children and families in these communities.
LL	how will this be funded? how will this be managed? The best part of this is networking existing resources so they can be more effective together.
LL	Stop spending taxpayer money on initiatives that have no proven positive results. And stop being divisive! No one is being excluded from anything based on their ethnicity. All people, regardless of ethnicity, have to WANT to learn.
HN	Homeowners are and have created affordable housing for immigrants...These homeowners are able to pay the mortgage . Yet, many times these established boarding residence in attico and basements are no safe...why not do what you do for businesses. Capital improvement for structural safety(two entrance) . And the identify them as affordable, and allowing immigrants to integrate into the block activities. Large massive housing never has worked. Or buy apartment buildings near stores and public transportation. Make the small not big... Also were are seeing more homeless in Belmont Craigin. We need a shelter plan in place...These are immigrants that want to stay in a neighborhood that speaks their language...Or use the Drug Rehab house in our neighborhood to house them. They are vulnerable and are many chemically dependent...They would be in a shelter and acquire the help they need....Amsterdam does not allow homeless to stay on the street. The shelter than provider psychiatric services and medication when needed.
HN	I mentioned this in my comments on the environmental pillar, but I think it will be really important to review existing affordable housing for things like how efficiently they are insulated and how energy-efficient the heating and cooling equipment is. Upgrading affordable housing to be more energy efficient takes care of two birds with one stone - less harm to the environment and less money residents would have to spend on AC/heat.I also really liked the comment in the pillar about adding more green space to the south and west sides - maybe in addition to more affordable housing that's what the city could consider building on the city-owned vacant lots?
LL	This cannot work. You cannot discriminate against "white", men, and the educated. Focusing on black, hispanic, poor, single mothers will worsen the situation.

HN	The city must use aggressive Eminent Domain policies to seize private properties of none residents (people from out of state) that hold on to building with no intention of selling or fixing them up. Like the building at 448 W. 62nd Street in Englewood. Also, the city must focus on Under-resourced communities like Englewood and Lawndale. Over-resourced communities like Streeterville and Lincoln Park DOES NOT need the same attention paid to it. These communities already have everything! If we're really concerned with equity, the Black and Brown and other communities of Color must get the lion's share of resources.
HN	Cheaper housing options such as modular homes and prefab homes (not mobile homes) to be build in areas where investment is hard to come by this could help cut cost and build homes faster and cheaper
HN	Create a rent control system and affordable housing for home buyers in every community.
PHS	Excellent
HN	I feel like developers have been handed the key to our beautiful city and they are ruining a lot of the character that makes our city so special. There has to be other solutions than just sell to a developer or a building going to ruin. This absolutely needs to be addressed as part of larger city plans.
PHS	Restore order and safety, stop repeating slogans about diversity and equity.
HN	I live in the Beverly / Morgan Park area on the city's south side. I believe strongly added density is needed to increase the vibrancy and long term viability of our neighborhood. I am excited to see efforts within We Will Chicago to increase density as I believe this is needed in my own neighborhood of Beverly.
HN	Most housing issues center around the original owners not having a succession plan such as a will. Therefore, any adult children living there don't have the "investment" in the property and tend to let the property run down. They literally don't own grandma's house. Identify more senior citizen homeowners to educate them on succession planning and to financially help with home ownership upkeep. Raise the income requirement for home owners who are single because they usually don't qualify for any financial help. Also do more fast track demolition for abandoned houses to deter crime and takeover by squatters. Provide assistance to landlords to be able to evict. This is a renter's city and they have more rights than the landlords. This causes more foreclosures because many landlords depend on rent to pay the rental mortgage.
HN	Forcing subsidized housing on stable communities is great way to destabilize them. Very much against any form of subsidized housing, anywhere, regardless of neighborhood.
HN	If you want to retain working, involved family residents, please develop more structured homeownership support systems for single-parent households who are trying to buy a home. For a lot of people, only homeownership will anchor them here, or they will continue to leave the City. Provide larger down payment assistance (at least \$25,000) and something similar to what IHDA offers but no restriction if you still have student loan debt after the grant is applied...common sense that buyers will typically not have large sums of money available for student loans at closing when they're putting what they have into buying and furnishing a home. https://www.ihdamortgage.org/smartbuy . Remove roadblocks for more builders to do business in the City so more homes can actually get built on the vacant lots for those who want a single-family, unattached dwelling.
HN	I do not support giving tax dollars to "local nonprofits." They can do their own fundraising. Sounds like cronyism. If any of these ideas get passed i'm starting a nonprofit and i'll hold out my hand too. Im extremely against any policy trying to racially engineer any government regulations or laws. Government sponsored racism is a non starter. All of these programs sound very expensive for a city near bankruptcy. I think its time for the city to focus on the basics instead of making things more complicated.
TI	Smart moderns architect designs should be used for train stations.
HN	Keep awarding affordable housing organizations like The Resurrection Project or Bickerdike contracts to build affordable housing in gentrified neighborhoods.
HN	Not much for seniors and really nothing for a Caucasian senior
HN	Implement rent control now. Any mention of the effects of tax increases is disingenuous considering that it was this administration raising taxes every year. And this admin cut youth programs and established a youth curfew. That ain't it.
HN	In order to achieve these ambitious and wonderful objectives of the Mayor we must reintroduce mandatory minimums for violent and repeat criminals. To protect and preserve the hardworking men, women and families in the communities on the South and West sides of the city. Thanks for your hard work
HN	Glad that this calls for investment in South and West sides, but would like to see more affordable development in exclusive neighborhoods that already have a high standard of living. Would like to see the elimination of single family only zoning, and an expansion of accessory dwelling units (both where they are allowed and funding).
TI	I like the goals, especially the ones regarding increasing bike infrastructure, increasing connectivity with neighborhoods outside downtown, and increasing sustainability. Owning a car is a burden I don't want, and I'm glad these goals will help me go in a car-less direction in the future.
TI	It is important to create multiple transportation options for people with various interests, abilities and needs. It is just as important to educate people using all those modes of transportation and enforce existing laws. Cars need to watch for bicycles and pedestrians. Bicycles and motorized scooters need to follow rules of the road and respect pedestrians on the sidewalks. Public bikes and scooters should not be abandoned on sidewalks. Pedestrians need to realize that downtown streets are not a mall.
TI	I do not have a car, and, so I rely on Chicago's public transit I have recently been trying to bike more, and would appreciate more protection and bike lanes on the streets
HN	I am disappointed the goals don't specifically speak to addressing homelessness. Too often, if that group isn't specifically focused on, the housing created serves higher income groups with fewer service needs
HN	Chicago's housing policies towards landlords is awful. Property owners get hit with massive fines by trail lawyers which leads property owners to increase the rents they charge. It also means they have to hire expensive property managers in an attempt to avoid fines for ridiculous issues.
HN	Maintain the cha homes alright built. Do not build new ones .
TI	Equity IMO is the safe interconnectivity of all logistics types (walk, bike, public transit, gas & electric cars & trucks to and through all communities.

LL	Grades K - 5 provide foundational knowledge for students. If students are not performing at level by the end of fifth grade, they cannot successfully navigate grades 6 - 12. Much of the violence and crime in Chicago is directly connected to a lack of literacy. This is also generational. Poverty is often the result of a lack of literacy. Unless literacy is addressed, not much will change in the city. Students who participate in the arts and music are not assaulting people on the CTA. They are not stealing cars or attacking people walking in the neighborhood. Parental responsibility is essential yet is absent in many homes.
TI	We have a condo in the gold coast but we also have a house in Cedar Falls Iowa. It's a town of 36,000 people. The utility company has installed high speed internet in every house and every business here. It seems a shame that there are places even in big cities where people cannot get internet service.
LL	Create A Dept of Learning - what a joke. More wasted money. Identify and develop, means form a study - more wasted money. 2017 Statistics should not be used 5 years later. Much had changed. Juveniles are not even being help on charges except for 1ST degree murder. Sustain and expand should happen to ALL communities, if not it's racist. Not everyone needs or should go to college. Let's expand and make vocational jobs just as important. Many people are better and happier working with their hands than brains. Who's paying to create these new learning hubs. Waste of money. What's the matter with schools? They're already created.
LL	Why have most of the CPS libraries closed? The school library is a place where these objectives can be implemented.
LL	Address the low reading and math scores in many CPS and charter schools. Grades 1-5 are most crucial to developing reading, phonics, and math skills. If students are not at level by the end of fifth grade, they need extensive reading and math tutoring before entering sixth grade. Literacy is essential yet it is not prevalent in many schools.
TI	Greater emphasis is needed for biking, walking, and transit across the city.
LL	CPS should be held to a high standard with consequences if goals not achieved. There are few other entities that can continue if not accountable for results
LL	Blow up the current public high school structure. It is not reasonable that 6 high schools hold all of the academic achievement and the other 120 are low quality. Prioritize mixing abilities of students and allow top students to mentor others and bring them along. This is the biggest structural problem in Chicago today.
TI	Love the river walk! I think the city streets should be more bike friendly.
LL	There is no need to create new hubs or an office downtown. We can provide resources, equipment, programs, and instructors to our existing libraries. While traveling I have visited libraries that are fully equipped with 3D printers, audio engineering classes, photography classes and camera rentals, knitting circles, gaming, etc. I know of one of two libraries that some of these things in Chicago, but placing these types of learning and exploring opportunities in every community in libraries would be fantastic, equitable and accessible. There is no need to reinvent the wheel when other countries are doing it without so much red tape.
LL	In regards to the Lifelong Education goals and objectives, I think it would be great to see more support for older adults, vulnerable individuals (blind, hard of hearing and or deaf, unable to walk), have a chronic disease, aging out of the foster care system, caregivers etc who would like to pursue a new career through education but do not know how to make it work financially, when basic needs such as food, housing, childcare, medical care and insurances can take a large portion of their income. Also some careers such as healthcare related ones can require a period of rotation in which case that individual might not be advised to work more than part time, if at all to not compromise the quality of their grades or risk dropping out of their programs which can also be very competitive. I think its important they know the resources available to help them while they pursue education for their new field and transition into it. However, I would say there are many people uncomfortable getting the social services they might need to start or go back to school such as older adults, those with children, formerly incarcerated, young mothers, or fathers etc. In general, in terms of the plan pillars it would worthwhile to revisit the social service process and the steps a vulnerable individual or family has to take to get the benefits they need so they can be confident enough and stable to they they pursue a learning goal, have a career they will feel happy and fulfilled in and be paid enough to meet their needs and save for future goals. Also adults and people of all ages might not feel confident to go back to school and might have had a negative experience or struggle with a particular subject in high school such as math or reading, in which case they might not pursue a certain field or may have to take a core course such as college algebra 2 or 3 times if not more. In such cases I think an individual shouldn't just be failed. They could have come from a marginalized or underfunded school district or a impoverished household where they never got help with their homework and they still have memories of not feeling smart and subsequently failed a subject they might have otherwise passed and even excelled in with a participation based grading structure and being allowed to submit a math problem or reading, or writing assignment till they get it right and are confident in it within their semester. It is also not uncommon for students to be kicked out of their competitive university program because of a citation issue or social media presence (post or opinion etc. Even if it is true, I think it would be great they be reminded of the format it needs to take and complete their program. With regards to social media and higher education, certainly some individuals content can be perceived as salacious and offensive by way of their academic peers and colleagues. The comment I'm trying to articulate and expand on is that university/ institutions expectations and or policies regarding social media might deter students from attending or affect their ability to complete their program, fulfill their Lifelong Education goals and feel like they can reach their full academic potential within the city. I also think it would be great to see the city's community colleges 100 percent online offering's expanded which can expand educational opportunities to those that are homebound but also applying universal design principles throughout classrooms and the city to meet needs of those who want to complete a non virtual college program, attend a workshop, art course, informational seminar etc. Also it would be wonderful that CPI's technology services budget be expanded to offer more services. For example, Udemy, Gale or Creative Bug are examples. Holistic career counseling, art classes as well as support and skills training for those who want to transition to a remote job and would like to find something compatible with their interests.
LL	The Chicago Public Library provides a lot of resources for lifelong learning but I believe not enough promotion is involved. Morningstar is available but no many people really know about it unless your family is into financial stuff. LinkedIn Learning is available for free currently and you can use those certificates for your LinkedIn Profile. There's so much available that can be accessed at home in addition to the music room available for use at Harold Washington Library for those impromptu sessions (I believe headphones are available) since I don't think those are sound proof rooms.
LL	Improve pay / support / work-life balance for teachers. More montessori schools. Build more learning centers at park field houses / build more park field houses for learning / recreation.
LL	It is our duty to make sure children of grammar, high school and beyond have safe learning spaces. Provide national guard in the areas where there is high crime so the kids can feel safe to learn. Also encourage the trades. College is most definitely not the answer for many. The trades (electrical, plumbing, janitorial) are all good paying essential jobs.

LL	I wish to have Maurice Cox to contact me, because my book, Unified Philosophy: Interdisciplinary Metaphysics, Ethics, and Liberal Arts, 3rd edition, would support the 20 minute neighborhood. I grew up in two. I have also done a book, Learning Values Lifelong.
LL	I LOVE that this is a pillar! It's so important. I have a few random thoughts. Re: incarcerated people, I think it's very important to partner with prison education and arts programs (like Rehabilitation through the Arts and the Redeeming Time Project to name a couple) to both foster lifelong learning within prisons, lower the recidivism rates, and also help incarcerated people build connections with folks in organizations outside of prisons so that when they get out they have a network to reach out to. It's really important that we don't leave these people behind. Re: education: I think basic computer programming should be part of the school curriculum. Not all kids will love it, but it's good exposure to logical thinking and also to the field of technology in general. Now the vicious circle there is that a lot of kids don't have great internet or computer access at home...so doing homework for a class like that could be harder...which is why I think it's important to expand public internet access, ideally beyond just libraries and school computer labs. Could internet services be subsidized in poorer neighborhoods, especially for families with children? Just spitballing here. I mentioned this before but partnering with the city's larger companies for mentorship programs or reading programs (like WITS for example) is great.
LL	The city should build on Chicago Public School's high quality second language programs in K-8 grade schools and leverage student foreign language skills from grade school into the CPS High School second/foreign language programs. Create successful dual language learners. High Schoolers could receive curriculum that builds on their second language skills to get those students jobs. Create public schools like Cristo Rey who leverage second language skills to get students employment. Create more public High Schools like Cristo Rey for not only Spanish speakers, but also Mandarin speakers, and eventually other second languages. You need to create more employable students.
TI	Lots to agree with here; maybe throw in a few statements I'd be unlikely to agree with if only to make sure I'm still reading: "Emphasize highway expansion and road capacity for private automobiles," DISAGREE.
LL	I think the plans goals and objectives as presented are good, but found the fact that there as very little mention of the importance of Early Education in Life Long Learning troublesome. Quality Early Education and support for families with very young children is the foundation that needs to be established in order for any of the plan's goals to be met.
TI	More protected bike lanes dedicated bus lanes to make busses on time and reliable reduce street parking for cars
LL	Education is good but there needs to be a decent job at the end. A bureau of labor should be strong to address labor law violations including abuse of 1099 independent contractor designations that allow the employer to ignore all labor laws. Non citizens work for lower wages than citizens and be subject to more mistreatment by their employers. No taxpayer supported benefits for non citizens. Enforce all existing citizenship laws and labor laws to crackdown on employers who hire undocumented workers. Most industry in Chicago has been offshored by billionaires like our governor- or at least condoned by his cohorts. Where are all these educated people going to work? Do not write policy for one skin color or another - its racist and unamerican. I oppose any policy involving "equity." the city should lower taxes on businesses so they dont set up shop outside of city limits to avoid the taxes? Why does so much get built in Bolingbrook when theres tons of vacant lots on the south side? Its the money. Lower taxes, less government programs. Truck traffic on i55 is out of control because its cheaper to own a business in the suburbs. No amount of new programs will change that. The city and state can lower the cost of community college and university credits. It can establish apprenticeship programs within the trades in community college (without discriminating on the basis of skin color).
LL	CPS will be governed by a independent elected board that will have to set their own priorities based upon their revenue. Therefore the bulk of CPS quesitons should not included this survey. Additionally, the City of Chicago should not be picking winners and losers of business development opportunities.
LL	More adult day care for aging seniors instead of these store front clinics. Better day care. Make better use of the schools that were closed under Emmanuel and repurpose them. Especially do something about more trade schools because CVS high school has a lot of wasted space since the buildings are all brick and mortar and likely not to be torn down.
LL	I am a CPS teacher. I've watched my school abandon basic educational standards such as acquiring basic skills in reading, writing, math and science in favor of "competency rubrics" which are purposefully opaque and therefore can be anything one wants it to be. The result is a DECREASE in academic rigor. It's heartbreaking and driven by extremely bright administrators who are manipulating the data to score higher on the school report card. Meanwhile, over my nearly 20 years of teaching at this high school I've watched my students (who are nearly all POC) graduate with fewer basic skills. Our high schools and city colleges should collaborate to create basic educational standards/skills which will then prepare students to succeed in community college instead of being directed to remedial classes where they spend their needs based grant money to learn skills they should have acquired while in high school and then drop out. HELP!
LL	I'm concerned about the impact that some of these goals will have on community-based childcare programs. Chicago has so many high-quality programs for birth-5 children, and it feels like city leaders want to slowly close us down by offering childcare at CPS schools, and now, through this initiative, also at City Colleges, Park Districts, and public libraries (reported by Chalkbeat https://chicago.chalkbeat.org/2022/7/14/23219434/chicago-public-schools-lifelong-learning-we-will-chicago-learning-hubs?utm_source=Chalkbeat&utm_campaign=aaabf7b04c-chicago+chicago+officials+release+city+plan+with+b&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9091015053-aaabf7b04c-1296501930) Community-based childcare organizations MUST be considered part of Chicago's educational infrastructure, and we should be valued as partners alongside CPS, parks, and libraries. Instead, it feels like the city is looking to replace us, which will only hurt families who desperately need our support with full-day, full-year childcare and the individualized, holistic family support that we provide.
LL	We do NOT need any more bureaucracy in this city. Expand access without establishing a new office. And prioritize youth programming and education. We do not need to invest in adults until we have invested in our youth.
LL	Appreciate that learning happens at all ages, but would like to see a stronger focus on CPS. It needs way more funding, and parents often feel left without a voice in feuds between the admin and union.
LL	Have you all considered partnering with City Colleges of Chicago
PHS	Make sure that we are helping homeless people with short and long-term health issues and shelter.

PHS	We have medicaid- it sucks. Fix it. We don't need new programs. Why does no provider in Illinois want to accept medicaid? Medicaid is a failed attempt at public health care that costs 16 billion a year. Why create more agencies? Any law using the word "equity" of attempting to favor one skin color or another will lose my support. Providing tax payer funded services to non citizens will also lose my support.
TI	These goals are admirable and I am extremely eager to see them put into action.
PHS	Have better health facilities instead of these store front clinics. Stop saturating the southside with drug clinics. Let the community on the southside know when a rehab house or other housing is opening so it can weigh in. The southside should not have oversaturation of sex offender housing...the north shore won't tolerate it so treat us the same way. The 19th ward won't tolerate it so treat us the same way. Don't allow weeks to go by without responding to abandoned cars on a block. The 19th ward won't tolerate it so why should we. Fast track abandoned houses or start taking slum landlords to court to fix up their places.
PHS	There are too many goals are being considered. Prioritize three top attainable goals. Number one should be crime and violence reduction which are related to public safety. Partnerships must be formed with administrative, judicial, and law enforcement. Community trust must be earned by police in order for a reduction in crime and all shootings - both criminal and police initiated. The city should consider looking at charging a percentage of police pension funds for civil settlements as well. The taxpayers should not bear the burden of unwarranted shootings, I e., those involving unarmed fatalities.
TI	More fully protected bike lanes please.
TI	This survey is ridiculously designed. Every prompt is designed so that 99% of the city's population will strongly agree. Everybody wants this stuff, especially reducing the number of cars so that people can actually breathe the air and hear the birds, walk around without dying, riding a bike without dying. This is just a campaign tool. Residents want to see action, not more fluffy words and talk. Get on it.
TI	I believe in Equity. Over the last 4 years Federal and City money has been poured into areas that were underserved with transportation and employment opportunities. Equity means just that. We must balance correcting the past without causing a new imbalance elsewhere. It is obvious that the ATA is very involved in making biking the number 1 priority without facing the overwhelming evidence that car use is in the majority. There needs to be safety for all transportation modes but making one more restrictive than another doesn't promote support for long run change. Why haven't you considered building an alternative electric fuel supply system to reduce carbon emissions, real subsidies for converting to electric vehicles and realize that individuals like me with disabilities can't get on a bike and can't rely on the WAV or Curb vehicles that have all but disappeared so we move to our cars. Why not an electric vehicle? Find me one big enough. I can't. And one that I can afford.
TI	More trains and bikes!
TI	I would like to hear how you plan on doing many of these things. This survey is heavy on platitudes and light on specifics.
TI	Focusing on creating a biker and pedestrian safe city. There are too many fatalities and as a biker myself, we need to be protected. Also have a bike/walking path where we can get from neighborhood to neighborhood with trees, plants and green space. This will encourage residents to be more active and reduce air pollution and create an overall more healthy Chicago.
TI	Reclaim streets for pedestrian, bicycle, or public use. Ban non-disabled drivers from driving cars into neighborhood "main street" areas. Prioritize non-Loop-oriented connections. Abolish fares on public transit & increase capital gains taxes instead.
TI	To summarize what I like: More bike lanes, more trains, more buses, fewer highways, and fewer lanes on the highways.
TI	I would like separated bike lanes with more connectivity
TI	Chicago airports, train stations and bus stations are already supported by city transportation. No need for that. FREE high quality wifi should be in all Chicago airports, train and bus stations. Even South Africa has this. Ridiculous the US and Chicago doesn't. Forget creating NEW Transport networks. Make what we have SAFE and people will use. Right now cars are the safest way to get any place in Chicago. Many business were already established prior to houses being built or communities around them They should not be made to pay the price for stupid people building or buying near them. That was a choice people made. The business gets to stay as is. All renewable and sustainable materials are not the same some last longer or shorter than non sustainable materials. This needs to be taken into consideration. Also sustainable materials generally are quite a bit more costly. Who will pay for this?
TI	Separate bikers, walkers and cars. Don't try to make them operate in the same sphere. Focus on public transit options. Open up neighborhoods to more public transportation. Connect industrial opportunities with neighborhoods where workers might live.
TI	I'd like to see more discussion of creating a network of protected bicycle routes and of installing bus-only lanes to speed up buses. I also think the plan should incorporate specific goals to reduce the number of on-street parking spaces and dedicate the resulting available street space to pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit vehicles.
TI	Inclusion of scooters in bike lanes is causing avoidable safety hazards. Electric bikes traveling at 20-30mph in bike lanes is hazardous. Encourage and Enforce traffic laws by bikes, scooters and electric bikes
TI	improve the connection between the blue and red lines at a more northerly geographic site. One must go to the loop to connect between the blue, brown and red lines at this time using the train.
TI	Transit arrival times should also be made more accurate - no more buses that are scheduled to come but never do, trains that randomly disappear from the schedule. When people don't trust the CTA, they won't take it. Also, fabric should be removed from all seats on the CTA for sanitary purposes.
TI	A historically strong public transportation system and innovative approaches to transportation are major factors that distinguish Chicago from other American cities. Unfortunately, the City seems to be falling behind on these fronts since COVID began. Safety and reliability of the CTA has fallen while city streets have become increasingly dangerous for all road users. If we ever hope to decarbonize, get people out of their cars, and revitalize the economies of our neighborhoods, it is imperative that the City address these issues by immediately prioritizing and improving safety and reliability throughout the CTA system, building a connected and protected bike network, and prioritizing safety over vehicle speed when designing roads throughout Chicago. A failure to do so will result in Chicago being left behind by its peer cities, and make the City far more susceptible to the hollowing out experienced in cities across the Midwest over the last 50 years, which Chicago thus far has been able to avoid in most areas, with some notable exceptions.

TI	I am a River North resident with amazing access to the train and the freeway. Unfortunately, that has attracted crime as well, with individuals targeting those riding the el at the Chicago brown and red line stops, as well as car jacking due to access to the Kennedy. Help! How do we maintain the benefit of transportation without inadvertently facilitating more crime?
TI	This survey wasn't a "survey". These were all things the city of Chicago and city planners should be considering in terms of accessible design. All of the questions are things a majority of Chicagoans want and desire in their city. Start implementing them. If you want to have a survey ask people about where they see a need for improvement, what types of infrastructure would be helpful in neighborhoods, and ask more direct questions. Please, please look at the YouTube channel not just bikes. This city could be a gold star example of such a better bike and pedestrian friendly city.
TI	Please consider removing parking minimums (and subsequently removing surface parking throughout the city). This would allow for denser development and would promote alternative means of movement, such as walking and cycling.
TI	Prioritizing transportation and infrastructure based on the greatest need and largest benefit should be the top reason for consideration. The best way to promote green and sustainable infrastructure is by prioritizing active transportation modes, buses, bikes, scooters, and pedestrians. Measures like environment-friendly materials for infrastructure aren't beneficial if they don't have a long operation life. Performing construction twice as much to replace something isn't beneficial in the long term. Investing in electric buses only makes sense if it doesn't have to slow down operations in order to charge constantly. If we desire the primary mode of transport to be buses. It must be reliable and frequent. Are those things possible with an electric fleet? Using diesel buses in order to achieve reliability and frequency is better than electric buses that no one will use, putting more cars on the road instead reducing the benefit of the electric buses.
TI	In terms of the Transportation and Infrastructure goals, objectives and the safer and equitable movement of people, many vulnerable individuals and families don't have access and are able to afford quality and comfortable footwear and socks they need to help get them to and from their destinations within the city. Socially, this is a tremendous barrier, but can also cause foot related injuries, infections and hyperthermia in a winter months. It can also cause them to be denied access to public and or private transportation and travel to the places/agencies to get the social services they need. For a vulnerable individual, group or family, it would be great to have a pick up and drop off site where a person can reserve and pick up a pair of shoes and socks in their size with a shoelace free option (for those who cannot bend down or have trouble tying shoe laces). Additionally, it would be great to see more reminders throughout the city regarding pick up and drop off sites for winter coats ahead of and during the winter season. On the whole, I think a barrier to clothing and shoe accessibility and other various needs and social services in the city is that the information doesn't get to the individual or family who needs it. Assessing universal design principles where they are currently and incorporating more into transportation, infrastructure and information technology to help vulnerable individuals (those that have low vision, are blind, deaf, use a mobility aid, unable to speak, have a chronic illness, homebound and or immune compromised get to and from their destinations safely is key to making the city more accessible and for being able to access other needed resources such as food, shelter, clothing, employment, education, skills training, personal enrichment and fun enjoyable activities. Also a free or low cost transportation pass and more shuttle services for these vulnerable individuals and their families would be positive by lowering and eliminating this expense. With regards to the movement of information, a people centered information café with kiosks that help them with various social services and help to inform them about the latest and newest educational offerings, occupational skills training, grants and scholarships would be wonderful. Also expanding the city's public access television budget and training for residents could also help to move information relevant to residents and provide more opportunities for film and television skills.
TI	Reduce parking. Cars are killing us.
TI	First priority needs to be safety. Current cta is very dangerous. If this is fixed, more people will use public transportation. All people use public transit regardless of race.
TI	Elevators or escalators that work should be available at EVERY L/Train stop. Clean subways and elevators should be cleaned every shift. Public restrooms need to be available to the homeless so they don't use public transportation elevators
TI	Expand the L to connect all neighborhoods. Reduce the size of DLSD. Increase use of red light cameras.
TI	Make Chicago safer for bikers, pedestrians, and public transportation commuters!
TI	Focus on being a global leader and sustainability with these projects, not solely on "equity" (which should follow once the transportation has actual safety measures and is forward-looking)
TI	more emphasis on public transit, rather than electric/renewable personal vehicles
TI	This is not a real survey. Nobody could think it is. Ask actual questions next time.
TI	We need citywide, properly protected (e.g. between parked cars and the sidewalk) bike lanes. I would love to use my car significantly less but I don't feel safe biking in most areas of the city.
TI	More rapid transit please. BRT, Trams, whatever it takes to move around not just toward the loop conveniently and comfortably
TI	A strong emphasis must be placed on safety; otherwise all the other efforts will be for naught
TI	Improve public transit reliability and safety then expand network. Deprioritize car infrastructure. Less car centric policies. Hate driving and would prefer to bike to work and as primary mode of transport if it was safe, only use a car bc I don't have a choice. I hate driving and hate car centric developments here, only ever use it out of necessity. Will move away from Chicago altogether if CTA and bike network doesn't improve to a city that does prioritize these rapidly emerging modes of transit.
TI	The more Bicycle infrastructure we have, the more people will consider using it. Investments in bicycling and public transit pay off for everyone, in improved quality of life and disposable income.
TI	How will these things affect the winter time? Do we have plans in place to assist those with disabilities when there's ice covering the sidewalks?
TI	Invest more in our public transportation system including bike infrastructure to allow people to get to work safely and affordably (and ideally enjoyably). Require any roadwork projects to include making improvements to safety of non-motorized users, regardless of road jurisdiction. Make Divvy a part of the CTA system with regards to payment and transfers.
TI	Please add an objective about safety and security on public transportation.

TI	Nascar, or anything like Nascar, has zero place in this plan. It will require the roads remain what they unfortunately are: high speed car corridors. Du Sable Lake Shore Drive, ought to go on a road diet. Redoing it will bring this about for a sustained period anyway, so the city might as well take bold action. Chicago could be a much more livable place, transportation-wise, if only we recognized that we ought not be a "car city," as the Mayor said recently.
TI	Please invest in expanding cta access from neighborhood to neighborhood, like a circle line.
TI	I would like to see greater focus on bike transit options and infrastructure design that supports bike transit. Additionally, I would like to see the electrification of public transit. I also think safety on public transit (for riders and operators), particularly the L, is important. I would deemphasize rideshare and scooters.
TI	Chicago desperately needs to invest in public transit. Chicago will never be a world-class city as long as we continue giving our precious public space to dangerous and polluting single-occupancy cars. Create a bike network protected by concrete barriers. Create pedestrian-only streets and plazas. Create bus rapid transit lanes on streets like Ashland or Western. Cars, freeways, and our total addiction to them destroy the fabric of society and make life miserable on a human level. Beautiful cities that people want to live in - London, Paris, Barcelona, Berlin, New York - prioritize public transit and people-friendly spaces, and severely restrict cars and vehicle traffic.
TI	Fix transportation deserts and that will have a direct impact on crime reduction. Invest in the people of Chicago to set the city on track to excel, not just businesses and downtown.
TI	Make the streets safer for pedestrians and bikes
TI	The city greatly needs better transit between neighborhoods. Specifically a circle line
TI	Transportation and Infrastructure projects should further city-wide and regional goes rather than desires determined on the neighborhood level.
TI	More specifics needed.
TI	Creating safe biking paths across all neighborhoods should be a priority. Keeping public transportation clean, safe and affordable is important. The city would be more modern and livable if we focused on using our cars less (not getting rid of them), but just being generally more pedestrian friendly. I think the city as a whole would benefit by starting in communities where these things are lacking the most.
TI	There are no measurable goals given here. You need to be more specific -- for example, increase the number of barrier protected bike lanes by X miles by YEAR.
TI	Extend the brown line to Jefferson Park. This would open up the West/NW side of the city so much more and create economic productivity well beyond it's cost.
TI	Chicago needs more consistent and accessible bike lanes
TI	I'd love to see protected bike lanes on 47th street in Bronzeville! It's a commercial hub on the southside, but is made significantly less friendly than it should be due weak infrastructure for anything besides cars.
TI	A safe and robust transit network is a hallmark of a great city. In order to meet climate goals, reduce congestion, and make this city more equitable, we need an efficient, frequent, and reliable transit network. It's about making cars the most inconvenient option - only used when absolutely necessary. This means the CTA should show up frequently enough that I don't need to check the schedule. Ghost trains the ghost busses should be a thing of the past. The trains cars should be cleaner and quieter, and stations should be well-maintained. We should be able to get around easily by foot or bike. Safe and ubiquitous bike infrastructure will increase ridership and reduce injuries/fatalities. When re-building streets, pedestrians should be prioritized first, then bikes, then transit, and then finally cars. It's about creating a safe, joyous, and green city for all Chicagoans.
TI	This is a potentially very walkable city, but it's overrun with cars. People would walk and ride their bikes much more often, but they feel like they're gambling with their lives because of all the cars
TI	Please fund public transport. Stop building car-centric infrastructure. Build protected bike lanes.
TI	Focus on Climate change effects in design and sustainable approaches
TI	Need to make it more expensive to have a car in the city to minimize the cars on the roads, like Via tolls. Need to focus more investments on making mass transit more reliable, consistent, and easier to get around the city.
TI	We need road diets and more biking infrastructure all over the city.
TI	City Departments should use the maximum amount of recycled content in the construction of new infrastructure.
TI	we need BRT. Free fare for all. stop privatizing public transit
TI	Chicago's transportation network needs more dedicated bus lanes and protected bike paths. Rail transit should be fully funded with equitable service across the region. Streets should be designed to be safer for people, not just cars.
TI	Get rid of scooters Continued investment in the EI
TI	this isn't a survey- there are no actionable plans, just goals without a plan. improve the cta- add stations and put in a new line that would connect neighborhoods on the south and west sides. put in central bus lanes/stations on ashland, western and other main streets. put in more transit friendly buildings- less parking lots, more parks! improve bike infrastructure- people park in the bike lane without consequence, it isn't plowed in winter and is full of potholes. put in speed bumps and other infrastructure to slow down traffic, particularly in residential areas. close certain streets to cars/thru traffic to create pedestrian/bike corridors.
TI	Yes. These goals are quite broad and of course very agreeable. Any tangible accessibility or transit oriented goals to speak of? Because of the uptick in traffic related deaths since the pandemic, I'd like to see a commitment to protected bike lanes and safer streets in general. Any chance we can resurrect the Ashland BRT line idea?
TI	I would like to see a train that connects Midway airport to O'Hare to and with coordination even to Milwaukee airport. I would like to see more protected bike lanes. I would also like to maybe see trams or street cars in use and less buses.
TI	All the stars appear even when i strongly agree. Can Maurice Cox contact me? My book, Unified Philosophy, 3rd edition, can support the twenty minute neighborhood. i grew up in two of them.

TI	I would love to see improvements to the bus network such as the revival of the Ashland BRT project, general optimization of stop placement and routes, and quality-of-life improvements for CTA employees. For example the city could come up with some sort of agreement with businesses along bus routes to give bus drivers convenient, reliable places to take bathroom breaks, and have a better protective glass installed to protect drivers from hostile passengers. I would also love to see more pedestrianized streets like the "Sundays on State" program. There are many low-traffic streets that could simply be closed to car traffic for a block or two that would be wonderful, beautiful public places. For example Argyle street in Uptown or a part of 18th street in Pilsen.
TI	Add bus lanes and program signals to prioritize bus traffic. Slow traffic on lake shore drive to make it easier and safe to get to the lakefront. Remove the extra lanes on the highway to expand the park. Slow traffic or put noise barriers up so it's quieter and more pleasant to be on the lakefront
TI	These seem to be just words from a city that believe "cars are king"
TI	More low stress bike lanes. Dedicated bus lanes and automated signal clearance.
TI	Every community area should have a pedestrian-only business zone (during the summer). Replace the lead service lines. Install fiber in every neighborhood. More (possibly paid) public bathrooms. Every bike lane should be concrete protected. Add divvy bikes that can carry kids. Expand CTA. What happened to Ashland BRT?
TI	The single greatest thing the city of Chicago can do to improve the well-being of its residents is remove single family zoning, which discourages the building of housing which is desperately needed to solve the housing shortage and high rents. In addition, much higher investment in the CTA is needed. Cars are major pollutants and if US cities cared about sustainability and the environment, they would make their transit systems efficient, safe, and reliable, which the CTA is not, relative to the more advanced European cities. I dream of a circle line to connect the existing rail lines outside of the loop, and it's embarrassing that it has been decades since there has been any major reform or added lines. In short, more medium dense housing, and MUCH better transit.
TI	Love the plan. This is definitely thinking in the right direction My wish list for ways to achieve these goals Better connected bike options through city ward boundaries aka the unified bike grid. More traffic calming measures such as extending curbs for pedestrians to the street past the parked cars on every crosswalk. add flasher lights and buttons at more dangerous intersections. This will make the crosswalks easier to traverse for disabled people since there is a shorter distance to walk too. electric trolley busses on all routes, like the ones with small batteries and also overhead lines. Also maybe not in 10 years but automated electric trolley busses that run brt on all routes, less labor costs more service... In the short term electric bus rapid transit on major routes that have the space such as ashland and western. finally a total pipe dream that would never actually happen... An extension line of the the cta trains that will make it easier to get across the cities neighborhoods instead of always having to go downtown. Like from the end of the brown line east to the redline, then west to the blue line, south through the city eventually linking back up with the redline on the south side
TI	There needs to be a feedback box for each survey question especially when opting for neutral. That would clarify any questions may arise when trying to decipher. Otherwise, a numerical scale is probably a better indication rather than agree, strongly agree, etc.
TI	When building transportation infrastructure, in connectivity of neighborhoods should be a priority. For example, I shouldn't have to take a taxi to get from Logan square to Andersonville in less than an hour. I bike instead of 2 slow buses but that puts me on dangerous roads with no protected bike lanes. Please also consider connecting the rest of the river bike paths south of Belmont all the way to the loop. Private industry is building on it now, limiting future connectivity.
TI	I think Chicago can be a leader in innovation and equitability with a people first and car last philosophy and take advantage of how the city is already in a prime position to be the most equitable and environmentally advanced city.
TI	There is no language committing to reallocating the public realm for people instead of for the movement of private vehicles. Most of the Goal and Objective language i rated poorly is too weak and not explicit on striving towards the goal of eliminating auto-dependency in our city.
TI	Stop prioritizing cars. Start enforcing traffic laws that allow drivers to regularly endanger the lives of pedestrians and cyclists. Maintain the infrastructure we already have as well as add to it (bike lanes, for example). Prevent cars, motorcycles, and other motorized vehicles from illegally entering parks such as the lake front path - I see cars on the LFP literally every single day; why is this even possible? Adding barriers or gates or bollards at key entry points to make it physically impossible for cars to enter the path would be a very easy solution that, even though it wouldn't completely stop it, would go a long way to reducing the problem. Get the police/parking enforcement to actually ticket cars in bike lanes. Actually ticket homes that don't shovel their sidewalks in the winter - this has to be the easiest money the city could ever bring in if you just send people out to enforce it! There's so much low hanging fruit that the city just ignores that would make the city more walkable/bikeable. High level, though, is just to stop giving cars so much priority. Pedestrianize certain areas like 53rd in Hyde Park or Wells in Old Town. Seriously, people don't need cars and the experience would be so much more pleasant that bumper to bumper traffic, people double parking all over the place, and blocking bike lanes (Wells).
TI	The CTA underground reaches decibels that are harmful to hearing. We need a train line to connect all of the lines (circle line) We need trams and bus rapid transit and less cars clogging our roadways.
TI	I think biking and pedestrians should be priority when planning. As a pedestrian or bicyclist you are treated as a second class citizen to people zooming at 45 miles per hour in expensive metal hulls that pollute the earth. It quite unfair when you think of it. There should be a massive street overhaul and a entire road diet so we can start prioritizing people not cars. Also public transit should be promoted like light rail street cars and other modes of public transit. Also we should make bus only lanes because what is the point of taking the bus if it gets stuck in traffic. Also we should try and up our cyclist percentage and make cycling a accessible form of commuting transportation. For example creating a bike highway from the neighborhoods to downtown where people work.
TI	Looks pretty good, would love to see a citywide network of protected bike lanes!
TI	The current leaders of Chicago cannot handle any of this

TI	<p>While I do think public transit should be powered through clean energy sources long term, our money may be better spent expanding service regardless of it's power source. By expanding/improving service, more people will be willing to use transit, especially if it becomes faster than driving (e. g. through the use of bus lanes). Taking cars off the road will make a larger impact, even if the buses are powered by diesel. And if we're really serious about green transit we should be investing in catenary systems for trolley buse/lightrails instead of battery buses, as batteries are extra costly, the mining for minerals is very dirty, battery fires are difficult to put out, and they add a lot of weight to the bus that damages our infrastructure. Our money would be better spent expanding transit service to get as many cars off the road as possible, rather than slowly expanding our service with "green" technologies. Catenaries can supply clean electricity without these downsides. They do of course have a higher up front cost, but would pay dividends long term. A good protected bike lane network would likewise help people get out of their cars, thus helping decrease pollution. Protected bike lanes and dedicated bus lanes are also very cheap compared to green technologies. Our priority should be reducing car use as much as possible, since that's where we'll see the most environmental gains.</p>
TI	<p>In many respects, I feel like quantity is GREATER than quality at this stage when it comes to transit options. Concrete protected bike lanes are absolutely fantastic, but if parking protected bike lanes [road][parking][bikelanes][sidewalk] can get us 10x the mileage of protected bike infrastructure than it's a preferable option. Transit oriented development is hugely important, as well as more zoning allowances for mixed use residential/commercial buildings ESPECIALLY on the southside. Chicago's neighborhoods should be the embodiment of the 15 minute city, and busses/cta routes should be primarily used for getting between different nodes of the city. I'm fortunate enough to live close enough to protected and very low stress bike lanes, so for me, a 30 minute bike ride north to the south loop is fantastic, saves me time and money, and is an enjoyable way to travel through the city. A 30 minute bike ride south and I am fearing for my life from the dangerous roads that I am meant to "share" with cars going 50 miles an hour. Chicago could learn a lot from the pace and urgency of a city like Paris (Paris in the prairie) that's taking rapid and urgent measures to increase bike connectivity and seeing HUGE dividends from it. Part of what made me want to move to Chicago in the first place was it's reputation as a bike friendly city and while it's true, it is SO CLOSE on the precipice of mass adoption, we just need to get serious.</p>
TI	<p>I'd like to see more focus on pedestrian safety through traffic calming. Also, a network of pedestrian and bike infrastructure that avoids major roadways while being a logical and unbroken path through the city.</p>
TI	<p>I think that the city needs to reduce their focus on car-centric infrastructure. Prioritizing more walkability, green space, and public transportation on the south and west side is very important to me.</p>
TI	<p>The biggest barrier to use is reliable fast connections between transit and and between homes. Improvements in this area would have a huge impact. I would love to see and outer loop line connecting the I trains to enable better neighbourhood access, and express busses that come more often and keep a regular schedule.</p>
TI	<p>More and safer bike infrastructure. Expanding the L trains further into the suburbs with potentially new lines added. Bring back streetcars</p>
TI	<p>more buses, including express buses, more L lines (I'm looking at you, circle line), and better connections to metra please. city-wide protected bike lanes would be dope too. car-free neighborhood woo</p>
TI	<p>I am so pleased with the move away requiring car ownership. I am epileptic, and when I was poor I didn't understand how ANYONE could afford a car here. stepping up Chicago's transport, biking, and walking infrastructures only improves our position as a premier, world-class city accessible by ALL, not just those who are wealthy enough to buy a car and then sit in traffic on the Kennedy all day. This is terrific and -- more importantly -- CRITICAL to our future as a leader in American cities.</p>
TI	<p>There needs to be a framework to ensure that projects that are positive for overall mobility, yet sacrifice car access are presented in a way that don't allow one vocal opponent to derail an entire project. People who perceive the loss of their parking space are always going to be louder than the thousands that may benefit from taking space from cars and allocating it to any other mode of transportation.</p>
TI	<p>No goals involving public transit in Chicago can be met without a serious reckoning for the CTA. Service levels / reliability has degraded massively since the start of the pandemic, and we've seen absolutely NO indication from CTA that they're doing anything to address ghost buses/ghost trains, inaccurate trackers, insufficient buses/trains running, etc. Citizens have no objective data (reliability reports) and absolutely no faith in CTA "leadership."</p>
TI	<p>no</p>
TI	<p>Making sure high speed internet is available across the city is crucial for ensuring equity. I think that's a great place to start. I also think it's very important to make sure all of the el stations are accessible. I have a friend who is an amputee and WOW is it hard for him to use most el stations. And lastly - improving air quality for neighborhoods close to industrial regions is really important. It's not fair that people who are already poorer to begin with should also have to bear more health burdens than the rest of us. This is my final pillar survey and I just wanted to say that overall this is an admirably ambitious and equitable draft! I really hope that as a city we can enact the changes included within. I didn't have a chance to read through the policies for each pillar, but I would be interested having a way to track the policy suggestions. Also, huge shoutout to whoever did the graphic design for the pillar documents - they were very elegant and engaging! Thank you for taking the time to put this together, and I'm excited to see what we as devoted Chicagoans will do :)</p>
AC	<p>Implement more arts programs in under privileged neighborhoods as well as more access to resources.</p>
AC	<p>No</p>
TI	<p>Rideshare isn't going away, and its drivers are dangerous and underpaid. Please focus on working with rideshare platforms to improve safety for all road users. I love protected bike lanes, but they don't matter if a rideshare driver parks in the middle of it.</p>
TI	<p>We need to prioritize our streets for walking and for people. I live on Addison street where it is a 4-lane road. It is such a terrible pedestrian experience and unsafe that I won't let my kids walk on the sidewalk to the park. Why do we need 4 lanes? Why do we let new buildings get built with their backs to the street (like the Portillos on Addison and Kimball). Why can't we undo the terrible changes that were made in decades past and return the streets to how they were built in the past in order to strengthen our neighborhood and community instead of making it easy for cars to speed through?</p>

TI	CTA must start multiple extensions, and plan new lines. The city desperately needs a circle line to improve connectivity across the city, without relying on transfers downtown. BRTs and LRTs should be built, and highway and road widenings should all be curtailed. We must build a bike grid, and build grade separated bike infrastructure that actually goes to where people want to go, work, pleasure, culture etc. E-bike rebates similar to those that Denver has done would help decrease emissions in the city by helping low income residents get good quality reliable electric bicycles
TI	Safe and fast trains should be the number 1 priority. Expanding trains to go to other neighborhoods should be number 2 priority (Circle line). High speed train hub for the midwest should be number 3 priority. Pedestrian and bike safety should be priority number 4.
AC	Culture, beside being an essential asset to social progress, is also a strong economical asset and should be seen and used in that optic as well
TI	TRAINS. Double CTA cleaning crews. Every station should be cleaned at least every day. Double the frequency of trains. Build new lines and tunnels. Break ground on the circle line.
TI	The city needs safe and continuous bike infrastructure as well as subsidies for bikes, ebikes, scooters, etc. Driving should be treated as an absolute last resort. The city should also do more to engage residents on issues of traffic calming. City of Detroit has a speed hump program for residents to submit requests on residential streets that Chicago should look to model after. Closing down streets to freight traffic (see city of Detroit foreign dust ordinance and truck ordinances) to protect residents health should also be explored. The city needs more direct, singular routes for traffic - and consider opening LSD to only pedestrians, bikes, etc (no cars). Chicago should be built around people not cars. Permanent road closures and rezoning to allow for business to have patio space, gardens, etc is a great way to make the city more beautiful and increase foot traffic which will bring in more money. The city should NOT host NASCAR - that goes against everything in these goals. More work needs to be put in to making our parks accessible as well. Please consider the people of Chicago and not cars. Less traffic will mean less GHG emissions. Residents will be healthier, heat waves more tolerable, streets more accessible, and costs for repairs on roads will drop significantly. Chicago has a unique opportunity to model equitable and sustainable transit that is people-centered. Please don't let this opportunity pass.
TI	This proposal does not go far enough to get people out of private cars. Chicago should be a leader, by disincentivizing the use of cars for commuting and running errands by requiring minimum parking fees, implementing congestion pricing to enter certain areas of the city, and closing roads entirely to private car traffic. In addition, the city should seek out new modes of transit which benefit all residents, and deconstruct car infrastructure such as freeways which divide neighborhoods.
TI	Re-evaluate the BRT on Ashland proposal
AC	Arts and Culture are too important to undercut. No support is too much!
TI	I think the city need to start looking towards the future for our public transportation. As more Chicago residents move towards a car-free home, it will be important to look at new CTA lines that will make our system functional for those who are not headed to the loop. An electric light rail line would be a cost effective and environmentally focused option. The CTA should also be exclusively investing in electric buses, and should cancel any future diesel bus orders.
AC	I would like to see the Arts and Culture goals of everyone be considered.
AC	I have created art in 60612 for the past 5 years in a wonderful art and artisans building in your Ward that enabled me to grow as an artist, expand my horizons, make me financially successful. It is imperative that the City of Chicago make it easier for "arts" buildings to be accessible to young artisans and foster arts mentorship. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years. The Carroll/Albany corridor between Sacramento and Kedzie enables nearly 500 artists and artisans to practice in an enabling environment unique to the City: safe, affordable, supportive. There also are wonderful art galleries in this area that are actively fostering arts education and art neighborhood activities. I urge you to take the initiative to consider the proper zoning of these buildings and facilities as artists/artisan buildings rather than the antiquated manufacturing zoning from many, many decades ago.
TI	The city needs to develop a new "plan" for how the "balance" can be achieved. It cannot be done neighborhood by neighborhood. It needs to be a "top down vision" that supports and guides "bottom up activities". And have clear metrics, policies and enforcement to ensure the vision is held true.
TI	I once read an report about how Chicago's Vision Zero policy led to disproportionate enforcement in the South and West neighborhoods. This was partially enabled by a lack of infrastructure but also the policy was disconnected from how folks were taught to use the infrastructure. Will We Will result in review of policies such as this and education to support safe uses of the new infrastructure?
TI	I would like to see our city plan set an explicit objective to reduce all car trips, not just commuting to work, to represent less than 50% of all movement around our city. Cars are like cigarettes to us and it's extremely hard to passively reduce the harm caused by this tragedy of the commons.
TI	The goals and objectives of this section are so generic as to be almost meaningless. If areas are prioritized based on the inequities of past design making, we will end up with a bad plan layered over another bad plan. Correct this by allowing for a transit that connects the entire City regardless of the income of an area. If the goal is to make a truly equitable City, the transportation plan must be a network that provides accessibility to all areas of the City. I hope that the next step of this Pillar is to create an actual plan that shows the expansion of our public transit that is not dependent on buses and removes the current Loop-centric transportation network. Equity will be achieved only if the neighborhoods are connected first.
TI	The absolute most important aspect of mass transit is safety citywide. Each bus, train, station should have national guard presence to ensure safety. It is unwise to really on CTA workers or police to maintain safety in our huge transportation network. They need help
TI	Access to quick and reliable transportation is the key to driving equitable growth for Chicago. When people have access to safe and reliable public transportation, their opportunities increase exponentially. I vastly prefer public transportation over driving in Chicago, but I worry about taking it late at night.
AC	Support artists! Keep affordable work space in the city
AC	Chicago has a robust art scene. Geographic equity is needed. This is not a major pain point.

AC	Fund public art and local theater in the neighborhoods.
TI	As a resident of the 60655 area, it's been a real issue to lack transportation in this area of the city. As stated in the draft, neighborhoods on the borders are lacking in public transit options such as el tracks and trains. My neighborhood (Mount Greenwood) in particular has limited bus routes and this forces many of the city workers in my neighborhood to drive to work daily, including myself. An extension of the redline or even a new el line would be monumental for this neighborhood and the surrounding neighborhoods as well.
TI	Once again, if your goal is 'safe' movement of people using public transportation, not requiring masking on public transit and ride shares makes them NOT SAFE for disabled people. Public transit/ride shares are NOT ACCESSIBLE to disabled people during an airborne deadly pandemic without mask mandates in place.
TI	Whatever the final decisions, PLEASE prioritize pedestrians, etc, over cars.
AC	Keep the city vibrant and the arts alive.
TI	The safety issues in the CTA trains need to be addressed. I have never been afraid to ride public transportation until the past 6 months. It is making me use my car more as a result. Also, there needs to be better options to connect train lines outside of the loop. I would use the train all the time if it wasn't so complicated and time consuming to get to other parts of the city.
TI	Rebuild the green line back out on the southside if someone lives in South Chicago it can take up to an hour to even reach 35th St. it is time to reconnect the far south side to downtown cut the commute in the summertime the city could employ river taxis or lake taxis to take people into downtown for rainbow beach
TI	I don't care about "equity." Its a term the left started using 2 years ago and it generally means embracing communist or racist ideas. I dont care about skin color when making decisions on public transit policy. Make a public transit system that serves the city - no skin color preference needed.
AC	1) more public funding - less private funding - always. And 2) will the artists/artist needs influence funding or vice versa? or both
TI	While the concept of this plan is good it lacks details. For instance is there a plan to increase security on the CTA Train and reduce the amount of Homeless that sleep on it? This is a major reason why many moved to alternate forms of transportation which is cluttering our roadways. Also there are no details or plans to reduce traffic congestion and to fix city streets in a timely manner. Overall there is a lack of details in this plan of actually what's going to be done.
TI	The first priority should be ensuring safety on CTA.
TI	The biggest impact on environmental conditions in neighborhoods remains the expressways and this doesn't really speak to that issue
TI	There is absolutely nothing good about 75th street from King drive to the lake. Nothing. Looks like a war zone. Bus service is pathetic. Then 79th from the Lake to Cicero is also pathetic. The only good thing is that 79th has the better bus access and yet 87th from Commercial to State has the worst. Yet, 87th has better businesses than 79th. Go figure. 75th and 79th are shameful. The viaducts on the southside, particularly near Chicago State are dangerous and crumbling. Get the RR to do something about South Chicago from 87th and going south because the concrete is crumbling and the overgrowth of weeds is an eyesore.
TI	This is great but, I don't think things will improve for black and brown communities. White Chicagoans always get the best CTA service, and because they tend to live in higher taxed areas get the best of everything else. Looking at Chicago's history with communities of color, I really don't think this is going to happen. If Lori stops being Mayor what happens to the plan? How about instead streamling CTA, PACE, and Metra under one umbrella, under a schedule that works together just like in NYC.
TI	You say you want to "maintain the City's role as a global intermodal hub" while at the same time hindering that role. Pick a side. Also stop creating traffic congestion and increasing travel times with ridiculous "traffic calming" measures. Instead, increase the ranks of police patrols with increased stops & enforcement of violators.
TI	We need to invest and expand the EL as a priority. Investing in bikes makes sense if there are protected lanes. But investing in bikes alone and not public transit only makes street traffic worse.
AC	I'm an artist and photographer working in the 60612 area for the past 7 years. My studio is in the Albany Carroll Arts corridor and has provided an affordable workspace for me as well as hundreds of other cultural workers across all mediums. It is imperative that the City of Chicago help support these cultural spaces to keep them affordable for those who rely on them to continue their work. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years. I urge you to consider the proper zoning of these buildings and facilities as artists/artisan buildings rather than the antiquated manufacturing zoning from many, many decades ago. There are hundreds of artists in our area many of which have been here for years and we want to continue to be a part of the neighborhood and arts community. There are not many affordable studios left in the city, if I were to be displaced, I don't think I would be able to find a comparable workspace I could afford. I have looked a few times to find a space closer to where I live on the south side, but could not afford the high rents I was quoted, many of which were close to double what I pay now. Please help save our arts building so we can continue our cultural work and can prove enjoyment for the citizens of Chicago and represent our city abroad.
AC	For the past twelve years I have been making independent films and have used an art studio in connection with the production of those films in a wonderful art and artisans building in your Ward that enabled me to grow as an artist and have an affordable space to do my work. It is imperative that the City of Chicago make it easier for "arts" buildings to be accessible to young artisans and foster arts mentorship. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years. The Carroll/Albany corridor between Sacramento and Kedzie enables nearly 500 artists and artisans to practice in an enabling environment unique to the City: safe, affordable, supportive. There also are wonderful art galleries, including the prominent 345 Gallery, in this area that are actively fostering arts education and art neighborhood activities. I urge you to take the initiative to consider the proper zoning of these buildings and facilities as artists/artisan buildings rather than the antiquated manufacturing zoning from many, many decades ago."

AC	I am an artist who has been living and working in Chicago for 18 years. I have been making art in the same studio since 2010, and that studio is located in Garfield Park on the northwest corner of Kedzie and Carroll. This building is full of other artists who, like me, are lucky to have access to a building with studios that we can afford— this is becoming increasingly difficult in Chicago. It is essential that the City of Chicago make it easier for "arts" buildings to be accessible to as diverse a group of artists as possible. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years. The Carroll/Albany corridor between Sacramento and Kedzie (my building is at 3200 W Carroll) enables nearly 500 artists and artisans to practice in an enabling environment that is unique to the City: safe, affordable, supportive. I urge you to take the initiative to consider the proper zoning of these buildings and facilities as artists/artisan buildings rather than the antiquated manufacturing zoning from many, many decades ago. Part of what keeps Chicago vibrant is the ability of artists to afford studio spaces- without this, the cultural landscape here will suffer.
TI	Please more protected bike lanes for all Chicagoans
TI	Again, the slippery, vague and nearly meaningless language used tells me nothing of the specifics planned. Clean up the rail yards, build bridges between communities, take care of the roads and sidewalks— all good. But centrally enforce that all neighborhoods are "equal"? Haven't the lessons of the last 100 years taught something about how we work as human beings? Look at the most liveable cities in the world— Vienna or Auckland, and I don't see the kind of equality hinted vaguely at here. And pleas for god sake get the busses in Chicago to actually run when they're supposed to. I am tied of waiting two hours for a bus scheduled to run every 15 minutes.
TI	Build a program to fill the potholes in our city. Emailing 311 for every pothole is unrealistic. Use our tax money to improve the roads we all drive on. Number 1 priority.
AC	The goals and objectives sound nice, but what -- exactly, concretely, tangibly -- will the city pursue? I don't see any metrics or tangible actions: just pretty language.
AC	artists need safe space, funding and opportunities. arts and culture in a city is part of what makes it thrive.
AC	Would like to retain 319 N. Albany as a vibrant art community. Representing artists, of all skill levels, from all corners of the city, and all economic levels as a place to continue are artistic pursuits.
TI	Expanding mass, rapid public transit, such as high speed to/from ORD, and more comprehensive "L" coverage. Trains are more preferable than buses and motivate use.
AC	City funds should focus on public businesses, non-profits, and minority-owned businesses. We should not be funding the private sector without being intentional about it.
AC	I am a sculptor and my work has been shown in major galleries in Chicago and in many other states. I have been making my work in 60612 for the past 11 years. Being in an art and artisan building has been an incredible help in my career as an artist because it gave me opportunity to be a part of a larger community in Chicago. The art and artisans building in your ward provides the crucial platform to many artists in various stages in their career paths. The affordable spaces are getting harder and harder to find which disadvantage the creative communities. Even for this practical reason, I am grateful to create in the art and artisans building in 60612.
AC	I've been making art in 60612 since I graduated from SAIC in 2013 in a wonderful art and artisans building in your Ward that enabled me to grow as an artist, expand my horizons, make me financially successful. It is imperative that the City of Chicago make it easier for "arts" buildings to be accessible to young artisans and foster arts mentorship. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years. The Carroll/Albany corridor between Sacramento and Kedzie enables nearly 500 artists and artisans to practice in an enabling environment unique to the City: safe, affordable, supportive. There also are wonderful art galleries, including the prominent 345 Gallery, in this area that are actively fostering arts education and art neighborhood activities. I urge you to take the initiative to consider the proper zoning of these buildings and facilities as artists/artisan buildings rather than the antiquated manufacturing zoning from many, many decades ago.
AC	Having rented a studio in the Albany Carroll building for the past 24 years has been a key contributing factor in my success as an artist. My studio in 3039 West Carroll provides a safe and secure place to work and thrive along side other professional artists and for a reasonable fee. I feel that the Carroll Avenue artist corridor has brought community to an area that for decades was dilapidated and unsafe. In 2001 I bought my family's home on Carroll Avenue and have witnessed the growth of a vibrant neighborhood. I feel strongly that the arts buildings are the reason for this positive change.
AC	I am a professional artist and art educator who works in the Albany/Carroll area--have had studio here for almost 15 years--and worry every year something will happen to make me lose my studio and have to move. The city need to be more proactive in supporting zoning laws and changes that enable artists to stay and grow
AC	It is crucial to keep and expend low cost studio rentals for the artists in the city
AC	I am a floral artist and vintage curator based out of my art studio in the 60612 zip code for the past 5 years. My workspace has been located in a wonderful art and artisans building in your Ward that enabled me to grow as an artist, expand my clientele and scope of work, make me financially successful, pay taxes, and pay workers who help me. It has also allowed me to help other non-profits in the area by donating my time and services to their fundraising efforts, to teach classes at nearby schools, and to develop relationships with other small businesses in my community. It is imperative that the City of Chicago make it easier for "arts" buildings to be accessible to young artisans and foster arts mentorship. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years. The Carroll/Albany corridor between Sacramento and Kedzie enables nearly 500 artists and artisans to practice in an enabling environment unique to the City: safe, affordable, supportive. There also are wonderful art galleries, including the prominent 345 Gallery and other small galleries in this area that are actively fostering arts education and constructive neighborhood arts & cultural activities. I urge you to take the initiative to consider the proper zoning of these buildings and facilities as artists/artisan buildings rather than the antiquated manufacturing zoning from many, many decades ago.

AC	I've lived in New York and Los Angeles before coming to Chicago 30 years ago and Chicago, especially the industrial corridor that runs through the Humboldt Park neighborhood and stretches west, has proven to be the best and most vibrant area for small creative businesses like artists, graphic designers, carpenters, etc. All of these artists and artisans give the city of Chicago its creative weight in the eyes of the world and make living in Chicago advantageous. Anything the city can do to preserve and encourage the development of this thriving community of small creative entrepreneurs benefits everyone and the city at large.
AC	I have been a professional artist in Chicago for past 25 years and strongly support all above objectives.
AC	There are not enough affordable studio spaces to support the vibrant Chicago arts community. While I live on the Southside, I have had my studio in the Kedzie/Carroll building for 13 years. My studio has allowed me to the opportunity to make public and audience engaged work with communities across all Chicago, nationally and internationally. My work, together with a with so many Chicago artist with diverse practices and backgrounds do the work to put Chicago in the national and international art world and history. Without studio, and affordable ones, this cultural legacy falters and moves to other cities. It is imperative that the City of Chicago make it easier for "arts" buildings to be accessible to young artisans and foster arts mentorship. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years. The Carroll/Albany corridor between Sacramento and Kedzie enables nearly 500 artists and artisans to practice in an enabling environment unique to the City: safe, affordable, supportive.
AC	Expanding access to arts and culture programming and education for low-income students and communities is the most important aspect for me.
AC	The questions are wildly biased in phrasing. "Fair" is the opposite of how you use "equitable." The government should not be determining which art and artists are in need of support or amplification. That is antithetical to genuine expression. Furthermore, not 1 taxpayer dollar should be used to promote anything regarding art outside of schools. What you considered underrepresented and in need of eQuItY are the most privileged and over represented groups in Chicago.
AC	We need a city wide ART- PRIZE like Grand Rapids, Michigan. It would be a wonder!
AC	Include life long learners like senior citizens.
AC	Chicago is overflowing with the arts. People want to go to safe neighborhoods to take part in arts and culture. Tackle the crime problem first.
AC	Since the arts are very sensitive to budget cuts (first to go) - what are proposals to bolster against that? In the name of equity, what are ways to get rich donors to fund beyond just northside (already well-funded) organizations? Are there programs and incentives to bring the many many arts organizations from around the city to their attention? Better tax incentives for donating to organizations with higher needs?
AC	Encourage businesses to sponsor field trips for everyone from public school students to adult daycare centers to visit architectural firms, theaters, art museums, etc to shadow employees and and receive mentoring.
AC	I would like to encourage you to provide and enhance arts in the public schools.
AC	My husband and I are artists and professors and rely on being able to afford studio space to produce our work and be effective professors at the Art Institute of Chicago. The 3200 W. Carroll Arts Building and the Albany Carroll Arts Building have 175 artists combined, and provide a needed safe community and work space. The city is requiring extensive renovations that will drive up the cost of studios so much that it will price most of us out. These buildings have never received funding from the city and yet these artists (and MANY educators) rely on being able to produce work. Without these affordable spaces many of us will not be able to continue engaging in making and contributing to the arts culture in Chicago. PLEASE HELP funding the safe affordable spaces necessary to sustain vital arts community which gives so much to the city.
AC	There needs to be increased funding for affordable studio spaces for independent artists. I just recently moved my studio into 319 N Albany Ave, the first affordable studio I've been able to find in Chicago after 10 years working here. Space is limited in buildings like these but they're crucial to building a network of artists that can support and build off one another. More funding would encourage spaces to grow, lower rents, or open other similar buildings.
AC	Affordable housing living spaces and creative land uses will help allow people to explore creative careers. Making the cost of living in Chicago will invite more creatives.
AC	I am a lifelong Chicogan, public school educated, 4 years drafting/4 years woodshop in high school, I am an architect and furniture designer. www.bkedesigns.com
AC	Yes, I think the goal should be to level the playing field by facilitating equal access to arts education and opportunities for all Chicago communities and schools
AC	The wide range of artistic experiences is one of my favorite things about this city. It's such a joy to return to in-person theater/concerts/art. It's also the first thing I show off about our city to visitors.
AC	stop wasting tax payer dollars on useless projects
AC	Find spaces (or fund spaces) for people to host local and smaller touring musical acts and other performance arts to avoid having to use Ticketmaster and Live Nation monopolies.
AC	I really like that there is path to reach those objectives.
AC	I want to strongly encourage that Arts and Culture be included in all schools in Chicago at no additional cost to the parent. These activities should be available in all schools specifically in schools in Black neighborhoods.
AC	It probably goes without saying, but the primary focus should first be on communities with less access to arts education and entertainment, and not the communities that are already drowning in theatres, galleries and performance venues. They'll be fine with or without the city's help, just focus on the underserved communities first.
AC	The Arts are really what makes life worth living for many people. In terms of importance for funding, Arts can often fall to the bottom of the list, but they place such a pivotal role in human wellbeing. I would suggest that a fraction of the overinflated police budget be relocated to Arts and Culture and to provide robust funding to the policies proposed in the survey.
AC	Need transparency in all funding.
AC	I support the arts. The go vrnment shouldn't have to. In fact, i dont want government in my arts. Then they can dictate what is and what isnt. Remember the painting of Harold Washington at the AIC? Government likes to restrict art sometimes as well.

AC	I have been working in the 3200 W Carroll artist studio building since the pandemic began in the summer of 2020. Not only has it been my studio but also my refuge, which has been instrumental to advancing my practice. I have created many bodies of work for multiple shows in Chicago, including my graduate thesis show at Logan Exhibitions, LVL3, Space & Time Gallery, Produce Model among others. If I have not had this studio I would not be able to afford many other spaces in the city and would not have had the space and time to explore my work in new meaningful ways, especially during a pandemic where I was relearning my relationship to the world at large. This studio is also near my home in Humboldt Park, where I have loved being part of this community as well as the community of Garfield Park. It is so important for Chicago to understand the importance of these spaces in up and coming neighborhoods and to recognize the potential they have for transforming communities.
AC	We need more infrastructure, studio spaces and venues that are accessible to emerging artists, that are cheap in rent, but safe to work in. It is imperative for Chicago to assist in this growth and longevity of these collectives, organizations, buildings and spaces.
AC	all good goals but no indication of steps or costs
AC	It is difficult to rank these goals knowing the resources of the city cannot expand to the degree necessary to have equal impact in all areas for all people.
AC	No priorities. Let good art and good effort be rewarded. Recognition is the reward for talent.
AC	The city is a cultural icon. This must continue & expand.
AC	Promote the city's LGBTQ+ history and place in history as a safe-haven for LGBTQ+ residents from throughout the country and world.
AC	Chicago should have Arts and Culture goals like New York.
AC	I'm not concerned about the goals I'm concerned how this will be implemented.
AC	I would not prioritize costly marketing campaigns. The City's cultural and artistic attractions are spread through word of mouth, among those who are interested.
AC	I think the primary focus should be giving money directly to artists so they can make a living working in arts & culture, as well as more funding for arts education in public schools, and less focus on marketing
AC	Gentrification and how it impacts the arts communities esp of color. Black residents who have been driven out by violence/police/ racism/ neglect. Stories being accurately told if it can still be told in lived accurate experience if their is no longer a community to tell it.
AC	the answer to a nourishing arts community is not marketing and private business, nor pumping public money into non-profits that operate like for-profits (such as ARTIC), but investing in quality of life issues for all residents, and providing accessible supportive non-competitive grants for all artists and cultural producers (from a bottom-up angle rather than a trickle-down pyramid)
AC	The should be no place for race based or ethnic based support or preferential treatment - several if the goals stated here entrench racism and treat city minorities such as Caucasians inequitable by favoring people or color - this is not appropriate for any city and certainly not for the arts and cultural groups
AC	The Arts mean nothing without an affordable place for ALL Chicagoans to live. The cost of living in this city is at the root of all of Chicago's problems.
AC	Marketing is good as long as it informs but doesn't replace local artists
AC	No
AC	would be great to utilize vacant buildings to achieve art and culture goals and objectives all over town, including the loop so tourists and community share in cultural art
AC	Would love more cultural programming and events from every country around the world. Also should triple the amount of emphasis in art attracting tourism (ie events, public artwork, and advertising around Chicago's artistic strengths that attract out of towners)
AC	I would like to know the demographic breakdown - how will the City ensure all residents get equitable access and relevant programming?
AC	Fashion is an art form that is nonexistent in Chicago. We need more fashion exhibits and access to fashion design in Chicago schools.
AC	I believe the city should focus on solving fundamental quality of life issues for creative workers and allow the arts to flourish as a result of that societal support, rather than try to dictate artistic outcomes. City government appropriation of the local arts scene—such as in the ill-advised "Chicagwa" campaign—comes off as inauthentic, or worse, as papering over inequities with the perceived support of local artists.
AC	The objective I rated lowest – "Use the power of arts and culture to build vibrant, healthy communities" – confused me a bit – it doesn't seem very specific or measurable and so doesn't resonate with me very much. I like the sentiment but it's too vague to feel like a tangible objective.
AC	I am an artist and rent a studio at 3200 W Carroll. I graduated from the School of the Art Institute here in Chicago. this building functions as a safe and affordable space for many of us affiliated with the school. This function is of the utmost importance to the artists who need to rent studio space. I am working on several fronts to support the arts in our city, including making my own work. For us as artists, this is where our vision unfolds. Please consider us and the necessity of affordability when making decisions regarding zoning and support of artist's workspaces. Thank you
AC	Bring a blues club to the blues district in Bronzeville please
AC	Theatrical arts for families with young children need to be strongly supported.
AC	No
AC	Language like "ensure" is unrealistic and over-promises. And true art needs little marketing. Please invest in adults as well as children.
AC	I have little connection to the arts community and minimal understanding of the best way to commit resources for its benefit.
AC	Fund infrastructure and fixing the CTA and not art for a dying city
AC	nope
AC	Stop trying to force areas that aren't working well to work. Invest in areas that have worked well in the past and try to get them back to pre-pandemic levels. Let's save the businesses that are half-way staying afloat ahead of trying to launch new businesses and non-profits.

AC	Support for LOCAL arts venues. Support for concert halls that are historically important to Chicago culture - Aragon Ballroom, Metro, Vic, Thaila Hall, Chicago Theater, etc. instead of building new venues in casinos. Local venues shouldn't suffer due to greed of corporations and casinos.
AC	The quality and quantity of city-sponsored arts events was already declining before the pandemic and I'm deeply saddened by the programs such as Summer Dance and the World Music Festival that have been gutted.
AC	It is important to connect North, South, and West side arts opportunities to create a more holistic city for the benefit of all.
AC	My children attend private school and are often excluded from city arts programs outside of CPS, but funded by the city. In our ward, they were under attended. Given the many reasons parents chose private school, but are still tax payers, programming should be available to all Chicago children, not just CPS students
AC	I'd like to emphasize the importance of municipal support for SMALL art organizations. Chicago's strength and vibrancy come from the wealth of scrappy, passionate creators who make art no matter what - storefront theatres, solo painters and potters, and the like. Our city's cultural soul lies with this community of determined artists, and will benefit most from support directed at them.
AC	Bring in both art and nature. People are greatly affected by their surroundings. Appreciating art around the city builds pride in neighborhoods.
AC	I'd love for it to be explicitly called out that creating art does not need to be tied to selling art, and that support would be made available to allow artists to create without the expectation that they turn a profit on their creations.
AC	Arts are needed, but it is too vague on how it will be accomplished. Also the cost. The CPS DOES NOT need any additional funding at the expense of taxpayers.
AC	I have been an artist and educator for 20 years in Chicago. Currently, I have a studio in the 3200 W. Carroll building. Having a studio space (a work space) is very important to my studio practice. If the city invests in this building, it would provide support for the large community of artists who use this space. This would be a great step in supporting the creative community.
AC	The city needs to support studio spaces for artists in this city. Affordable space to work in is extremely important for artists in Chicago. Chicago is a very difficult city for artists to make a living in, as most private art money, the collectors who buy art, goes to NYC and LA, and doesn't stay in the city. The main reason for artists to stay in the city is that studio space is affordable, was affordable, now things are getting much more expensive here too, but without the benefit of some of wealthy collectors buying work. This means that it's exponentially more difficult to produce good work here.
AC	It'd be great to see the biggest push for support in the South and West sides.
AC	More information on how Artists can participate and perform at Chicago events. How do you get on "the list"?
AC	Regarding CPS arts programming- it will be critical to hire teachers into the schools without arts programming to fulfill this goal.
AC	This should not all be on the city. Neighborhoods should want this enough to participate in making it happen. Top down investment without bottom up interest is a waste of time and resources.
AC	Most important to provide jobs with livable wages and salaries for arts workers and to pay artists for their work
AC	Support local artists.
AC	I think the Garfield Park neighborhood should become Chicago's Artist neighborhood. Please help keep Chicago's studio work warehouses affordable. The Carroll Ave studio buildings are low-key the mainstay for serious working artists in Chicago, because they are raw and affordable, like an art studio should be. Please assist those buildings in regards to zoning restrictions in order to keep the buildings functioning as authentic artist work spaces.
AC	I believe the Arts and Culture goals and objectives are important in Chicago, PARTICULARLY improving access to arts curriculum in the CPS elementary schools, but when it comes to spending \$, I think other Pillars carry more weight.
AC	I am an artist who rent a studio work space in the 3200 W. Carroll building. For the past 15 years, it has been a stable, affordable and supportive studio complex, and has been of importance in my career and development as an artist.
AC	Please save art studio buildings on 3200 W. Carroll, 319 Albany, & 3039 W. Carroll in East Garfield Park. They have been numerous artists' and creators' affordable workspaces for a long time. These studio spaces are where a Chicago art scene and culture are born, and they are an asset to the East Garfield Park neighborhood.
AC	As a teaching artist with a working studio in the 3200 W Carroll Ave. Arts building, I would never be able to practice without the low cost of rent. I'm terrified that zoning and litigation has put this massive resource at risk for so many brilliant creatives who may need to leave if the city doesn't step in. Please support this vital resource for the Chicago art community!
AC	319 north albany ave art space and studios needs funding!
AC	The importance of arts and culture in a city (especially a city with extensively documented intentional segregation) cannot be overstated. Arts and Culture provide neighborhoods with outlets for creativity, therapeutic art practice, community building and enriching k-12 education. The benefits of arts and culture to local communities has been documented to increase the channels where people may receive support, build confidence, and support all artists, including children, to follow their talent. You are making a grave mistake if you chose to continue to underfund the arts and culture in Chicago.
AC	I think this initiative is incredibly important and needs to move forward as artist contribute so much to society and the public. They also bring revenue to the city as people who visit want to see Art and also people who live here.
AC	Please help 319 N Albany! It is a vibrant home to dozens of Chicago artists. I am a high school student from Chicago who was lucky enough to do an internship with an artist there and it would be a great loss if they had to shutter.
TI	cleanliness and crime on the CTA are big problems.
AC	Please protect 319 n Albany Ave by funding this location.
AC	319 N Albany Ave needs funding!!!
AC	319 N. Albany needs help!! This is one of the ONLY affordable artist workspaces in the city - yet Chicago has been attempting to close their doors. If this happens, over 100 artists will no longer have a safe place to work and support themselves financially. If this building was in a more white area, would they have received the funds they have been desperately trying to get?
AC	The City needs to focus on getting the next generation in school and being sure they are literate before worrying about their arts education.
AC	Let's do this

AC	I'd specifically like to speak in support of my studio building, The 3200 W. Carroll Arts Building and the Albany Carroll Arts Building, which currently houses approximately 175 working artists and is in serious need of funding for us to continue our studio practices there. I've been a working artists in this studio for over 5 years, where I have been able to secure representation from 3 galleries (Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago IL / Josh Lilley Gallery, London UK / Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York NY) as well as a Pollock-Fraser Artist Grant. My studio in this building is invaluable to my career and livelihood and it cannot be ignored as an important cultural institution by the city. I know the city provides subsidy and funds to other studio buildings (The Hairpin for example), and we are asking to please consider funding for our space a top priority. As an aside, I additionally teach Painting and Drawing at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where I was a grad student 10 years ago. Many of my students and colleagues similarly rely on this building for their studio practices and livelihoods. Thanks in advance for considering this with a sense of urgency.
TI	Instead of focusing on the poorest, build what works. Place people in charge who know what they're doing. Safe, clean, timely, predictable service. Stop charging a premium for reduced services on filthy, crowded, late trains.
TI	We need concrete-protected bike lanes. I don't even bike ride but the curbs will also keep cyclists out of the car lane. We also need a network, not just piecemeal aldermanic approaches. Western Ave, with its length, is ideal for BRT and protected lanes. Also: merge CTA with Metra.
AC	I have a studio in the Carroll Arts Building at 319 N Albany. I consider it a jewel of Chicago creativity. The building provides affordable studio space for over 100 artists that help make Chicago a world class art city.
AC	I am an artist in the 3200 W Carroll Building, one of several buildings that form an artist enclave which runs the length of Carroll from Sacramento Blvd to Homan Ave. There may be as many as 500 artists and musicians with artist work spaces in the warehouse buildings in this corridor. Unfortunately these buildings still have the antiquated "manufacturing" zoning which does not support its use as artists work space despite the fact that these buildings have been used to provide affordable artist work space for over 30 years. This puts us all at risk as many of the buildings have been in court for the last 6 years trying to get the zoning changed. An initiative to get these buildings rezoned would truly be one of the most helpful things that could be done to support the arts. If an artist doesn't have affordable space to incubate and create nothing concrete can come of their talent and vision.
AC	Your website is challenged. I selected "5" on each question and every option was starred. Doesn't seem to be a browser issue.
AC	I love the arts community of Chicago! I am an artist and educator, living and working in the East Garfield Park/Humboldt Park area. Ten years ago, I started renting art studio space studio space at the Albany Carroll Arts Buildings. It is a HUGE part of the success of my own art practice, community building, and what I can offer to the students I teach through After School Matters and ChiArts. Please, please, please help our studio buildings, so that we can continue to make the art community thrive here in Chicago!!
AC	This type of initiative is what it will take. "On earth as it is in heaven"
AC	I am a senior citizen from the south west suburbs I use to volunteer for the city which I enjoyed very much but now that I'm older I miss all of the activities that the city provides, it would be nice for some of those activities were available in the suburbs. The plays/concerts should have more week day matinees where a bus load of seniors would be able to go.
AC	The graph seems to indicate that I chose all the options which I found rather confusing, it seems best to indicate the choice one made. Otherwise I support the Arts fully.
AC	The 3200 W. Carroll Arts Building and the Albany Carroll Arts Building has been vital to me as an artist.
AC	I am an artist working in the 3200 W. Carroll Arts Building in Garfield Park. I am also a professor at The School of The Art Institute of Chicago and I run an artist-run exhibition space in Humboldt Park. I would love to see the city invest in affordable studio spaces for artists on Chicago's west side. Many artists rely on this building as well as many others in the neighborhood to create their work, but we are getting priced out due to zoning and construction costs due to new safety requirements.
AC	I make Public Art in 60612 for the past 18 years in a wonderful art and artisans building that enabled me to grow as an artist, expand my horizons, make me financially successful. It is imperative that the City of Chicago make it easier for "arts" buildings to be accessible to young artisans and foster arts mentorship. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years.
AC	I manufacture commercial woodwork at The 3200 W Carroll Arts Building. We are in need of consideration for assistance in keeping our building going. We need to make city ordered improvements of up to two million dollars and we are facing a tax reassessment. The zoning is under consideration for reclassification as well to include artists. It is important in my opinion to foster these types of places in our city. I have been involved there for 35 years and I do not know of many places like this left in Chicago where there is a great tradition of manufacturing.
AC	The 3200 W. Carroll Arts Building and the 319 Albany/3039 Carroll Arts Building have 175 artists combined, and it is the most affordable artist studios in the city hands down. They have been providing artist work space over 30 years. Some that have been there since the beginning and always creating new opportunities for emerging and mid career artists. It is essential to the arts community in Chicago. Please do not take this away from us!
AC	Chicago, like many Urban Cities- has always attracted a large number of Creative Artists and Artisans to live & work here. In the past 30 years it has become increasingly difficult to MAKERS and Artists to find affordable, or cheap workshops and Studios. Chis Loutris has provided very affordable spaces for Artists for ver 20 years that I have rented from him. If- I had a higher overhead- I likely would not have been able to keep a Studio in Chicago. From starting out in a 2nd floor of an abandoned Coachhouse in Bucktown-, then moving to a basement of a Coachhouse in Logan Square, each place I have moved my Shop/Studio- I was pushed out- because of Gentrification. Gentrification is great- on the one hand- but when ARTISTS- those who were "The Urban Pioneers"- who settled in crime ridden shit-hole-pockets of Chicago, (like Milwaukee Ave in Wicker Park, like Bucktown, like Pilsen, like East Garfield Park, like Bridgeport, etc., etc. etc.) It's not funny- when I tell folks the older I get- the more WEST I'm forced to relocate- and eventually- I'll have to open shop along The Mississippi River, to find affordable space. Please RESPECT ARTISTS as innovators and creators. For- a Community with "only"- IT people and Bio-Tech-Entrepreneurs will NOT make CHICAGO attractive and open to more innovation- in fact the opposite will occur. Support THE ARTS- and Artists, because with a Creative Culture- you have a pretty city with no vibe- no soul.. Thank you for listening. Randall KRAMER Chicagoan born at Mt. Sinai.

AC	I have been working in the building at 3200 W Carroll for over 7 years now. Without a doubt it has been the most supportive place to run my business, especially during this pandemic. The rent remains affordable for me and so many artists I know who could not afford this rent elsewhere. It is one of the few truly affordable work spaces left for artists. To lose this space would sincerely be devastating to me and the 175 other artists who rely on it for their livelihoods. Not to mention the cultural significance the work of these artists contribute to our city, year after year. Please support the Albany/Carroll and 3200 W Carroll artist buildings, like other art buildings (Hairpin and Pullman to name a couple) in our city have been supported. Thank you!
AC	More arts education that is accessible for all! The easiest place to start is in schools and fieldhouses. I would like CPS students to have comprehensive arts education within their neighborhood schools and opportunities outside of their neighborhood schools (park district, public library, city colleges, and other public and private organizations) to pursue their preferred media. I'd also like arts and music opportunities for all ages in parks and libraries. For example, I'm lucky to be close to Old Town School of Folk music, but honestly I think that there could be a wiggleworms-type music class for my toddler at my local library or fieldhouse. One of the issues raised in the survey was employment, especially second jobs, for creatives. There is your experienced work force ready to teach such a music/arts/dance/theatre class at libraries and parks.
AC	My art studio is in the Albany Carroll Fine Arts Building which houses over 150 art studios. We would benefit greatly if the city were to grant money and support to our building which is in need of upgrades. We Will Chicago will benefit enormously as The Albany Carroll Arts Building has been housing artists' studios for over 25 years and has been a center for artist's walk, gallery visits, productive creativity and ongoing homes to the most well-known living painters and sculptors in Chicago.
AC	I am a member of an arts collective in the East Garfield Park neighborhood. The buildings located at 3039 W. Carroll, 319 N. Albany and 3200 W. Carroll have a 30 year history of providing affordable artist work space. At the moment the future of these buildings as artist work space is at risk. The city requires changes that would cost 600K to 1M per building. We have architectural plans in place and permits on file but we are being held up from doing the work by the zoning department. The buildings are currently zoned "Manufacturing", which doesn't allow artists to work in them. We should be able to get loans, and may eventually be able to get changes made to the zoning, but construction costs coupled with the tax assessment, if it is as high as anticipated, could make the future of these buildings as artist work spaces impossible. The buildings currently provide studios to over 175 artists, many who teach at the highest levels of arts education and have produce critically acclaimed work. Is there anything that can be done to help preserve this 30 year investment in providing work space to Chicago artists? Thank you
AC	The Albany Carroll Arts Building has supported 175+ artists for 30 years & needs the City of Chicago's support. This is a vibrant East Garfield Park neighborhood cultural center that is vital to activate the area.
AC	My studio building 3039 W Carroll has dramatically increased my happiness and fulfillment from my creative endeavors. I feel safe, supported, and surrounded by creatives. It is a tremendous gift to the neighborhood and all of the studio inhabitants.
AC	My studio is in the Carroll building on 3200 West Carroll Building across from the community center and 345 Art Gallery in Garfield Park area of Chicago. I love this neighborhood, i garden there, use the community center and work in my studio along with 2 other artists. The studios are low rent and wonderfully maintained. I hope Chicago will meet the needs of under served communities and keep this building active and alive for everyone benefit.
AC	Artist work space must be supported by the city. Especially those that have supported the arts for decades
AC	I have a studio at 3200 West Carroll ave and operate my freelance business from this location for the past 10 years. The City is trying to close us down because of some silly zoning issues and they have been persecuting our management company (Carroll Arts Bldg LLC) for years - This needs to stop as all of us in the building are dependent on these affordable spaces and our livelihoods will be greatly affected if we are closed down. The owners of the building have complied with every code upgrade over the years, but the city keeps coming up with new costly requirements. This is a safe and pleasant building to work in and the City needs to leave us alone. contact me via email if you like. patrick@thepackagesolution.com
AC	I have had an art studio at 3200 W Carroll Ave in East Garfield Park for the past three years. My professional career would not have been able to succeed without the affordable rent which Chris Loutris and team have ensured for the past 30 years of owning the building. As an emerging artist, without this space I would not have been able to access an arts community or a space large enough to meet my practice needs. Investing in the Carroll Arts Buildings has made my dreams of being an artist a reality. I call upon the City of Chicago, the home that made me who I am, to allow me to continue to grow into an artist through investing in the Carroll Arts Building. Thank you.
AC	I work as an artist in the 3039 W. Carroll artist building. The owner is working hard with the city to keep it an artist building. He needs help from the city and as an artist that has been in this space for over 15 years it would be such a loss if we lose this space.
AC	Since 2010 I have had a studio in the Albany Carrol Arts Building, 319 North Albany. It is a special place! They have kept the cost of my rent low and affordable. I have been able to prepare for major exhibitions at Threewalls and the MCA Chicago here in the city as well as the major exhibitions abroad including the Berlin Biennale and Contemporary Art Brussels, among many others. Without the support of having an affordable studio space at the Albany Carrol Fine Arts Building, it is very hard to imagine my artistic practice let alone imagine I could have prepared work for major local, national, and international exhibitions. I am hoping you will recognize the support they have given to many many artists over the years at the Albany Carrol Arts Building as well as their 3200 West Carrol building. Chris Loutris and his team have done the city of Chicago an invaluable service for many years of supporting artistic practice not to get rich or raise his profile but because they believe in art and artist. I hope you recognize his invaluable contribution to Chicago's artistic ecosystem and robustly support him in his effort.

AC	In order to achieve your goals you must pay attention to the artists studios buildings on Carroll Avenue and Albany Avenue in the 60612 area -- these affordable studio spaces are critical to providing artists with large, well-lit, safe and affordable studio spaces that are simply not on offer anywhere else in the city. I implore this group to highlight the importance of these buildings and to support them through funding, re-zoning efforts, and other things that can be done to keep these buildings available to artists, and for artists. I have heard that the city of Chicago spent \$25 million on the Hairpin Arts Building that only houses 25 artists, and Chicago spent \$15 million on an art building in Pullman area that houses 38 artists. but what about the 3200 W. Carroll Arts Building and the Albany Carroll Arts Building at 319 -- those two buildings have 175 artists combined, and they have never received a cent from the city. Come on!! I need my studio space in order to continue creating the work that I do, which also involves providing opportunities for other Chicago artists. I would not be able to afford higher-priced studio spaces elsewhere -- and there aren't enough studio spaces available to begin with. Despite the size of the Albany-Carroll buildings, and the owners' over 30 years history of providing artist work space, the critical importance (even historical importance) of these two buildings are still not fully acknowledged by those with the power to make larger decisions in support of Chicago artists. I ask you to please help keep these buildings available to artists now and in the future.
AC	I have had my studio in a very affordable space in East Garfield Park at 3200 West Kedzie for over 10 years. I have seen the community changing and improving over this time and I believe the diversity and presence of artists in the community has helped in this situation. The space provided in my studio has allowed for me to make large works that are displayed throughout Chicago in public galleries and we have had open studios to open our doors to the local community.
AC	support lower (subsidized) rents for artist sin vacant storefronts in Edgewater that have been empty for over 12 years
AC	the art studios at Albany and Carroll must be maintained as an affordable community for artists in Chicago
AC	Music classes in elementary schools help on their appreciation for other arts.
AC	I was a DJ for the Karaoke event and it's awesome the city is reaching out to do things like this.
AC	I think you all more than hit it dead on the head. Both the need and why.
AC	It's hard to answer questions without knowing budget trade offs
AC	I think the west side, especially Austin, needs more cultural institutions. I'm Black American and most of my family lives in Austin. Growing up, most of the Black cultural institutions were on the south side and we have to travel there for events. I think more initiatives and events should be based on the west side.
AC	Gentrification is driving smaller arts orgs and artists out of many communities.
AC	Very lofty goals but I would like to know how these things will be achieved.
AC	Provide full time employment in the arts for the working artists that do so much for the city!
AC	Promote creative representation past, present and future.
AC	No
AC	Increase awareness of our arts to tourists! Bring more folks here to experience our wonderful arts
AC	Creating more opportunity, financial stability, and infrastructure for creatives will nourish the workforce that is already here!! So many creatives leave Chicago to find more and better paying work in other cities. I want to build a life here, but to do that there needs to be more opportunity with the quality of life I'd like to have for myself.
AC	Less administrative/office salaries and big business write-offs for "donations" More paid internships/after-school programs in parks, public schools and gathering places in under-funded communities. Arts Education begins in utero!
AC	Goals sound nice
AC	I'd love to see more specific goals, detailing more how you plan to achieve the overall objective of providing an equitable and accessible arts and creative sector for Chicago's most impacted areas. Why is one of the goals not to increase our funding to the arts and creative sector to be more aligned to metropolitan areas of our size, like New York City? What's the strategy for resourcing and equipping the educational offerings of arts / culture (schools, especially in marginalized black and latinx communities)?
AC	I could not check on the stars I 4d with. All the statements seemed to be positive but have no details so how could you 2?
AC	We are located at 319 N. Albany ave., albanycarrollartsbuilding with 84 working artists in mostly private studios, also a block west at 3200 W. Carroll ave. there are 91 working artists, these are all work only. We can use some help in that although we have been here for over 30 years the city has us in court since the Ghostship fire Dec. 2nd 2016, 4 days after that fire the city had 6 inspectors in our buildings, the buildings were deemed safe but needing updating. We now have architectural drawings for the work that must be done, but zoning says the Manufacturing buildings cannot have artists in them, we have an attorney working on a zoning change. I understand but have no way of knowing for sure that the city helped the Zhou brothers with there 1st building on 35th street,, helped out in some way with the Switching Station artist building on Homan ave. with 24 units,, spent 15 million on 38 units in Pullman and 25 million on the Hairpin arts Building and gave it to a non profit. Our buildings tax dollars have gone to a TIF for the past 12 years, \$75 million of it will be spent on a Green line stop at Damen and Lake street for the stadium, we can't even get a street light fixed on the corner of Carroll and Albany, now they are asking for another 12 year TIF, maybe for new granite streets for Fulton Market, sorry am I ranting... Our main issues are the recent property tax assessments that could make the studios unaffordable and the zoning. Will anyone help keep these 175 artists in their workspaces? Thank you, Chris
AC	Some of the thoughts and ideas sound great, but where are you going start, who's going to implement these ideas, and why was arts, cultural, and physical education cut in the first place?
AC	Crowd source beauty!
AC	I am an artist, I have yet to find support in this City. I am 61 years young, and want to connect with youth. I live in Chatham, a neighborhood PURPOSELY IGNORED. I have a space that I inherited, yet have not found any support. My neighborhood is ineligible for every program you offer.
AC	No
AC	These statements are too general for me to provide meaningful input. My guess is that they were written by a consulting firm who has no idea of what arts are in Chicago. They are too broad based to give any meaningful data. A total waste of my time and tax money.
AC	Need to address gentrification and displacement of artists. Artist live work spaces are critical - need ownership not rental! Need long term wealth building / stability strategies to support artists.

AC	If we are not safe, access to arts is meaningless. Make a safe city first. The arts are historically supported philanthropically. Maintaining Chicago's economy will support the arts.
AC	Healthcare for artists!
AC	The tourist need to be better informed - on opportunities that represent equity.
AC	When I choose 5 all the stars were filled. If there an issue with the survey?
AC	I would like the City to be VERY intentional on supporting the existing Cultural resources and institutions. Many times older organizations get pushed to the side when new initiatives emerge. That would be completely counterproductive. There should be a cultural asset mapping process followed by an audit to see what City cultural institutions have been getting funding while others have not and find out how to even the playing field.
AC	no
AC	Arts organizations are full of waste. I don't want tax dollars spent on any arts organizations.
AC	Art depends on the coalescence of talent. To the extent possible the city should encourage the concentration of artistic talent in specific areas.
AC	Real history in the Arts and Culture areas across all races, genders and nationalities told truthfully. And keep politics completely out of it.
AC	The park district has cultural centers across the city--please invest in the staff & structures of these historic buildings to increase arts and arts ed access
AC	These are good goals but should not be prioritized for scarce financial resources.
AC	No
AC	Please return the Columbus statue back to its rightful place in Grant Park as part of our history and culture.
AC	It would behoove Chicago to compete a little more aggressively with NYC and LA on the fine art and fashion fronts.
AC	Chicago has a great creative culture in the arts and entertainment. But it needs to expand to underserved communities or get participants from those communities.
AC	I think these are all strong goals, and also that most of them will best be tackled by the hundreds of organizations already "on the ground", who are doing this work day in day out. They need support and credit for their work. A lot of this plan focuses on anti-racist work. In addition to ensuring that robust and quality art is in every neighborhood, we as a city need to make sure that our institutions are get help / held accountable to ant-racist growth, and that there is focus on making these institutions accessible and truly welcoming to a wider range of patrons. Lack of mobility through the city is a real problem, but the city should also be encouraging citizens to see, experience, and engage in arts throughout the entire city. For me, art walks have been important in connecting with neighborhoods (and those who live in them) beyond where I live.
AC	I think the City needs to keep in mind that many neighbourhoods DO have vibrant cultural communities. What is often lacking are the financial resources to nurture & grow them. The City doesn't need to bring creative enterprises to historically underresourced areas; the City needs to bring resources.
AC	Our non-profit in North Lawndale would like to build a cultural arts center on vacant lot owned by the city that has been vacant for over 40 yrs. It would house an art gallery, performance stage, art studios, spaces for entrepreneurs to grow their businesses, a vegan cafe, and 3 businesses to serve the community and operated by adults with intellectually impaired adults & formerly incarcerated adults. We could use help!
AC	I think we need more funding in the public schools for arts, and I don't mean hiring independent artists in place of a real music teacher who would get a pension and benefits. I don't like this practice CPS has of hiring semi-professionals to teach the kids after school or take them out of their regularly scheduled classes so a W-9 can replace a real teacher with a degree in arts education for a few hours. That contributes to the gig culture (I don't mean that term in a good way), which produces adult workers who don't make enough to support themselves and are in the end a strain on government finances in other ways. This practice of replacing a real arts educator in the schools with someone who needs a side job is not a good idea. Although it is cheaper in the beginning, it costs Chicago in the end.
AC	Let the private sector do this. We cannot trust the government to not waste money and push any agenda such as political, leftists, showing favoritism.
AC	STOP WASTING MONEY AND LOWER PROPERTY TAXES AND SALES TAXES
AC	Age discrimination is also of concern if we are trying to create an equitable system
AC	Consider offering free transportation to and from educational cultural program facilities in underprivileged neighborhoods to encourage student participation. Students may want to attend but don't have a way of getting to their destination, and if they have to go through an iffy neighborhood, they will feel save getting there. A small snack (fruit and/or healthy bar) and beverage would be a wonderful start before class. It goes without saying that a welcoming environment encourages learning and is a good breakaway from their everyday life.
AC	Make it more accessible for independent low-income emerging artists and organizations. Create mentorship programs for emerging creative arts works with financial assistance.
AC	While these objectives all sound lovely and helpful, I have very little faith that this will be accomplished. I have been a practicing artist in Chicago for over 25 + years and own a creative FOR PROFIT art-based business and the city has never done anything to support us. I am/we are skeptical that that city will implement these pushes after years of failed pushes and engagements and we have always felt that the city has taken full advantage of our creative community to serve and benefit only the city and financially so.
AC	Please ensure that workers in arts organizations are paid a living wage. Provide the infrastructure for freelance workers to obtain group healthcare rates.
AC	It's difficult to "4" or not, based only on the goal/objectives statements without any detail or knowing how the terms used have been defined. In the most general way, it is all worthwhile. Beyond that, it's hard to tell.
AC	I want to see arts permeate public spaces (schools, plazas, transit, parks, etc).
AC	This language is extremely vague and have seen bold promises from the city before. I'd like to see more explicit terms rather than "eliminate barriers" or "increase support"
AC	Very easy to 5 with all of these.

AC	Older artists, even if they aren't famous, should be supported in mentoring younger artists.
AC	Thank you Chicago for supporting and recognizing the importance of the arts!
AC	Decision makers should look deeply into organizations and where they provide their services in order to not exclude anyone. My organization has been excluded from funding based on the zip code of our mailbox despite the fact that we provide services to children and schools throughout the city of Chicago (primarily west and south sides) but our zip code 60605 for mail.
AC	As you are considering the grant barriers, look to address individual artist opportunities without requiring 501C3 partnerships. consider offering LLC Arts businesses opportunities. Also consider, collaborative grants for entities - businesses or nonprofits, to acquire real-estate. Lastly consider offering artist housing for individuals, families, and lower priced rental space and /fellowships for individual artist.
AC	Good luck. Very happy to know money is being allocated to not only bring music into all parts of the city but also to help support the hard working musicians of Chicago. There needs to be more effort made to let organizations know these opportunities exist. I feel the best way to do this is go in person and speak to organizations that qualify.
AC	I'd like to see more after school arts education for kindergarten through high school.
AC	some of this was not specific enough or somewhat relative to how you define certain things...
AC	As a professional musician and leader of a local arts education nonprofit, I'll do whatever I can to build and support the vision outlined here. Please invite us to the table, and please come see the work we are doing to ensure all young people have access to the arts as a tool for discovering and reaching their full potential and purpose.
AC	There is always a massive focus or push towards funding Arts Education initiatives and youth programs (which is so important and still frequently neglected), without supporting those who ultimately make it a career path. Sustaining adults, professionals, working artists, etc, is so needed.
AC	To ensure that more communities and schools have access to arts programming, the City should consider how existing initiatives and organizations can scale to meet these needs, rather than trying to create programs from scratch.
AC	None of your actions are specific. The survey is inane. Any creative/arts person is going to obviously want this...so this is a pointless survey. The point is...what Citizens who are not artists want.
AC	Thanks for making this a focus for the future - as an artist in Chicago I appreciate the advocacy for arts and culture for the city !
AC	1. The Art Institute had a Chicago Show, where they showed Chicago Artist and cancelled it .The Cultural center tried to do the same and failed because of lack of representation from some cultural group. I propose that you resurrect the , Chicago Show at the cultural center so people can move from the neighborhood and all celebrate downtown . The jurors need to be a well rounded diverse group to represented all voices in the arts community. 2. The cultural focus has been tilted towards economic and community development away from an aesthetic view point. The the pure poetic aesthetic view no matter the view is in the long run of an economic driver , example James Joyce in Dublin, Paris , just Paris. Let artist directly apply for shows at the cultural center again. The rapid granting of liquor licenses almost ruined ,Wicker Park , bastion of creatively in the city. People want culture not parties. True cultural experiences will make the economy grow more than an increase in liquor sales .
AC	Concentrate on necessities and not what you consider as cultural. Regarding music events, we used to have country/western performers at Taste of Chicago. We also had a Country Music Festival; like other music festivals, it was free. The only thing we have now is the Windy City Smokeout, which is expensive. Treat C&W like the other types of music
AC	not sure what "other schools means"
AC	These are great goals, but without underlying strategy to get them done. I also question that most non profit arts orgs are downtown. the ones that are best supported by the city and parks certainly are, but there are many outside of that area that do not receive support or funding
AC	Yes. I chose "5" on all answers, and all stars became highlighted. All of my answers are "5."
AC	Invest in K-12 arts education and PAY art teachers and working artists a wage that reflects the skills, education, and talents of their work. DCASE grants for artists are hard to get. I feel it's a waste of time to apply for all the grants that are meant to "subsidize" artists, because we're not being paid adequately in the first place. VALUE.
AC	Definitely support investment in lower-income neighborhoods.
AC	I live near Garfield Park. It's beautiful despite the apparent lack of funding. I'd like to see more arts and cultural efforts near that park.
AC	I don't think this is equally essential to other areas of the plan
AC	Over emphasize CPS and their impact on expanding the arts and culture
AC	I support all your goals and objectives. I believe having a connection to art and culture is vital for a healthy democracy.
AC	You covered it all!
AC	From an arts access in education, I would like to see more partnerships with schools and Chicago arts nonprofits. School performances, sharing of spaces, and promoting a career in education as a future for those working in creative organizations now. It's not appealing to join as a teacher because of hours, pay and structure.
AC	For each of the objectives I selected 5, however all of the choices were Starred as well.
AC	Chicago needs to provide more general operating grants to cultural nonprofits as well as individual artists. More marketing funding is needed to let people (tourists AND locals) know that art is happening. The city needs to improve safety and reduce violence to encourage patrons to go out to shows. The Mag Mile needs better occupancy and fewer empty storefronts -- more effort is needed to fill those vacancies with tenants. Street/bridge closures and uncontrolled parades and riots need to be curbed -- Attendance at theatres is down due to fear. This needs to be a COHESIVE effort within the city administration, not just within the Department of Arts and Culture.
AC	Quit with the diverting fund gimmick to under served areas. Anyone can travel to another area IE the bean downtown
AC	I think all these goals and action items are still too vague
AC	Transparency relates to funding, access, availability, and who receives it.
AC	As an elder artist I 4 on the importance of the arts culture. To be the forefront of any city to promote engagement, culture, education and beauty for it citizenship.

AC	Would like to see the city encourage small lounges and taverns especially on South and West Side to offer live blues, jazz and R&B, through easy licensing and--something new--look into grants to pay these clubs' PRO fees.
AC	As a musician that's lived in Chicago 13 years, I've seen many talented people leave Chicago for LA, NYC, Nashville, etc. I think a big part of that, is that those cities have industry, labels, opportunities and viable career paths in the arts. I believe it would be beneficial to create some initiatives with the industries we have here (advertising, companies based here, or represented here) in showcasing our talented youth through the non-profit programs, showing them that there is a pathway through art as a legitimate career. And, hopefully, in doing so, incentivizing to keep them here, while additionally showcasing the city. As for visual art, when I lived abroad and had the opportunity to travel outside of the country, my favorite cities were the one where art is showcased throughout the city. Murals, sculptures, and creative undertakings that include the surrounding architecture. They beautify the city and showcase its personality.
AC	I would love better allocation of city funds to support emerging, BIPOC, women, and LGBTQ organizations instead of supporting legacy organizations that have access to wealthy donors
AC	You need to make it more friendly for art associations to get a business license. This should be a top priority for the BACP. Most organizations are low or no-profit as well as not for profit.
AC	There should be a catalog resource available to every resident in Chicago, similar to a library, for art supplies for any medium of creative expression. For personal supplies such as markers, paints, film, etc. I believe these can be made available per request for free. For reusable supplies such as cameras, easels, microphones, etc. they should be able to be rented. For large machines such as laser cutters for furniture making, looms, kilns, etc. there can be community warehouses with these kinds of services and people to overlook. Of course any resident or person who seeks to get access to this potential city service should have to go through an educational process and given something like a library card.
AC	Stop wasting taxpayers money. The arts are heavily supported by private entities. Focus on keeping the artists safe and alive. Government needs out of peoples lives.
AC	Do more to force museums and other cultural institutions to make the museums and arts free. No Chicago or Illinois resident should have to pay money to visit a museum.
AC	Reliable transit, plentiful affordable housing, and a viable alternatives to driving in every neighborhood
AC	Hopefully with a new Mayor goals will be met.
AC	Make sure to remember that Art is good, but is not the most important thing in the world.
AC	we MUST make arts education and public art 100% accessible. I have ideas for sound,braille and places for sensory afflicted folks. The developments need to put focus outside of downtown and Michigan Avenue to see real results. Creating an ARTS "House" in major parks could be a spark that ignites the fire within citizens. All demographics need access to the arts for escape,education and most importantly expression. This will lower issues of crime and help all become healthier. An overseeing committee dedicated to making this huge plan work can be a shining example to the world as to who CHICAGO really is. Children learning art skills are less likely to commit crimes and dropout. Middle aged folks may see arts participation as a light within they had long forgotten and inspire them to do more with younger and older folks. Our elders should be encouraged to do art in public so people can see the value of us all. Cross city cultural exchanges can open up minds and opportunities. I have known people in their 30's have never been out of their neighborhoods.Ever. We can do better. Provide open spaces for free expression. And call me for more ideas, I am begging you! Im 48 male and father of 2 teens and I need to contribute more to shape the face of OUR city. or hire me, anything.
AC	Prioritize supporting community arts and cultural organizations that are already operating in the most un-resourced and intentionally marginalized communities.
AC	City of Chicago should not punished and/or de-prioritized from funding opportunities non profit cultural arts organization who are victims of gentrification and who cultural assets are in those communities.
AC	I like the objectives, but I didn't feel like I was genuinely being asked for any real feedback These statements seemed like obvious things.
CCE	The Chicago houseless population has very little input in anything in the city. I've tried to help some houseless folks get help in the past, but the amount of bureaucracy, paperwork, organizations they need to get even the most basic things is disheartening at best and an impossible barrier cross at worst. As individuals, they should have the opportunity for civic engagement as well. They should have input on these systems.
CCE	Equity is Socialism. There is no racial reason to get any special help. Racism is not a problem.
CCE	Community engagement is necessary and critical, however, it is also important that leadership making the final decisions are informed by community not directed by the community. As an expert in their field, I feel it is important that while they are expected to take into consideration civic and community feedback and opinion, ultimately they can make an informed decision/recommendation for the advancement of our city that is comprehensive and grounded in all measures.
CCE	Wonderful effort to try and turn things around for our city.
CCE	A rising tide lifts all boats. Focus on efficiency and moving forward is paramount versus letting things experience death by committee.
CCE	Listen to communities. We don't want the casino in river north
CCE	This pillar is telling on itself by consigning truth and reconciliation to a sub-objective. The racist, patriarchal, classist harm and violence perpetrated by the City, its representative, and its agencies cannot be understated. The bare-minimum level of priority this crucial issue is given belies an inadequate appreciation by this pillar for the harm of institutional betrayal by the American state in general and the City of Chicago in particular. We do ourselves, and as representative of the City, *you* do *us* the residents of Chicago a disservice by not raising to the highest level the decades of failure and abuse visited on Chicagoans -- particularly the poor, people of color, and immigrants. The public trust has been betrayed for decades in this city -- by the Democratic machine, racist and politically repressive police forces, and a public school system more concerned with warehousing students and test scores than the duty of care, to name only a few. It is crucial for *you* as an agent of the City to understand this history so that it is not reproduced. It is crucial of *us* as Chicagoans so we can identify patterns of neglect and repression that shape our lives and all too often reduce our future prospects.

CCE	In introduction, we should clearly mention that poor people have also been “ignored, disengaged or shut out.” Let’s not leave poverty out just because we are not sure what to call it, or are worried about mixing it up with race or age or disability. Data: how is the “population by disability” defined? This should somehow help people understand that many people can move in and out of disability due to temporary illness or age or taking care of someone. Need to help people understand the benefits for all that are provided by disability access. for objective 1.1, need to understand that some organizations will not want to be too included because they don’t want to feel co-opted or like sellouts. Really need to focus on access...having a lot of datasets will not mean anything if people don’t understand them and don’t know what to do with them. Push use of the city datasets in high school and community college settings, have students learn from and work with city staff to analyze and understand the data. Data: the number of hits on different datasets has a huge variation and needs maybe some interpretation—traffic crash data is probably highly driven by insurance needs as compared to other data which may be more useful but less volume driven. Goal 4 Excellent data showing that poverty is a problem across race, push here for solidarity Good to see data showing doubling up in housing as a problem
CCE	As part of the Civic and Community Engagement pillar of the We Will Chicago Plan, efforts should be made to incorporate the following components into the various objectives in order to make government more accessible for residents. Most importantly, philanthropic and private sector coalitions, neighborhood groups and residents need to have the opportunity to be meaningfully included in the decision-making process and engaged upfront on future projects throughout the City. This means efforts must be made to support better planning and communication around how far in advance to notify communities and make the locations/timing supportive of community members schedules so that they can be engaged in a meaningful way. Efforts to establish standards and structures for community-driven decision-making also need to include increased transparency and communication regarding tree work. It is very important that as processes are co-created to support residents and community organizations becoming more involved in developing, shaping, and evaluating infrastructure and development projects that there is an opportunity for them to provide feedback, especially on tree removals originating from aldermanic requests, residents, and the City before irreversible actions take place. Finally, as it relates to tree equity, the Tree Equity Working group should be incorporated as part of efforts to foster sustained, proactive relationship building between community members most impacted by the issue and City staff. Additionally, it would be helpful if a dedicated phone number for tree planting requests could be established to speed up the process, as well as to add additional types of tree requests to 311 other than removals, plantings, trimmings, and branch pickups. It would also be beneficial if residents could submit batches of addresses for community tree planting requests instead of submitting individually.
CCE	Objective 4.1 Policies 4.1C and 4.1D are extremely important. We encourage the city to partner with community organizations that have expertise to produce transparent, easy to understand guidelines. We encourage the city to track frequently asked questions about city processes, so that the city can identify areas of confusion and share guidance with the public consistently and openly. We encourage the city to survey residents about the time it took to complete a process and what was confusing, so that the city can continuously improve and streamline processes based on the experiences of residents. ADD Policy 4.1E: Remove outdated guidance from city’s web sites. ADD Policy 4.1F: Remove debt checks from city processes wherever possible so that the inequities of indebtedness are not amplified by city processes, such as business license applications. Objective 5.1: Establish standards and structures for community-driven decision-making We have serious reservations about the policies listed under Objective 5.1. Efforts to engage the community in decisions about development can exacerbate tendencies toward protectionism, anti-competitive or exclusionary practices, or resistance to innovation or diversity. For example, a ward-based community development advisory council might include a vocal restaurant owner who is biased against a new restaurant arriving in the neighborhood. Neighborhood standards for signage and aesthetics may reject aesthetics that are valued by marginalized communities or reject anything new and innovative, simply because it is different. A small unelected group of community members should not have the power to decide the fate of another resident’s business dream.
CCE	Citywide participatory budgeting. Request that Alderpeople use Participatory Budgeting for Menu Budget so they stop using menu as campaign promises to benefit voters only over other disenfranchised residents
CCE	ALL of these goals and objectives sound wonderful and laudable and would be fantastic to achieve. But it's still unclear what the purpose of this initiative is based on this "survey." This makes it sound like all the things listed are: (a) easily achievable, and (b) don't involve any tradeoffs, such as the cost. So of *course* one should 'S' with everything suggested. The key question that isn't answered here is HOW these things will happen, or even just some proposed ideas for how these kinds of things could be done. They clearly are not easy or else they'd already be in place. So I want to know what the obstacles and challenges are to making this happen and ideas for overcoming these obstacles. This also provides zero information on the WHO that will be behind this. What City department, agencies, offices, and officials will be behind these initiatives. As I go through these surveys, they'll starting to seem like puffery questions that are phrased to get answers & data you want to justify something rather than a true survey of residents interests. I will withhold judgment until I see the results of this, but as of now I'm feeling a bit skeptical.
CCE	Libraries can not be responsible for taking on areas the city is lacking in that are not literacy based. Open community centers for that.

CCE	<p>Hello We Will team. I am Rob Pabon, Manager of Strategic Partnerships at Chicago Cares. Founded in 1991, Chicago Cares is a nonprofit organization that mobilizes volunteers to deepen their civic engagement and collectively build a more vibrant and equitable city. More than 5,000 volunteers and nearly 100 companies come to us every year, with their hands raised, asking how they can build the Chicago we all deserve. After three decades of building trust, we are proud of our deep relationships with grassroots, social impact organizations on Chicago's South and West sides, Chicago-based corporations, and volunteers. At this important intersection, Chicago Cares can serve as a co-dreamer, bridge, and facilitator with our partners – bringing resources, visibility, and momentum to community's plans for themselves. Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback on your Civic and Community Engagement Pillar. As an organization, we are always thrilled when civic engagement is prioritized as an essential ingredient in building the city all Chicagoans deserve. Based on our reading of the plan in its current iteration, we understand the primary strategy to increase civic engagement is making local government and public life more transparent, accountable, and accessible. We believe that those changes will benefit Chicagoans and have the potential to break down barriers. In addition, as an organization, we would encourage the City of Chicago to consider additional ways for residents to engage civically and deepen their commitment to community, beyond participation in and access to our important democratic institutions. Every day, neighbors, volunteers, and local leaders show up for one another, demonstrating a commitment to building the city we all deserve. Service, particularly service that builds bridges between diverse Chicagoans, is an essential strategy for building a stronger, more inclusive "we." At Chicago Cares, we create and facilitate service experiences, moving people along a journey from connection to empathy and civic action. Over the last few years, we have engaged Chicagoans in census outreach, Get Out the Vote efforts, skills-based consulting hours, co-design of service initiatives, and board service. These are just a handful of ways that Chicagoans and members of Chicago's corporate community can help build and strengthen the work of community driven change while engaging in service, philanthropy, advocacy, organizing, and work that strengthens our democracy. Our work has connected 16,000 volunteers and leveraged \$9.2 million to fuel the work of community partners on the south and west sides of Chicago. At Chicago Cares, we believe in the power of service and the transformation that comes when volunteers engage in community-centered initiatives. We know the city shares our commitment to a vibrant and equitable civic sector, and we would welcome the opportunity to collaborate to ensure that the Civic and Community Engagement Pillar of the plan reflects our collective commitment to service and civic action. Chicago Cares and our many partners in the social impact and corporate communities have been working strategically on civic pathways for Chicagoans since 2017, and we welcome the opportunity to ensure that our collective work to strengthen the civic fabric is prioritized and expanded through the city's first ever city-wide plan. We look forward to the opportunity to work together to ensure that our fellow Chicagoans continue to be equipped and encouraged to bring people power to the work of change. Thank you once again for the opportunity to share feedback. We hope to hear from you soon about the next steps of the Civic and Community Engagement Pillar. Best, Rob Pabon Manager, Strategic Partnerships</p>
CCE	City needs to primarily increase transparency before worrying about access. Also needs to provide services for people actually paying taxes or will continue to lose the middle class. That this admin pretends to support transparency is a joke.
CCE	You shared many lofty goals but no specific actions.
CCE	Do it.
CCE	Yes, I believe there needs to be more relationship-building with community-based organizations. Moreover, CPS needs to include a civic engagement curriculum to teach young people how they can participate in civic life from a young age. More education is also needed among Chicago residents, so they understand the role they play in shaping their city.
CCE	The Chicago Department of Public Health COVID website is a model for how we should use and share data. The Facebook townhalls were, also, excellent.
CCE	Surveys like this are great for engagement. My biggest worry is that folks like me who work during they day can't share our stories, so it's important to me that asynchronous feedback is accounted for too. Also, there are some orgs that seem totally unaccountable. I complain to my alderman about almost being killed by vehicles, but the only thing I hear is that there might be a traffic study in a year.
CCE	Participatory Budgeting should be enlarged across the city and maintained beyond alderperson discretion. Active PB projects were curtailed in the 45th ward after the recent election, and that was discouraging for civic engagement.
CCE	Community-driven decision making should include redistricting decisions. Elected officials will not be responsive if they can draw their own districts and nearly ensure reelection. A non-partisan, citizen-driven district mapping process is the most important reform the city could implement because it will allow the political process to function more effectively toward other reforms!
CCE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Racial Equity RRT and Health Equity Zones should include the Tree Equity Working Group into the coordinated mix since they overlap in priorities. 2. Online resources should be housed on an accessible City website. Alderperson offices should have knowledge of how to access these and house print versions for their constituents. One of the City's monthly emails or website dashboard can showcase these resources. Resources can include trainings, how departments interact when there are infrastructure projects, publishing online guides. 3. In order to be aligned, neighborhood groups and residents need to be included in decisions upfront. 4. It would be great if all Alders published information on their websites about what infrastructure projects are going to occur and are underway with addresses. 5. Specific phone # for tree planting requests to speed up the process. Figure out how to add on additional tree types of requests to 311 other than removals, plantings, and trimming and branch pickups. 6. And how to submit batch addresses for community tree plantings. 7. Establish standards for communication regarding developments and infrastructure projects requiring additional review with opportunities for local input and transparent declaration of metrics on the neighborhood. This should include tree work. 8. Co-create processes that support residents and community organizations in developing, shaping, and evaluating infrastructure and development projects. This is very important and should include tree removals both through aldermanic requests, residents, and the City.
CCE	Make reaching city services people easier with better communication.
CCE	There is a lot of waste in this section. What business does the city have being involved in "Reckoning?" Please just make the neighborhoods clean and leave the Phd-isms to the colleges.
CCE	Include diversity in the city council meetings. Promote the meetings to everyday traffic at local grocery stores, local restaurants, local schools, and religious institutions.

CCE	This all sounds great, but I unfortunately believe none of these goals can be achieved without dismantling the systemic corruption of Chicago politics and the long, harmful history of CPD's abuse, secrecy, and dishonesty that continues to this day. City officials and staff don't need more "training" on racism and bias; they have all the info they need, they just don't care enough to forfeit any of their power or wealth for more equitable redistribution. Sadly, I firmly believe most city officials are either ambivalent towards the needs of minority and low-income residents, or they are assimilationist, which is just another form of racism.
CCE	Residents needing services should be able to apply for them using a SINGLE application that covers: Health, Housing, Food, Energy Assistance, Counseling etc. We need to expand the role of libraries and make them hubs of community assistance - perhaps even have librarians help people with their applications. Annually, maybe we need to start publishing data like how much people spend on their pets, vs what that money could do if it were given to not for profits like Food Banks and Foster Care services.
CCE	Ward map are too confusing. I've lived here all my life and I have no clue exactly what an alderperson does. Do we even need that many alderpersons.
CCE	The residents need a better explanation of what "equitable" means... Does it mean taking from one and giving to another? Does it mean adding more resources to needed areas? Does it mean ensuring all communities have the same amount of funding/resources?
CCE	The public library can't be the only city agency the public can go to for assistance navigating city and social services. They shouldn't have to be the go between for people who need help that other city agencies provide. This was made even more clear during the pandemic, when everyone else went home, and public library employees were the only city employees left for people to reach out to for assistance.
CCE	The city can certainly improve ease is accessing information and services but residents have to assume some responsibility and initiate some actions to get services and info.
CCE	We should drop our sanctuary city status. Refugees need help and Chicago does not have the resources. Our homeless population growing. How do we have the resources to help the refugees and not the homeless?
CCE	Racial justice and equity as you call it is wildly racist. The ideas behind this ideology don't stand up to even the most basic scrutiny of factual information about the present or history. The underrepresented are republicans, who have not had representation in Chicago since 1932 but have their money forcibly taken to give to others. Chicago already openly engages in racial discrimination, invariably to the benefit of black people. You say "underserved" to literally the people who are most served. Being given money by the 10s of thousands makes a person served, not underserved. "Served" families pay the taxes that fund free lunches, while not getting them themselves. If you have to wake up early, buy and prepare food or you go hungry, you are not served. If money is taken from others to pay for food that is prepared for you daily, you are the most served people on the planet. Illegal immigrant are devastating our school systems, holding back low income black students from performing at their ability level. Illegal immigration is pumping drugs into low income neighborhoods, raising the cost of housing, lowering wages for low-income jobs through competition. We have 10s of thousands of members of Latin supremacist gangs destroying our city (Latin Kings, La Raza- the race) while raking in benefits. This city is becoming unlivable due to the policies you are clearly promoting and actively misrepresenting with biased language.
CCE	so many urgencies. impossible to satisfy them all
CCE	Focus on crime.
CCE	Keep heading in the right direction and bring affordable technology with access to training to everyone who needs it.
CCE	City government can't be effective run by community organizations. CBO's have missions and objectives but very little knowledge of the economics of how to govern a city. That's what we entrust to elected officials.
CCE	The voices of Alderpersons should drive policy decisions. We can't operate an effective municipal government by having community organizations set city policies. That's the responsibility of an elected body.
CCE	SAFETY FIRST
CCE	Improving access to voting and getting people registered is the most important thing.
CCE	Communities should give their input but we have to make communities that are resilient to climate change, more accessible for all, and my fear with allowing complete control going to residents that some of this will be ignored.
CCE	The real transparent reason for Data Collecting what is it's purpose. How does it help build trust in communities of Color for those who have access to this information and how it is used.
CCE	I find this language rather abstract; absent specific indicators, they do not commit the city to any specific achievements and, thus, one inch can be measured as progress
CCE	N/A
CCE	I'm not sure if this survey applies to the police force as well, but I think it's important that the drive for transparency and access to data includes CPD and prisons.
CCE	Please invest in more public transit. Dedicated bus lanes and more available trains and buses. Thanks.
CCE	Quit giving out money and get everyone working!
CCE	Many Chicagoans need to be educated in areas pointed out in this survey.
CCE	Ignorance and lying must be stopped before this utopian dream is a reality. Look at the millions dropped for political campaigns and political instigators spread lies among voters rather than run a clean campaign. That ill begotten money could fill a lot of potholes
CCE	No
CCE	There is too much bureaucracy redundancy and overlap. Consolidation would be more effective and efficient.
CCE	Provide services to the LGBTQ+ population in the North Halsted (née "Boystown") neighborhood. Myself and many of my peers moved to Chicago from throughout the country after being ostracized by our families, arriving with nothing and no family support. While the Howard Brown and the Center on Halsted are great resources, I feel the city could use an organization to help such people feel seen and heard with dignity and to help them "plug in" to available services would be a *tremendous* asset.
CCE	I think it's crucial to make it easier for Chicagoans to view city proceedings and provide input on policy decisions. Providing virtual options and recordings or transcripts of city meetings would be hugely helpful in increasing access. Also, there's a need to meaningfully reckon with the city's legacy of racism and discrimination. It would be meaningful, for example, to have some sort of truth & reconciliation process that could actually examine the historical and current racist violence of the Chicago police and recommend policy actions to mitigate some of that violence, though I recognize that's not likely to ever happen.

CCE	There will always be a gap between the time that wealthy and poor people can invest in their communities (i.e. poor people generally have a longer commute, less flexibility in their work hours, resulting in less time they have available for community betterment). It's unclear what the City can or will do to ensure that poorer communities can take advantage of programs intended to benefit them.
CCE	Repurpose the city-wide budget so that less resources are used for police/CPD and more for the resources to actually build the community
CCE	To support civic and community engagement, the city needs to listen 10x more than it speaks, and listen critically. Robust community support networks with deep knowledge of systemic inequities already exist throughout the city; if they are empowered by city government, instead of dismissed or dictated to, they can address these inequities more quickly and completely. At the same time, the city must be willing to tell historically overserved groups "no" when they attempt to leverage their position to perpetuate inequities.
CCE	On Page 41 of the draft, there is a chart that highlights "Popular Datasets Accessed 2021-22". The chart is misleading, as "Crimes - 2001 to Present" appears disproportionately smaller in size from the next highest quantity. For this representation to be more accurate, the "Crimes - 2001 to Present" (6,281,198) bar should be roughly 75% the size of "Traffic Crashes - Vehicles" (8,442,608). There is a similar effect with the remaining values as well, but to a lesser degree. I understand that these charts are abstracted. However it's critical that data visualizations be accurate, otherwise it undercuts the section's goal of achieving greater data transparency.
CCE	I would like to see the City making use of retirees looking for more fulfillment in their lives by volunteering for various City departments in many different areas. They could help in streamlining many functions in City Government.
CCE	All public servants must be held accountable for their actions the very first time they ignore the rules and the law. All those who monitor illegal actions of our politicians must be responsive to Chicago's citizens and not give us the run around.
CCE	There must be specific and targeted actions and programs directed at confronting and correcting interactions between all residents and the police department.
CCE	Do focus on the CTA and streamlining processes within city hall that residents use such as the clerks office
CCE	Centralized sites that provide easy to navigate and understand available City Services is critical to success. If a cross section of End users is NOT involved in the development of the User Interface City sites will continue to under serve the community.
CCE	Citizens need to do for themselves. The more government tries to "help" the more dependents we have.
CCE	Not yet
CCE	The goals are fine, but there is a lot of room in these terms for anything from great to horrible policies and programs.
CCE	Education k-12+college is a need that politicians have not addressed. Most residents have no knowledge of laws, fines, procedures, etc. Wonder how many politicians understand them since they are not addressed as they used to be.
CCE	There should be an ongoing and consistent effort to acknowledge that we are on stolen land, and work with the local indigenous community to ensure that their voices are heard, too.
CCE	Goal 2 is a joke. Where was the community input where it came to the re-zoning of the wards? I'm losing my Alderman whom, I love to a piece of garbage Alderman who has done NO community outreach to his new constituents. The entire We Will Chicago talks about racial equality, but that needs to start at the TOP where there is no "color blindness" as this plan states.
CCE	Chicago needs to facilitate more individual volunteer activities for security and community improvement. Thousands of seniors and students could engage in neighborhood watch and cleanup scheduling, coordinated at the city level to avoid local intimidation by special-interest groups.
CCE	Fully staff Chicago Public Library and other community institutions - library branches are heavily understaffed and underfunded, especially in majority Black and Brown communities. Additional staff were promised before Sunday hours were announced, and yet the Mayor moved forward with Sunday hours mid-pandemic knowing there was a significant staff shortage that impacts service, overworks library staff, and is not serving anyone in our community.
CCE	Why do none of the goals about creating transparency in government data include the police department? We deserve accountability with more of their data.
CCE	The city can and should provide meaningful access. The city can only encourage participation, it can't be mandated if we want it to be honest and meaningful.
CCE	Making civic involvement process far more transparent than they have been in the past would be a boon to participation. As an example, despite the fact that I hold a doctorate and live in Ward 46, to figure out four years ago how to access decision makers in a development decision pertinent to the condo association of which I am president was a maze. Eventually, the ward and we delineated a clear process, but I don't know if others ever have access to understanding such processes or others that affect their neighborhoods. It would be easy to get discouraged when trying to give input and to give up.
CCE	There is a particular need for transparency in the permitting, building code, inspection system in Chicago. It is bureaucratic to the point of lunacy. Other large cities have a much cleaner, smoother, less costly process. In addition, there need to be different mechanisms and systems for gathering community input and engaging communities.
CCE	This is a great set of metrics. I would recommend adding to this affirmative outreach to people who live in marginalized communities, especially renters and seniors who are largely shut-in. This includes the ability to join committees and commissions. I also feel strongly that the City needs to eliminate barriers to accessing services. People who call 3-1-1 are not always given accurate information or quality referrals. Too many people get the bureaucratic run-around and it discourages them.
CCE	Racism has no place in our city policies or governance.
CCE	We already have 50 wards in Chicago - this is plenty (perhaps too much) of opportunity for local attention and involvement in municipal government. City policies should focus on what to do for the next generation over what happened two hundred years ago.
CCE	Let's do this

CCE	Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback on your Civic and Community Pillar. Based on my reading of the material, it seems like the goal is to increase civic engagement by making local government and public life more transparent, accountable, and accessible. This is great for residents and will hopefully break down barriers to access. However, it does leave out other opportunities for residents to engage civically and deepen their commitment to community. At Chicago Cares, we believe in the power of service and the transformation that comes with volunteers engaging in community centered initiatives. Through our co-designed and community centered volunteer projects, volunteers can shape their own civic pathways and become deeply engaged in placed based campaigns, issue areas they are passionate about or both. We have tried to connect with We Will for the past few months to see if we can collaborate and learn from one another. We believe we are uniquely positioned to bring people power to work of change and help broaden the civic ecosystem in the City of Chicago. Thank you once again for the opportunity to share feedback. We hope to hear from you soon about the next steps of Civic & Community Engagement Pillar. In Service, Rob Pabon Chicago Cares Manager, of Strategic Partnerships rpabon@chicagocares.org
CCE	The city of Chicago cannot continue to take in all of the people of the world and leave the Black communities neglected (vacation lots, abandoned homes, like hope). Then people come into the city and are move to the top. They are not moved into the Black ghettos.
CCE	I strongly support the city providing information to citizens directly and via media and research organizations. I am ambivalent on using meetings as a venue. Open meetings, publicized and available to view online, can be a useful tool. But I suspect that in-person "community" meetings do not provide a good sample of residents. People who work and/or have small children, people with disabilities, and people who do not speak the first or second languages of the neighborhood do not have adequate representation at so-called community meetings compared to their numbers and interest in the issues. On some topics, community meetings are worse than not having a meeting at all because they are designed to exclude those with the biggest stake in the issues. Consider a community meeting for a new residential development or a new protected bike lane. The residents who would live in the new building are not able to attend the meeting despite having a major stake in the issue of their housing. The cyclists who travel throughout the city and would pass through the protected bike lane similarly are not included in a "community" meeting despite having a major stake in the issue of their safety.
CCE	The discussion Reparation for Black people should be the first conversation.
CCE	This sounds good, however my requests for assistance are continually rejected. I am aware that Pangea wants to own all property in the city, which is why I am targeted by the City of Chicago to lose my property. You have gone through great lengths to ignore me. When will there be ANY funding for Chatham? Every program or grant I have applied for always says that my neighborhood is not eligible for support. This has gone on for 12 years! I keep paying taxes & insurance, yet where is the funding to help ME? You all say how important it is for Black people to create Generations! WraKth, and yet provide assistance to foreigners, but not Native Chicagoans! When immigrants move here, they do not have to pay taxes for ten years! I have been paying property taxes for ten years out of my own pocket for a VACANT BUILDING! Is this fair? My family served Chicago well, but now they are all dead. It is just me, trying to do the right thing. But this city is so corrupt, with redlining ignoring Chatham until when? It becomes a ghost town that you will fill with immigrants? Really?
CCE	No
CCE	Allow public to be able to request all language interpreters especially non—Spanish for their court hearings before their court date, not on the first date in court. Use the interpreter base working in the city and state and don't use outside the state and country interpreter networks whenever possible.
CCE	Seems hard to offer reparations out of tax money since most residents are struggling to get by
CCE	N/A
CCE	Stop wasting time on "equity" and fix our infrastructure and public safety issues
CCE	The city should provide more information about where the money is going.
CCE	The thing is WE the people of Chicago knows what it takes to make this city amazing. It's not that WE don't know the problem/lack there is with equality in people of color. Until these issues are made equal none of these things will come together.
CCE	Community engagement and civic leadership must be modeled to youth. Can a youth civic engagement advisory committee be created?
CCE	IF THE CITY OF CHICAGO DOES NOT FOLLOW US LAW ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION< WHY WOULD ANY CITIZEN OF CHICAGO FOLLOW ANY LAW THAT THE CITY OR STATE HAS? THIS IS ALL A BUNCH OF NONSENSE, DIVIDING PEOPLE BY RACE. WE HAVE EQUITY OF OPPORTUNITY NOT OUTCOME. REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING ADVOCATED FOR A COLORLESS SOCIETY.
CCE	The objectives are fine but how will the city encourage more civic engagement? Participatory budgeting, easier access to council meetings and public commenting? Give us details.
CCE	Recognize that zip codes are currently subject to stereotypes. My zip code of "60625" makes people think of Lincoln Square, a fairly wealthy community; however, 60625 is also west of the river.
CCE	Diversity training is ineffective. If you're going to train workers, collaborative conversations are more effective at helping people change
TI	It's funny that I agree strongly with almost every statement presented here. This says to me the city KNOWS what it needs to/should do, it just doesn't actually take necessary action.
TI	Public Transportation is critically important to building an equitable and sustainable city. Less car-centric development, more mass transit and bike-related developments are NECESSARY to the survival of our city.
TI	I would love to see a strong focus on shifting away from automobiles as a default method of transportation and encouragement of bicycling and other forms of personal mobility, along with more reliable and frequent public transit.
AC	Chicago should set the bold goal of ensuring that all youth have access to dynamic and transformative cultural programming in schools or in out-of-school time settings. Invest more in the overall cultural infrastructure and systems for youth.
AC	As much initiative as possible from the governmental level needs to be undertaken to make Chicago an environment that makes creatives, especially homegrown ones, want to stay based in Chicago, particularly after any broader success; this also would apply to erstwhile Chicago-based creatives currently living elsewhere.

AC	I have made art in 60612 for the past 4 years in a wonderful art and artisans building in your Ward that enabled me to grow as an artist and expand my horizons. I have stayed in this building for so long because it's remained affordable even while my employment was inconsistent. Making art is incredibly important to my well being and livelihood. It is imperative that the City of Chicago make it easier for "arts" buildings to be accessible to young artisans and foster arts mentorship. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years. The Carroll/Albany corridor between Sacramento and Kedzie enables nearly 500 artists and artisans to practice in an enabling environment unique to the City: safe, affordable, supportive. There also are wonderful art galleries, including the prominent 345 Gallery, in this area that are actively fostering arts education and art neighborhood activities. I urge you to take the initiative to consider the proper zoning of these buildings and facilities as artists/artisan buildings rather than the antiquated manufacturing zoning from many, many decades ago.
LL	Under Objective 3.3: Consider a policy to combat accessibility challenges, especially in inclement weather, offer in-home learning resources to elderly residents.
AC	Please highlight black art and artist in black communities. The art in those neighborhoods does not need to be gentrified.
AC	Where is the funding specifically going? would include a more in-depth plan instead then saying the arts and creating collaboration by making policies with schools or community centers. Dedicating funding to schools, and creating access to art supplies for specific zip codes or low-income residents. Making art supplies easily attainable for musicians, painters, installationist, playwrights, authors, and much more. Include integration of arts with business education to help the arts to be able to maintain business and or create a livable impact with their talents.
AC	Chicago should make it easier to get licensed and run an art collective in the city. We are in West Town and the BACP is making it difficult to get our business license.
ED	Your proposal is aggressively racist and anti-inclusive of all humans.
AC	All of your questions were leading and did not offer prioritization vs other objectives. It's a false premise. Dollars need to be prioritized. I would invest in the community programs and in marketing for them. But this idea to spread out resources wide instead of deep will lead to disappointment.
AC	I have been an art educator, and have taught for over 50 years in Chicago. I currently teach Painting and Drawing at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. I have had the opportunity to teach students on many different levels, and in many different communities in Chicago, and know personally how important maintaining a vital arts program is to the students and community. For over 40 years I have been a working artist, and have a professional studio practice as a painter, and have shown my work extensively throughout the US and Europe. For the last 5 years, and currently rent a beautiful studio at the Carrol Arts Building at 3200 W. Carroll St. I have loved working in my studio there, and have enjoyed meeting the community of other artist's working there as well. I want to see the Carroll Arts Building continue to thrive, and be maintained along with the other Artist studio buildings in East Garfield Park. The community of artist, the galleries, and the many artistic community organizations in these Art Buildings are all vital and important to all of us, and their presence in Chicago is especially important for now and in the future!
AC	We need to address crime in the schools and recently the downtown area. Otherwise you are working over a problem that could impact all of these areas.
AC	Thank you for this opportunity to be heard. I am a professional artist and for about 4 years have rented studio space in the Albany Carroll arts district (319 N Albany). This is a former manufacturing space that was converted to support artist studios and independent, small galleries. This has been a wonderful community where producing work has been taken very seriously. This has brought the arts to a neighborhood (Garfield Park) where arts institutions have perhaps been lacking. The rent has been affordable (similar spaces in other neighborhoods would never have been possible for me to afford). Thank you for your efforts in this work, and I would encourage the city to search for creative ways to zone manufacturing properties such as this one in a way that supports individual artists to be able to afford and have a place to do their work, which in turn will benefit the city.
AC	We need more focus on the creation of Chicago Landmark Buildings, to encourage more art spaces, including repurposing former houses of worship and other creative spaces for cultural events.
ED	The current section of We Will Chicago, mentions manufacturing once. We need a Goal 6 focused on re-building our manufacturing sector. Today, according to World Business Chicago, manufacturing represents 11% of GDP—about the same as the West Bank in Palestine. Beginning in the late 1970s and through the 1990s, Chicago lost 4,000 out of 7,000 companies and over 200,000 manufacturing jobs. Chicago's communities were devastated, and none have recovered to this day. Instead, we see high figures of unemployment, poverty, and incarceration—particularly on Chicago's West and South sides. We see a dramatic loss of tax revenue. Residents depend on a weak social safety net for medical services when once they benefited from health insurance paid by the company. Many of our children have no concept of what manufacturing is much less how they might secure a career in this sector. Many think that manufacturing is dead. Nothing could be further from the truth. It's changed as it has shifted to the use of more advanced technologies requiring a more highly skilled workforce. It has challenges that our City can convert to opportunities. We must retain, redesign, and rebuild our manufacturing sector. Why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing wages--when you include benefits—are on average, \$85,000 a year. It is the foundation for a broad-based middle class. • High wages contribute to re-building our city's tax base; • Each manufacturing job generates 6 other jobs in the economy on average; and • Work in manufacturing requires skill and knowledge in technology, depends on working effectively in teams, and encourages innovation. Manufacturing builds social capital—essential for our future. We will advance and embrace a new industrial policy: Inclusion & Industry 4.0. "Industry 4.0" is the international standard for business that welcomes the use of new technologies like robotics, digitalization, and artificial intelligence among others.
ED	This is the perfect plan.
ED	Do it.
ED	Your system is a bit haywire. When selecting 5, the system automatically checks all the boxes/stars, including 2 and 1. So, all boxes in this survey should be 5! My apologies!

AC	DCASE needs to increase grant opportunities to orgs with limited budgets. Established organizations with private donors with deep pockets certainly have value in Chicago's arts & culture landscape but the city and DCASE do not make adequate effort to fund small, grassroots organizations. These small orgs produce meaningful art and experiences that impact Chicagoans but are consistently looked over and unsupported by the city.
AC	What specific action steps will your organization take to implement this plan? How will you determine the success/ effectiveness of the plan?
AC	Chicago Park District programming has cut out nearly all programs, including art programs, for adults 18+ and we desperately need those back.
AC	I believe we need to invest in cultural infrastructure in all quadrants of the city, not just in the loop or along the lake. The city needs to invest in permanent cultural infrastructure (performing arts centers, visual arts centers, etc) in neighborhoods, so that local creative professionals have a place of employment near their residence. There are arts organizations already working on a local level, who need support to make their presence more permanent. I also think grant funding strategies need to cover the entire city. Perhaps having a pool of DCASE grant funds for all quadrants of the city. These pools don't have to be equal, traditionally underserved areas should have more support, but other areas in the city should always have access to a pool of some funding, we need to stop putting our geographies in competition with each other. Thank you for listening!
AC	Equity funding is not ALL that is needed, and is missing supporting organizations that have traditionally fulfilled many of these roles that are now being cut out. Equity in this instance is not equitable, and should be balanced to support the whole ecosystem, not just where traditionally underserved.
ED	I will attach a proposal in my email....
AC	Our arts community is critical to the health, wellness and healing of our most vulnerable populations. We need to invest in arts more, more often and starting at the very beginning of the learning years to ensure everyone has access to arts in Chicago.
AC	Encourage multiculturalism in communities. An organization can be doing good work to support under-represented residents even when organizations are run by diverse (many backgrounds) organizations. Please support multi-cultural organizations.
AC	It would be great to have affordable and subsidized co-housing opportunities for artists to create community.
AC	I *love* the concept of this We Will effort but feel like this survey and the way all the questions are prefaced and phrased is a bit like a warm-fuzzy softball to get answers you want. All of the questions/efforts mentioned sound like terrific things, and to not fully 4 with them all makes the respondent feel like a horrible, non-caring heel. To a resident and taxpayer, the problem with this approach is that the real challenge is in the trade-offs necessary to achieve all the lofty goals. In other words, it's all about the details of HOW these lofty goals will be achieved with the very limited resources of both DCASE and the City as a whole. I really, really, *really* want to see DCASE and my City do more and better for our residents within the realities of our current world. Unfortunately, much to my disappointment, and in a blow to my civic pride, I cannot find a way in to help make that a reality. I happen to be ridiculously well-versed in an area of culture that has seen explosive growth in the nation in the last decade. I'm not exaggerating on the growth -- from 2007-2016 the number of festivals (some over 6 figures\$) in the U.S. went from 1 to over 60; and the number of other outreach efforts increased even more. (I would gladly provide you with details & data.) But Chicago fares quite poorly compared to other cities. I fear the reason Chicago lags is because this area of culture is completely ignored by DCASE. You use the word "culture" everywhere (including throughout in this survey) seemingly interchangeably with the word "arts," which appears to be limited to fine & performing arts. I don't think other cities are so limited. What I'm talking about is very engaging forms of public outreach for all ages filled with enrichment, entertainment, education, enlightenment, and enjoyment. If DCASE wants to expand a little bit beyond performing arts to a growing area of community engagement, please reach out to me. Thank you.
AC	Please create free dance / art programs on the south and westside. Announce these programs make them known in our communities.
AC	Fully fund positions at the library to kick off these arts initiatives. For instance the Harsh collection is trying to close down its space and reduce public hours. They haven't had an exhibit in over 2 years. Seems they are perfect for this initiative but management is holding them back
AC	I am an artist with a studio in 60612 for the past 7 years in an arts building in your Ward that enabled me to grow as an artist, expand my horizons, and give to back to Chicago. It is imperative that the City of Chicago make it easier for "arts" buildings to be accessible to young artisans and foster arts mentorship. This includes proper zoning of buildings that originally were zoned for manufacturing 80 to 100 years ago but have been supporting artists for over 30 years. The Carroll/Albany corridor between Sacramento and Kedzie enables nearly 500 artists and artisans to practice in an enabling environment unique to the City: safe, affordable, and supportive. There also are wonderful art galleries, including the prominent 345 Gallery, in this area that are actively fostering arts education and art neighborhood activities. I urge you to take the initiative to consider the proper zoning of these buildings and facilities as artists/artisan buildings rather than the antiquated manufacturing zoning from long ago. Thank you, Jaclyn Jacunski
ED	I should've added this comment in the other section, but it would be good to see a huge increase in the police force across the city and not just in the downtown and up north areas. Also, PLEASE keep those with section 8, subsidized housing, CHA, etc. out of decent neighborhoods. It's sad to say but it's the reason for higher crime rates. Thank you.
AC	More information and assistance for authors of works to get published

AC	It is vital for creative arts professionals like myself as well as hundreds of my colleagues, to have safe & affordable places to work that foster & support on-going arts creation across the city of Chicago. For professional arts workers, having access to working spaces like mine at the Carroll Arts Building, allows us to create and develop our work on our own, as well as in community with other arts professionals. Having these working spaces allows the creative work and inspiration of artists to enrich the cultural environment and creative landscape across the entire city of Chicago. The city and citizens benefit from cultural events like free art exhibits at the artists' galleries, presentations and talks both in person and online, as well as visual catalogues and other written materials which stimulate discussion & education enriching the entire city. These individual studio spaces allow us to continue working to advance our own artistic careers, as well as providing visual, cultural & intellectual inspiration for audiences all across Chicago and beyond our physical borders. Please help preserve and enhance these artist buildings & creative communities to support the important work that goes on in them every day. Thank you! Douglas Frohman Carroll Arts Building Studio #216 Chicago, IL
AC	I am a professional artist represented by Engage Projects, a commercial gallery in West Town. My studio is in the Albany Carroll Arts Building, a very important building for the city to support. It is essential for artists to have appropriate work spaces and the buildings at 3200 W. Carroll and 319 N. Albany Carroll Arts Building owned by Chris Loutris provide that space for more than 175 artists. I would like to see the city not only support these buildings but to extend grants or some kind of financial assistance to open studio buildings like these all over the city. In addition to the room to work, such buildings provide essential community, professional support, and opportunities for collaboration and networking. Spaces like these should be made available to artists all over Chicago.
AC	I love the arts and think it is a huge benefit to communities but I want to make sure school funding gets addressed first. Also it is extremely hard to make a living in the arts - lets not give people false hope that their "art degree" is going to give them the background to be financially successful. Arts training should include information from the DOL website that gives a clear picture of what employability is like for people with occupations in these areas. Classes should include business courses on how to market their skills and manage their income.
AC	Please reach out to Senior and Disability constituents as well as the youth.
AC	Since there is a library branch in every community, why not maximize this asset to encourage people to meet and do projects together.
AC	Northside neighborhoods have significant more access to music lessons, art classes and exposure to the arts. Even more affluent areas of the Southside lack access causing people to move to the burbs to get more activities for themselves and their children.
AC	I am a practicing professional visual artist and arts educator. I have been living and working in Garfield Park, Chicago for over 35 years. I know well many many artist colleagues in the Chicago arts community. They are a creative force and integral to the creative life blood and cultural identity of the city. It is VITAL and extremely important that the city helps and supports affordable housing and studio access for the huge artist community here. In particular, the Carroll Street corridor in east Garfield Park is a very large thriving artist/artisan community. I have had a working studio and been part of the 3200 W. Carroll Arts Building and the Albany Carroll Arts Building in east Garfield Park for over 25 years. The combined creative output and contribution by the hundreds of artists/artisans from this community of studios and galleries in these buildings is enormous, and the city needs to be committed to support this diverse community and the landlord of these studio buildings so they continue to flourish with their invaluable creative presence and pulse. These buildings are amazing creative communities and wholly deserve full support from the city of Chicago to continue their invaluable place in the cultural landscape of the city. Thank you.
AC	I run a small community arts space that has gotten funding from DCASE and realize that we could have used more marketing support, especially directed toward community residents
AC	I was born and raised in Chicago, also had a business in Chicago for over 50 years, I volunteered in Chicago for many events (Cultural Center, MSU, etc), I now live in the south west suburbs , retired, I miss Chicago, there should be weekday matinee for senior, bus trips, to plays, special events, etc.
ED	More investment and positive promotion of the Black Chicago Culture on the south and west sides. More events on the south side that expresses Chicago's rich history
ED	Let's not prioritize one community over another. The market should dictate allocation of resources.
ED	*We want to factor in our current administrative culture--with the variability of subjective criteria that individual Alderpersons have in the establishment of, and ultimate performance of, individual businesses--and where that may be a barrier to address to a cohesive citywide commercial-growth agenda; --Instill a level of CTA service that makes using it to access commercial and employment corridors a viable option for as many people as possible
ED	Add future online town-hall type events for further community involvement. Great start. Include ventures to draw ppl & businesses to/back to Chicago. Invite innovative enterprises - vertical farming, indoor manufactured home plants, multi- use facilities for max potential, reimaged space use, shared office space in under utilized areas of public bldgs, etc
LL	Under Objective 5.3: Consider a new policy to create pride in place within the community learning hubs through public art and storytelling.
ECE	Goal 2: Ensure that the goals established in the Chicago Climate Action Plan align with policies in the We Will Chicago Plan.
ED	Please include a focus on increasing white-color employment opportunities in the South and West sides. There is usually a focus on bringing more employment but it is usually on small businesses or blue-color jobs. I am tired of labor being the primary access to employment for black and brown people. Also to start addressing the lack of black and brown people getting employed at big corporate jobs downtown. I have recently worked in the corporate world with several companies with over 300 people in the office, with me being the only woman of color in my departments and only 5% of the office having black and brown workers or in fact most employees are relocated from out of state. We need to address why black and brown Chicago residents are not exposed to or gaining employment in white-collar companies... I am the only one in my office that travels an hour to the south side of Chicago while others reside in an upscale high-rise in the loop or in Wrigleyville... The racism and inequity I face getting to work and surviving are draining, please try to address this in the plan to start creating an easier transition for the current educated black and brown folks.

ED	While I support these policy goals, I encourage the city to review its current administrative processes and regulations and make the changes needed to facilitate this kind of growth. Policies like withholding business licenses due to unpaid debt or unnecessary zoning restrictions could stymie WeWill before it even starts. Happy to discuss further, feel free to email me with follow-up questions.
ED	This isn't a real survey because it's not giving actual choices between options. The set-up for each question is a statement of what will be done to achieve each goal and CLEARLY every answer would do that, and so to '2' with any one of those is silly and pointless. Will the raw data for this survey be released as part of the City's transparency efforts? B/c otherwise, this isn't really the worthwhile effort I initially thought, and hoped, it would be.
ED	Establish a municipal owned public bank
ED	what about economic development in other areas of the city?
ED	Promote and hire based on MERIT not based on race. Promotions and hiring simply based on race can lead to a less qualified work force subject to more errors. Ability is the reason to hire or promote an individual, not the color of their skin.
ED	<p>The current section of We Will Chicago, mentions manufacturing once. We need a Goal 6 focused on re-building our manufacturing sector. Today, according to World Business Chicago, manufacturing represents 11% of GDP—about the same as the West Bank in Palestine. Beginning in the late 1970s and through the 1990s, Chicago lost 4,000 out of 7,000 companies and over 200,000 manufacturing jobs. Chicago's communities were devastated, and none have recovered to this day. Instead, we see high figures of unemployment, poverty, and incarceration—particularly on Chicago's West and South sides. We see a dramatic loss of tax revenue. Residents depend on a weak social safety net for medical services when once they benefited from health insurance paid by the company. Many of our children have no concept of what manufacturing is much less how they might secure a career in this sector. Many think that manufacturing is dead. Nothing could be further from the truth. It's changed as it has shifted to the use of more advanced technologies requiring a more highly skilled workforce. It has challenges that our City can convert to opportunities. We must retain, redesign, and rebuild our manufacturing sector. Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing wages--when you include benefits—are on average, \$85,000 a year. It is the foundation for a broad-based middle class. • High wages contribute to re-building our city's tax base; • Each manufacturing job generates 6 other jobs in the economy on average; and • Work in manufacturing requires skill and knowledge in technology, depends on working effectively in teams, and encourages innovation. <p>Manufacturing builds social capital—essential for our future. We will advance and embrace a new industrial policy: Inclusion & Industry 4.0. "Industry 4.0" is the international standard for business that welcomes the use of new technologies like robotics, digitalization, and artificial intelligence among others.</p>
ED	improve the overall community by keeping area clean, all vacants lots and buildings should be maintained in the community
ED	Removing structural racism in the city's economic sphere is critical. What specific action steps will your organization take to implement this plan? How will you determine the success/ effectiveness of the plan?
ED	Highlight stories of the successful people from South/West sides, both non celebrities and celebrities, past and present. There are more good people than bad people from the South/West sides but unfortunately the criminal elements get all the attention.
ED	Focus in getting money in people's pockets and providing infrastructure for more exporting, manufacturing, and production entrepreneurs in the South and West side. No more rappers and restaurants. We got enough of this. Help black and brown people get union trade training. It's impossible to get some contractors to work South. I don't want to give my money to anyone like that. I want to work with people who care about me and the service they provide. We need to raise the level of professionalism in our homegrown help to accommodate improvements in our infrastructure. We need lots of high quality help that we can all afford in order to repair and maintain our property
ED	There are a variety of great ideas in this city-wide plan as well as recent neighborhood plans. The Jefferson Park master plan completed a couple years ago presented a number of great ideas yet to be implemented. How can we strengthen the implementation phase of plans in Chicago?
ED	Plan and establish communities hubs that mobilize a culture of environmental collaboration, innovation, and climate resilience with and for Chicago's neighborhoods. Various workforce development agencies / green job training programs can work from these hubs to promote neighborhood resilience and employ local neighbors in efforts. The "hub" would foster collaboration within the Chicago region environmental community through efficiencies of scale attained by the combined efforts of groups working together. This would happen through collaboration on shared space and resources, incubate new initiatives, and activate diverse champions for a clean and healthy environment. Decentralizing conservation work and creating hubs can address the different needs and resources of each community. An economically and holistic way of increasing green jobs and training in Chicago while reducing low or under employment, decreasing recidivism, and healing neighborhoods suffering from environmental justice issues would be to pull together many of these groups physically.
ED	The plan should have a greater emphasis on pathways to economic well-being through public sector jobs as well. There should also be a greater access on democratization of workplaces through support of unions as well.
ED	The youth are displaced. This seems to prioritize businesses and paying residents. What about the Chicago youth? Our next generations? Build strong public schools. Build safe spaces for the youth.
ED	We need more information on the specific plans to achieve these goals. A goal without a plan is just a dream.
ED	Chicago is garbage
ED	One question about development was worryingly worded; development within neighborhoods can not be done blind to the fact that corporate developments and attention have historically just priced people out of those neighborhoods. You can solve a neighborhood problem by gentrifying it and telling outsiders "look we made this nicer" if all you accomplish was "the poor people had to move out"
ED	Focus on getting money in the hands of Black and LatinX people, and the rest will follow. Entrepreneurship will rise, neighborhoods will thrive, investment in the area will increase. Underserved communities don't need help with financial literacy nearly as much as they need finances. These communities are far more money savvy than they are given credit for.

ED	From what I have read, increasing home ownership rates helps stabilize neighborhoods, reduces crime, creates generational wealth and increases civic involvement. I think money would be better spent on housing - the failure rate for small businesses is very high in the first 3 years. Lets make sure everyone has a safe place to live THEN help with business expansion.
ED	More training programs on the South and West sides particularly for the trades. College just isn't an option for many people and the trades are highly under-rated and very much needed!
ED	I responded 3 to a lot of the survey questions for two reasons: crime and violence in the south and west side neighborhoods. Until those problems are resolved investments will be low and throwing tax payer money towards helping these areas attract more business will most likely result in most businesses unable to survive. No one wants to open a business in a location where they are very likely to be robbed or have inventories stolen. Solve the crime and violence problems and the businesses will come. Until then I feel that the city of Chicago taxpayers will be throwing good money to bad results. Crime goes down significantly and private dollars will come in leaving taxpayer dollars for other things.
ED	Yes, I would like to see a West Side and South Side of Chicago not to be forgotten. Those neighborhoods require major improvements on all levels. America is the richest country in the World, but surveying West & South sides, you would not believe it to be so.
ED	These plans are WAY. TOO. VAGUE. You're gonna promote equitable access to capital? How????? It's not like the Like the straight white Christian men who currently have their grubby paws on most of those assets are gonna just give them up. What laws are you going to change? What reparations are going to be put in place? Also, the structures that keep the assets right where they are, are supported by moneyed interests who include some non-white people. One of the biggest Community rapes in the city is going on right now in Woodlawn, in partnership with Obama. He used his clout to make sure that his already wealthy University of Chicago buddies are only gonna get wealthier, rather than Forcing them to participate in true community development. They still would have made a lot of money; but instead they seized on an opportunity to make an obscene amount of money. None of them - including Obama- care that they're carving it out of the flesh of those of us who are going to have to move out of our homes in the very near future due to rising costs. Finally, We can't be trying to shift wealth or access to people on the grounds of their skin color alone. There are a few handfuls of Brown and black folks who have slipped through the cracks of oppression and now find themselves part of the toxic structures that oppress the rest of us, in service of personal wealth & power. Hello, most of the current Black caucus in city hall. If folks aren't willing to support LGBTQ rights and pay pay a living wage and uphold basic civil rights, we shouldn't be promoting them as business owners, No matter if they belong to an identity that would otherwise classify them as underprivileged.
ED	There should be more incentives and resources available to black and brown/women/LGBTQ+ business owners. Funding to help them get off the ground. Policy that protects those with prior criminal histories from being discriminated against in the job market. Increase the minimum wage and offer protections for workers in the service and retail industries and other industries that employ a high number of people from marginalized communities.
ED	Tax breaks for long time residents of gentrifying neighborhoods. Some kind of checks on greedy developers. Higher taxes on private equity groups who continue to make huge profits at the price of residents and neighborhoods. If Chicago is to remain a city of neighborhoods, then neighborhoods must be protected.
ED	The city and county MUST change the property tax structure which raises taxes on residents because adjacent or proximate properties are being developed. This drives residents out, creates resentment, and destroys communities. Property taxes need to be affordable and not ruinous because someone built a McMansion next to my frame, three bedroom two story. The McMansion should be taxed at an appropriate rate, not old time residents of the neighborhood who might actually welcome newcomers if they were not penalized for having long ago settled in what is now a prized neighborhood. Time will change the community in its own gradual manner.
ED	It is unclear how to make a neighborhood a more desirable place to live without also making the neighborhood more expensive without subsidizing existing residents. I don't think that extensive subsidization that doesn't target specific, vulnerable groups helps a neighborhood economy grow or diversify. We should approach that cautiously.
ED	The fact that you keep using the word "equity" makes your efforts for the Black and Latino communities suspect. Equality is what communities need and this cannot happen with equity and too much governing.
ED	Manufacturing was identified as an economic cluster. What is the plan to clean up, revitalize, retain, and attract manufacturing?
ED	After reviewing some of the other pillars, this one rings most hollow to me. I think access to affordable, quality housing and necessary services like grocery stores etc. is vitally important, and having the city invest in formerly neglected areas is also important, but I have yet to see this happen in Chicago a way that wasn't a thinly veiled sell-out to private capital interests (cf: parking meters, Bally's casino plans). I also think redistributing wealth to historically exploited populations is vital, but again, I didn't get the sense that actual wealth redistribution was embedded in these goals -- more of a "job creation" type of rhetoric which is, in my opinion, bullshit.
ED	Programs to help residents get jobs with developers that are in their neighborhood and to help residents build in their neighborhood.
ED	There should be city owned and operated grocery stores to improve food access. There should be a city owned public bank to fund locally owned businesses.
ED	I'd love to see more black owned grocery stores and opportunities for young people in Englewood, Auburn Gresham, South Shore, etc to follow their dreams and grow up in safer neighborhoods. Please connect with http://www.nourishandbloomfoundation.org/ to help the country heal from the pandemic, war, crime, poverty, unemployment and all that ails us in our communities.
ED	This goal is often just lip service. It is hard to take it seriously after the casino and Lincoln Yards developments landed squarely on the Northside. Change the narrative and promote tourism by being the change.
ED	Use our blues history to promote tourism Just pay reparations
ED	We need to maintain a strong industrial base on the Southeast Side of Chicago. Current city policies discourage investment. City permit process has been upended. Chicago is has established itself as anti manufacturing.
ED	Provide safe public transportation, just police enforcement, stop paying for casinos and upscale Lincoln yards and create safe, affordable housing like townhomes or multigenerational housing.

ED	Develop near transit on the South and West sides so people throughout the city have different neighborhoods to visit and enjoy. Meaning more so for space creation with a focus on local investment. Allowing diverse and creative spaces to be unique throughout the city.
ED	I don't think small businesses are the solution to the asset gap among disadvantaged groups and I doubt the city can reverse their marginalization through these means. The key is to bring high quality education to the inner city
ED	Programs and incentives need to be developed for the existing industrial companies on the South and West sides of Chicago. They are who currently provide jobs in underserved areas. Without that assistance you will lose that established base. These areas are seeing the greatest returned growth since the 1960's THIS WILL BE A MAJOR FLAW IN THE PLAN IF YOU ARE NOT CONSIDERING PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT INDUSTRIAL COMPANY GROWTH AND STABILITY ,THE LARGEST SUPPLIER OF AREA JOBS!!!
ED	I want to clarify that these benefits should be provided to Black neighborhoods. Grouping both Black and Latino communities is misleading in this survey for there is much economic development in Latino communities. While there is no economic development in most Black communities. Black communities need Black owned business in their communities and not just general commercial owned businesses. I want to stress that this is imperative.
ED	Often times small businesses and residents attempt to beautify the area themselves adding art, benches or plants. As long as these changes don't present any safety issues, the city needs more flexibility in working with the community instead of writing fines. Also, additional help for small businesses pay for fees related to over hang signs and temporary seating would help small businesses promote themselves. Additional funding for growing areas to have neighborhood walk abouts, a festival for community services and small businesses to have stands or tables outside with information about the service or business.
ED	The development process in the city must be streamlined, more efficient, less costly and more timely. The city currently owns over 10,000 vacant lots, none of which are earning property tax for the city, nor bringing value to the neighborhoods they are in (mostly on south and west sides of city). Though these lots may be filled with trash, they are also filled with potential and opportunity to create businesses in the neighborhoods that need them most-if done correctly. If we don't change how we as a city do development, we will continue to battle the same issues of poverty, food insecurity, crime, inadequate affordable housing, poor access to healthcare leading to health disparities, etc. Development should benefit the communities not by providing just a business, but by providing good paying jobs, be locally/minority owned, and providing quality products, foods and services. It can be done.
ED	Fair economic playing field for every community, so that every Chicagoan has access to this equally. No one should have to work harder to achieve these benefits.
ED	The LGBTQ+ community, who are commonly shut out of generational wealth and advancement opportunities, should not be forgotten in this mix. "Discrimination against one group is discrimination against all marginalized groups" needs to be our guiding north star.
ED	In what way can you ensure the private sector will actually help communities of color? I'm what ways can you guarantee gentrification will not take place when communities of color are revitalized to have robust commercial corridors? PLEASE change the narrative that the south and west sides are dangerous but inviting tourist into these areas might not be the best idea - they could easily see an opportunity to buy in and displace community members. How will you protect us?
ED	Need for more manufacturing in the city. The nation is reshoring and this administration repels industrial development
ED	I think extending the UBI pilot would be the single most effective way to boost economic development and equity. Give money directly to people who need it, and that will stimulate economic growth. We don't really need to spend more on marketing the city, that money can be spent in better ways. It's also crucial to make sure that people can make a good living even in "low skill" or entry level jobs. Worker protections and living wages are a crucial part of this development area, in my opinion.
ED	Feel like some diverse neighborhoods get better treatment than other diverse neighborhoods.
ED	I would not prioritize funding for expensive marketing campaigns targeted at having people visit historically poor areas. Given the City's limited resources, this is not the most critical need. Also, programs intended to incentive businesses to increase their minority representing, are largely abused. It's unclear how the city can make an impact in the historical wealth and asset gap, without unfairly penalizing persons who currently hold those assets.
ED	If we're letting multinational corporations move here and giving out billions in tax credits, why can't we require physical investments in grants etc in communities when they move here? Pay to play, if you want our diverse workforce, you should have to give the workforce quality life in the city. A public bank would also help with economic disparities.
ED	Ensure that there is a robust, bilingual, culturally-sensitive business assistance ecosystem to support Latino small business owners and entrepreneurs
ED	no
ED	Stop the crime in the South and West side
ED	I live in South Shore. When I moved here in 2001 I optimistically predicted a healthier neighborhood within five years. I'm still here, and I'm still waiting for just one more "family" restaurant that has indoor seating and stays open through dinner. Now that we appear to have weathered the worst of the pandemic, I would love to see the improvements in livability we all have been waiting for.
ED	There is so much wrong with these goals and objectives that it is hard to know where to start. A huge failure in the plan is the failure to address the issue of where the funding would come from to pay for the various activities required to achieve the goals and objectives. There is also a total lack of accountability or any measures to make sure that money spent is actually achieving the objectives in the plan. Where is the periodic check in to make sure the goals and objectives are working and still make sense. Also, the desire to impede gentrification actually hurts the ability of people to build generational wealth. When government steps in and takes measures that slow change in a community that also slows the growth in value of real estate owned by current residents. Also, the plan focuses way too much on race rather than other factors that are more relevant such as income levels and need.

ED	The "Change the narrative" goal would be better as a metric for success. I believe promoting visits to the south and west sides, especially to residents, is crucial to undoing decades of local stigma; but no city PR campaign is going to undo years of national conservative media demonizing Chicago. Better to focus on results and let them speak for themselves. To that end, the city should recognize that the racialized, geographic, and generational extraction/concentration of wealth that defines Chicago's (and America's) economy is an inevitable and intentional outcome of capitalism, not an accident. To counteract it, the city must think beyond the tools and language of capitalism—rather than promote "entrepreneurship" and "investment" that will at best simply shift and perpetuate extraction, the city must seek to address economic inequities directly, and measure success by real quality of life improvements instead of profit.
ED	No
ED	"5.1 Change the narrative about Chicago's South and West side neighborhoods" is dependent on addressing the root-cause issues of what ultimately has shaped the negative narratives of these neighborhoods. Addressing these root causes will help the narratives, but marketing campaigns alone won't undo decades of biased news coverage and dialogue. Maybe there's an opportunity to to amplify coverage around the We Will Chicago Plan proposals for these neighborhoods as an objective for this goal.
ED	1. Do not segregate in the name of DEI. 2. Please make sure to consider multiple narratives. 3. Require pay equity, growth tracks and salary transparency for all jobs.
ED	We should focus teaching folks in the disadvantaged neighborhoods to develop a strong work ethic. There are lots of positions open, folks need guidance and transportation to get them to the jobs.
ED	A total waste of money!
ED	Your wasting private sector money that could be used more effectively and efficiently.
ED	Chicago needs to extend resources to all it's 77 neighborhoods. If you allow the wealthier areas to degrade it helps no one.
ED	Completely dismantle and remake the Disadvantaged Business set-asides, qualification process, and TIF-reporting process. It's much too hard and complicated to achieve DBE status, while our TIF, 6b and land-sale mandates disproportionately benefit a very small number of connected and established MBE and WBE firms. Rather than continuing the blunt 26/6 rules that do this - we should have a more nuanced set of options - such as hiring a number of newer and/or smaller DBEs. Another problem - in labor-constrained periods, the 50% City-residency is extremely hard to achieve. Again, let's be more nuanced and offer a MENU of ways to promote DBE and City hiring that works in multiple market conditions. The flexibility now built into DPD's green building policy is a great example of how to promote a goal with multiple avenues - rather than being a chokepoint that prevents much-needed tax- and job-generating development. End Aldermanic prerogative, ARO policies, and restrictive zoning districts wherever they entrench racial and economic segregation and prevent market-based development that would create tax revenues and jobs. The ARO should be reformed so that developers NOT utilizing TIF or City Land (and only seeking a rezoning) are only required to provide affordable housing relative to the housing they demolish with their projects. Rezoning without displacement should not trigger ARO requirements. ARO requirements above and beyond replacing demolished units, is appropriate if TIF and City lands are used.
ED	There are too many impediments to development. Too many hoops to jump thru. The alderman/persons need less power to control development. Stop aldermanic prerogative.
ED	I would also suggest bringing in more trade skills in schools on the south and west sides. This will help create jobs, young men can help rebuild their communities.
ED	Do it for all or don't do it at all.
ED	Do not promote tourism to the West side that is equivalent to feeding sheep to wolves
ED	Future development in Chicago especially on the South And west sides is contingent on building or repairing the infrastructure first. Such as replacing all lead water pipes, updating sewage control, cleaning up industrial waste, addressing vacant lot development, proper street lighting, road repair, repairing school buildings etc. All the talk and money in the world will be wasted with out concrete steps to show these generational communities that WE care. That their success is our success too.
ED	Do not interfere with the free market.
ED	We can change the narrative by increasing the policing and the budget for streets and sanitation. People will tell better stories about the South and West areas when there are better stories to tell.
ED	Eager to see how to encourage investment into communities without gentrification.
ED	Goal 5? Really? If you want to change perception, then address the issue that is the root cause and that is the crime and violence. There is nothing in this plan that addresses this. Call me a skeptic, but the Mayor's office has already shown that the don't care at all about economic development in the lower income neighborhoods or only thorough behind closed door deals that hurt communities in need. This was proven with the Chicago Fire training center being moved from Belmont/Cragin to the south side. And don't get me going on the shitty decision for the casino or Soldier Field/Bears.
ED	Please center residents in any decision making about their neighborhoods. It's cool to get my opinion but I don't live there. They know better.
ED	There is no way to both improve a neighborhood's infrastructure without some rise in property values. Which, if there can be a structured pipeline with incentives and education toward resident homeownership is a good thing and should be the main goal. Still barring or restrictions on outside capital to at least jump start this process would be a huge mistake. The city shifted a huge burden on commercial property recently, how can we pretend that's not a huge obstacle to small business owners? City needs to get out of its own way and streamline as much as possible on all fronts leading to business licensure and housing development. We have a terrible reputation for this and its a big mental road block to so many who'd like to open businesses or build.
ED	In order to be successful in lifting up the South and West sides crime has to be controlled. None of these efforts will be successful if these new businesses are threatened by regular crime.
ED	It is not up to the city to do everything. It is up to the city to provide eduction and access by removing obstacles.
ED	Promoting South and West sides to tourists will only happen is public transit is greatly improved through design quality, maintenance, and safety.
ED	Ensure that focus on South and West sides aren't at a detriment to other areas of the city
ED	I think this Pillar, the one regarding housing and the Lifelong Learning should receive the top priority in obtaining resources that surely will be limited.

ED	Race should not be a factor in whether or not a community gets funding or a small business owner has access to financing.
ECE	Create & maintain habitat for wildlife within the city. (This does not mean rats, however!)
ED	There is no reason to believe that the City has the talent or opportunity to effectively advance most of the goals and objectives listed here. Cities that have a thriving economic development are working with private enterprise to promote common goals; I don't see anything like that here.
ED	We need to really do this. Not just talk about it.
ECE	It's not enough to improve access to transit. We need to make it harder to drive, especially for people living in transit-rich areas. Also, the streets make up Chicago's largest public space by far. Almost every street is larger than it needs to be. We need to reclaim this open space for community use, and at the same time use it to improve resilience.
ECE	CDOT to install green alleys instead of leaving it up to menu budgets, a green alley is 20% of the budget. develop a plan to address residential flooding prevention that is not tied to menu budget invest in native plant parkways throughout the city
ECE	As a concerned citizen, I am alarmed by reading some of these questions that will presumably guide this environmental aspect of We Will Chicago. I'm alarmed by a lack of urgency and innovation in these guiding questions. Many of these questions seem like no brainers with plenty of research backing them up already. Whereas they are a great step and indeed must be implemented there is a shortage of time before the planet reaches 2 degrees warming. The best time to have implemented these suggestions was yesterday, the next best will be tomorrow, but frankly, it seems as if the putting out feelers stage has passed us by. Radical change must be had to make the difference in terms of already afflicted neighborhoods that suffer against environmental pollution, from industrial corridors or highways cutting their neighborhoods in two. The time is now to embrace a great change that will bring about a sustainable future into perpetuity not just one that benefits green infrastructure investors profiting from city contracts. Lets honor our first peoples and return stewardship to the land in which we've stolen and broken and now must fix. If we dont return in, we must at very least act as good stewards in their stead and with their guidance. Time is now to act quickly and decisively towards a new future that benefits our land and our people.
ECE	Do it.
ED	Y'all we NEED higher wages, rent control (1/3 or less of the average neighborhood monthly income), restrictions on how many properties someone can own, and for the city to crack down on Airbnbs
ED	I want reparations for Black people. Cash. To. Individuals. I do not want the city to pick winners and losers in local business using residents' tax dollars. It is inefficient and provides fertile grounds for corruption.
ECE	Again, What specific action steps will your organization take to implement this plan? How will you determine the success/ effectiveness of the plan?
ECE	We need to ban diesel trucks in our city because they destroy the air quality in black and Latino communities
ECE	Stop studying the impact of climate on community. This data is readily accessible today through Healthy People. Use what we know. Don't saddle local, black and brown business with the cost and responsibility of eliminating excess waste. User the city's money to make infrastructure upgrades for existing business. What you pay an administrator of research, you could pay train and pay a citizen to fix, install, repair. We have plenty green space. The parks are dangerous. Beautiful in the day, and dangerous by dusk. Don't build more of them. Protect them better.
ED	I would like a focus on Reparative Justice. We must look back and identify specific harms to Black and Latinx communities and try to repair the harms. These repairs can be done through community truth telling sessions, economic redress and more.
ECE	I'm skeptical of private public partnerships, but understand the need for it.
ECE	I am very disappointed that when talking about the environmental health of the city that it is focused on parceling it into land use and zoning (parks, green space, etc.) I am disturbed by the number of migratory birds being killed each spring and fall (thousands) by our buildings. It's getting worse with all the permitted glass towers, balconies, etc. Chicago kills more birds than any other city besides possibly Houston. These birds have been using the Great Lakes as a migratory path from the frozen tundra to the equator. This plan needs to prioritize protections through building permits that protect our most vital animal resources in the city and our place in the americas. We talk about indigenous land and protecting the land. Focus on that in addition to having some nice park spaces. Clean air and water don't fit into land use barriers and neither does protecting migratory birds. I don't want to walk by and see these beautiful dead birds every year. Also please include light pollution and light frequencies in your plan for our city. Reduces resources and keeps animals safer as well.
ED	Create focus on developing and encouraging models for cooperative ownership of assets, businesses, food security hubs, childcare, education, housing.
ECE	The future is definitely now for Environment, Climate and Energy goals.
ED	must work to receive anything in life or you will not cherish it. Handouts are for deadbeat lazy burdens on society.
ED	We must confront the past, our souls are grieving and until we have some kind of resolution, counseling, some kind of financial jump start black are never going to catch up. We are like mockingbirds, we have endured so much pain and suffering that we are still lost as a group.
ED	Developing a new narrative won't solve the issues that created the narrative in the first place. Removing the disincentives to work will encourage more people to find a job, provide for their family, and encourage the investment from the ground up.
ECE	While community input is a laudable goal, it should focus on hearing from residents what they need and NOT providing an opportunity for myopic views to block important progress.
ED	Neighborhood development needs to prioritize residents and not contribute to gentrification.
ED	We must drastically reduce crime and develop conditions that prevent crime. We also need a more realistic approach to fair taxation, including a graduated income tax and tax on corporations.
ED	My neighborhood is still short on resources - lots of abandoned buildings, lack of police response, vacant & overgrown lots. We could use storefront and streetscape improvements. Traffic light and crossing improvements, and responsive police and city services.
ECE	Will the use of reused materials in construction be safe?
ECE	Coworkers complain of unreliable CTA. We need reliable public transportation and SAFE public transportation to encourage use and have less cars on the road and ideally less road rage.

ED	Ha! I am a Black Native Woman, I inherited an apartment building in Chatham. 4 generations of women in my family have lived there. It need work. I have been applying for grants and funding for TWELVE YEARS! I am refused because the property is in Chatham, not the right zip code. Your plan is to ignore all Bkacknprperty owners until forced to sell, then allow immigrants, Mexicans or immigrants to buy the properties. You are supporting the gentrification of the Southside. Your words sound pretty but I do not believe you at all. I am very angry, I am tired of fighting the lawyer that slandered me in court, tired of the judge that harassed me and lied to me. I am tired of your laws that support squatters and criminalize property owners. I could be doing waaay more with my life but I am committted to passing on this proppertry to my children. I can barely keep up with taxes & insurance! The building is vacant. Where is my support? Equity? Funding? Grants? Every program I applied for told me that because of the address, there is no funding available. Now at age 61, I am looking into getting a loan. The building is paid for, so there are many that want to buy it or steal it from me. Where is MY support Chicago?
ECE	I wish we had more parks!
ED	Open up line of communication between the youth and business leaders and the community organization
ECE	Expand public transit to Black/Brown neighborhoods; concentrate on sustainable native planting
ED	I think your entire survey was geared to get the responses you wanted. Government cannot sole the problems.... It will only create more. This clear survey to justify more government spending which I do 4 with. I am for supporting our communities and helping our minority populations succeed, but the government, as the poorest run company in American, is not capable or qualified to do this. And it is insulting to all of us for you to claim otherwise and try to prod feed back by a tax notes survey to get the support you desperately need:
ECE	Prioritize protecting clean water from the Geat Lakes for use here. Protect neighborhoods from rats and other pests. Train young people and involve them (especially those underemployed) in work that supports neighborhood and city goals.
ED	Stop giving grant money to cronies and fix our public safety problems. If we aren't safe we don't grow businesses
ECE	Focus on crime.
ED	Getting harder on crime throughout the city could be a big boost to safety and then better economics.
ED	These are high goals to make and I hope this can all happen.
ED	The focus on racial groups is quite offputting. We should focus on creating the building blocks for all. Education and safety will allow anyone fit to prosper to do so.
ECE	please keep the focus on what the community wants, not big business or political posturing
ECE	I am very excited about this being a priority! I do think transit is a very important part of this that I'd love to be emphasized.
ED	IT IS A LIE THAT BLACKS OR LATINOS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO BANKS. IT SHOULD NOT MATTER WHAT THE COLOR OF A BUSINESS OWNER IS. PLEASE FOLLOW REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND BECOME A COLOR_LESS SOCIETY. STOP TRYING TO DIVIDE US BY RACE. (AND I AM AFRICAN AMERICAN).
ED	It seems like we are already doing all of these things. How will we make the efforts more effective?
ED	All Chicagoans, regardless of race and ethnicity, pay the bills, so benefits should be for all Chicagoans, and not just for the Black and Latino citizens. Don't ignore the crime, but do more about it. Don't pretend that the problems don't exist. Address the problem of gridlock. Too many man-hours are wasted in traffic, and this significantly contributes to air pollution, as well as a waste of productivity. It seems like a mile in Chicago is a lot farther than a mile elsewhere. You only seem to be interested in serving a well-organized vocal group that has little regard for traffic laws, i. e. bikers.
ED	Education needs to be priority for the south and west sides. I live on the far south side and see first hand the alarming lack of education. Education needs to be more balanced, stop with the funding by zip code.
ECE	Holding government officials and private business partners accountable for promises. And ensuring that efforts incorporate equitable and continuous community input, particularly among Chicagoans disproportionately affected by climate change and environmental injustice.
ECE	Protected bike lives could also be an important part of this.
ECE	Chicago has an opportunity to become a national leader in climate development. I would love to see this city take more radical action in its approach to the climate crisis, especially as more people move here from the coasts as the crisis worsens.
ED	We need to invest in downtown and all neighborhoods. To change the narrative you need to improve Public safety. The narrative is there because it is true. Also shouldn't economic development aim to produce additional tax revenue? Not just spend it?
ED	Helping Chicago be an efficient economic engine is a strong possibility with our world-class infrastructure and history. Make Chicago a known destination for something other than violence and the city can accelerate into a 21st century leader
ED	I loved taking the survey, as it aligns with the vision of the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago and with of Economic Empowerment department and it's goals.
ED	You don't stop the crime and no economic benefit will be available because the source of those funds will not be supplied by people and businesses who won't stay in Chicago.
ED	Privatize everything. No more public entities.
ED	Chicago needs rent control and more affordable housing. Also, barriers for POC to start businesses should be minimal. For example, we need more POC, locally owned weed businesses. Also, people should be allowed to have food carts and other types of minimal-investment businesses in the city.
ECE	It's all important! Thank you for your efforts
ED	No everything was discussed in the survey.

ECE	<p>City Officials, I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and resident stakeholder advocating for the preservation of a vacant lot located in Chicago at 100th ST & Escanaba Avenue. This lot is across the street from John L. Marsh Elementary School and adjacent to homes in the Vet's Park, Slag Valley and Jeffery Manor neighborhoods of South Deering, a vulnerable, federally protected environmental justice community, at-risk of exploitation of natural resources and the cumulative impacts of pollution. This property had been used to store slag and then abandoned. It is zoned for manufacturing however, this is not an appropriate use of land for this residential neighborhood. This lot is filled with mature trees and wildlife that provide a healthy, green buffer to air, noise and land pollution. This naturally reclaimed property makes air, sinks carbon, protects the neighborhood from flooding, and offers quality of life that is critical to the people who live here. Over the last 40 years, community members have used the lot for recreational activities and have helped maintain the property. Preservation of the 100th ST lot will mitigate anticipated impacts of climate change, and protect residents from environmental racism, which sends dirty industries, like trucking, to black and brown communities, like ours. Therefore, in accordance with the We Will Chicago Plan, which supports the conservation of green buffers to reduce environmental burden on neighborhoods and to protect the economic integrity of residential land uses, I hereby request that the City take URGENT measures to prioritize preservation of the lot at 100th ST & Escanaba Avenue. Thank you.</p>
ECE	Clean it up this is way over due! The graffiti is horrible and makes this city look trashed
ECE	We need ordinances for bird-safe glass in new construction and incentives to get buildings to turn their lights off during migration seasons. Too many birds die in building collisions every spring and fall, and Chicago can easily choose to prevent this loss of life.
ECE	we have a lot to do
ECE	* Help address the environment by allowing the zoning of dense neighborhoods--high/midrise density near the arteries and lowrise density e.g. courtyard buildings on side streets--that are easily accessible and traversable by foot, bicycle, and CTA/Metra/Pace and in turn reduce reliance on private motor vehicles; retrofit where necessary to enable equitable use of current infrastructure that currently may favor aut centrality; *Waste management is an area that the city government/public sector should carry the majority of the load to execute. Clear guidelines for waste disposal need to be created, heavily and consistently promoted, and enforced when necessary, to improve Chicago's recycling participation and reduce contamination of the supply of recyclables; *Parks can always be expanded, and new ones created, as adjacent land becomes available for acquisition; this especially applies to pocket parks in the neighborhoods
ECE	Sounds great!
ECE	While I 4d with it, point 5.1 is not really an objective but a goal, as those terms have been defined. It should be refined to say something like "Support retrofitting of existing buildings with emissions-reducing, sustainable technologies."
ECE	Please prioritize expanded bike, pedestrian and transit options over automobiles. Single use automobiles are NOT the future.
ECE	City wide composting. Initiatives to make existing buildings more energy efficient. More bike paths to reduce car trips and public transportation between neighborhoods
ECE	No, thank you.
ECE	<p>The introduction and the order of the goals does not match, it would make better sense to sync them It's a little weird to start talking about parks as if environment only means green space. The city itself is an environment within a larger regional environment, and we need to take regional action as well. Coordinating with regional and state actors is especially important here. If mitigating and preventing carbon emission is the most important work, should that not be goal 1 rather than 5? 1.1, ensure community input, too vague: to whom, with what weight? How used? 1.3 Require decision makers—which ones? This is kind of generic. The policies make more sense but don't really roll up to these words. 1.4 This is hard to understand...what is the relationship between climate resiliency efforts and control of neighborhood assets? What responsibility are we assigning here? Needs re-wording. Again, the policies make sense but they do not roll up to this statement of an objective. Goal 2 Data OK, could mention effects of diesel pollution and need to electrify fleets 2.1 vague "to be part of" does not allow for any control or veto if needed—policies are more specific on ward requirements and using zoning practices appropriately 2.4 "cumulative impact assessment" of what? And what "positive outcomes" are we aiming for here? Not listed in policies, again, policies don't seem to really match this objective Goal 3 p. 64 the photo puts the burden on individual homes when it should be more institutional and commercial Why no data about percentage of waste created by commercial and industrial producers? Is the recycling rate really the strongest factor in reducing waste? This speaks a bit to the circular economy of reusing materials and one company's waste fueling another company's business, explain and make the links. 3.2 is the most important of these objectives, push removal of materials in the supply chain, and make appropriate disposal part of the waste chain that companies are responsible fro 3.3, include businesses in those that need to be educated, not only community members! 3.5 I don't understand how reuse and recycling fits in this objective. Even reading that policy I am confused by its meaning 3.6 5, also should emphasize the making buildings easier to dismantle and reuse when their life cycle is over Goal 4 The supporting data of tree canopy coverage is not clear—what are the numbers, % of tree canopy? % change? Something else? And how does this number relate to the caption? 4.1 this item should be linked to the process for mediating conflicting priorities—does that really exist in the civic engagement section, or is potential conflict ignored? 4.5 and 4.6 important objectives for (4.5) creating buffers to industry and (4.6) requiring sustainable and accessible access to green infrastructure Goal 5 Eliminating sources of carbon emission is overall the most important environment goal Intro, missing the word "be" in the second sentence, "Buildings must BE designed..." Supporting data, add a note to the chart that buildings over 50,000 sq ft are required to report 5.1 is broad without an actual target of impact reduction 5.2 would be helpful to clearly define "green infrastructure" either here or in the key terms at the beginning of the pillar This goal should have an objective about developing renewable energy: linking to the state's plans and resources and \$</p>

ECE	As part of the Environment, Climate, and Energy pillar of the We Will Chicago Plan, efforts should be made to ensure that the City of Chicago embarks on a citywide land use plan and a biodiversity recovery plan (this is what the Mayor's Nature and Wildlife Committee is promoting). Also, a greater emphasis should be placed on nature-based solutions within the present climate action plan. Many of the goals in this pillar would be part of it, but there needs to be an overarching blueprint so efforts can be approached consistently instead of piece-mail across different communities. This way, for example, if we have limited green space/park space in a community, then the focus in that community would be to increase green space by a specific amount. Additionally, efforts must be made to support better planning and communication around how far in advance to notify communities and make the locations/timing supportive of community members schedules so that they can be engaged in a meaningful way. Additionally, an emphasis should be placed on investing in Chicago Public Schools curriculum to incorporate information on technical careers and STEM education options, starting in fifth grade and continuing through high school. Finally, a focus needs to be placed on enhancing environmental literacy throughout Chicago. An individual's understanding, skills, and motivation to make responsible decisions that considers their relationships to natural systems, communities, and future generations is extremely important.
ECE	Policy 3.1A: EDIT to say "by reducing financial and regulatory burdens for all scales of business" Objective 3.6: : Create development codes for new building technologies as they arise and prioritize the reuse of materials in construction. 3.6D: Pilot programs should allow innovative and emerging technologies to be tried, with an understanding that typical building requirements do not apply. For example, shipping containers can be used as structures for micro-businesses without having a cement foundation.
ECE	The survey system has gone haywire. I've checked 5 in every bit, but after page two, if you checked anything other than 1, all the boxes/stars get automatically filled with 2 too. So, please assist and check all boxes in this survey as 5! We also need more parks, which are also better run by the Chicago Park District and not by private companies or leased to them! Let's make the Chicago Lake National Park!
ECE	Some of the objectives are not specific enough to provide a detailed course of action. Additionally, the city is not proposing enough policies that force businesses, residents, and developers to reduce their environmental footprint. There is no consideration of the water footprint and how to reduce water consumption and capture rainwater. There is no mention of mitigation controls for greenhouse gases, including how the city plans to handle organic waste.
ECE	transparency and community education and training on climate and environmental impacts and how to actively be involved to combat it.
ECE	Increasing funding and ease of access for urban agriculture projects as a means of addressing food equity in our city is absolutely necessary for our continued ability to thrive. The pandemic has laid bare just how extreme the health inequities are in this city and until we open more pathways to economic, environmental, physical, emotional, and mental health we are doomed to repeat the same mistakes.
ECE	Please have your developers test this site for tablet compatibility. For any typed response I had to use my Notes app and then copy/paste my answer to the site. The site would not enable my keyboard
ECE	1. Protect and conserve water quality and shorelines of Lake Michigan and the Chicago River Waterway System, including Calumet Waterways. Through ecological restoration and establishment of public open space in adjacent communities, and installation of green infrastructure to minimize combined sewer overflows. 2. work to remove invasive species from Chicago Parks and remove invasive/ problematic species (e.g. callery pear) from Chicago's approved tree species list. 3. Create and fund a green infrastructure maintenance team or fund groups to maintain public green infrastructure. 4. Private homeowners should be incentivized to keep their properties greened and create policies to prevent paving over front and back yards. 5. explore closing certain streets/ blocks to car traffic to encourage neighborhood walking, biking, outdoor dining, positive loitering, neighborhood activities. 6. NYC supports all their community gardens with wood, mulch, and plants annually. Chicago does not directly support any community gardens except through Neighborspace which doesn't have the capacity to support all gardens with resources. Park District offers grants of \$500 each to 10 community gardens a year. Community gardens should be supported and promoted with resources on an annual basis. When there was a DoEnvironment, Greencorps was housed here and supported community gardens with labor. 7. Planners should apply heat mitigation strategies at the local scale. 8. We need a Department of Environment. 9. Focus on environmental literacy of Chicago - An individual's understanding, skills and motivation to make responsible decisions that considers his or her relationships to natural systems, communities and future generations. 10. Bring together a group of experts to prioritize sites and then how to clean sites and develop and protect as green space, develop them for housing, or sell them. 11. Invest in CPS education about technical careers and STEM education. starting in 5th grade - highschool. 12. need to massively improve Chicago's recycling rate, including recycling in Chicago Parks (which would appear to be negligible). Implement local-level composting to divert materials from going to landfills. 13. Support better planning and communication around how far in advance to notify community, make the locations and timing supportive of community members schedule. 14. This is a general comment but should be the main takeaway for this section - The City of Chicago MUST embark on a citywide land use plan. Many of the goals below would be part of it but there needs to be an overarching blueprint so things are not so hodgepodge in each community. This way, if we have limited greenspace/park space in a community, then the focus in that community would be to increase green space by X amount. I'm always nervous that the City is trying to sell off all their vacant lots without a plan of what should be saved by the City and developed into community gardens, pocket parks, etc.
ECE	Some of the language of these proposed goals falls flat. I don't want to see "opportunities" for community "engagement" or "input"-- I want community leadership and decision-making power. Until there is real redistribution of power from the top down, I don't see things changing significantly. Also, environmental justice communities don't need education on this matter-- for decades, they've been knowing what the rest of us are just opening our eyes to. And they've been vocal about it. These goals are wonderful; time to put our money where our mouth is and fork over control.
ECE	Great goals!!!! I hope the political will to achieve them is in place!!!!
ECE	Why pick up recycling if we do not reuse it locally? We need to require that goods procured by the city contain recycled content. All high rise buildings should be required to TRACK the weight of garbage per unit vs the weight of recycled content. We need to start picking up compost. Lower garbage fees should be available to buildings with high recycling rates. Chicago recycling is abysmal!

ECE	I worry the "community input" will lock out multi-unit dwellings from being created or magnify the voice of a minority of people within a larger community. Also will people's voices be heard, even if it goes against a priority that the city thinks is important but the community doesn't want? Will the city continue to put resources into saving private buildings that are too close to the lake instead of expanding park land outwards to protect them from water erosion and thereby eliminating "private beaches" on what should be a public lakefront?
ECE	Provide information on what is appropriate for recycling. Perhaps instead of the all in one bins for recycling, we need separate bins for what is recyclable. Have educational material for the public on procedures to make items recyclable. I.E. making sure glass bottles and aluminum cans are rinsed out before being put in the recyclable bin.
ECE	We need surrounding towns and states to join with us. We are part of a continuum, cannot be separate from the rest of the state and country. We all need to work together.
ECE	While this all sounds really great in writing, we all watched what happened with General Iron, which was the OPPOSITE of every goal stated in this section. I truly hope the mayor learned some lessons during the General Iron fiasco. Hopefully she learned how to never treat our community's Black and Brown residents and how to listen to the people over private sector businesses bent on ruining the public health of communities in the name of profit.
ECE	Yes, every Highway and interstate is an opportunity for more greenery. Too much lawn grass requiring State & City mowing instead all those grounds could be replaced with oxygen cleaning trees and reducing noise pollution plus lowering summer heat climate.
ECE	Bring back the creeks, streams, bogs and ravines. Add more green spaces and preserves. Bicycle more. More public access to Lake Michigan. Extend the lake front trail from Evanston south.
ECE	Chicago should invest in city-wide recycling and composting programs. I would like to see resources devoted to composting education across the city, government-funded compost and recycling collection on the same level as trash collection.
ECE	I do not think it is a valid approach to focus so much on race and equity as a primary basis for the goals and objectives. The approach should have been to use current environmental data and not historical data.
ECE	Please can we get more trees on Halsted street I'm begging you
ECE	All building in the city should meet established green standards and be enforced aggressively.
ECE	The recycling rate decline is directly impacted by a lack of confidence in the program. More transparency and confidence from residents that the blue bins ARE in fact diverting material from the waste stream would increase participation. Educate people, but also invest in better sorting equipment I guess??
ECE	lotta talk, will wait for action. mostly pablum.
ECE	We have a lake. We should look into water for energy generation. Funding solar panels. Though much of this green technology- electric cars, for example, take the consumer created pollution and only transfer that to the energy producer. I do not wish to see Chicagoans freezing this winter, or sweating in the heat this summer because their "smart meters" can be remotely locked and controlled, to "flatten the curve" of energy consumption during peak hours. Look up and see what is happening in Europe, California. We cannot hand over control to authorities who do not know the unique individual requirements required for each person's comfort. We have about 20 days left of diesel fuel in our reserve until we run out. The ethanol being mixed with our gasoline is killing our car engines, while cars atop 6 foot lithium ionbatteries that can combust with a crash or from a water short are being promoted as a solution. As California doesn't have the energy infrastructure to support that. As our energy resources dwindle under a foolish regime. Find a way to keep us warm. This is going to become a crisis by the beginning of next year, and YOU are responsible. Think and research before going all in on any one technology. Lobbyists who come to you have an agenda. Remember that when you determine what this cities future looks like.
ECE	Do it for all or don't do it at all
ECE	Focus on the entire city not just minority areas climate change effects us all equally in the city so help the entire city not one neighborhood or group
ECE	Where does the south east side manufacturing industry, described as a "cluster", fit into these plans?
ECE	Partner with Naomi Davis/Blacks in Green https://www.blacksingreen.org/ , Patrick Sherwin/GoSun https://gosun.co/pages/new-about and Greg Wittstock/Aquascape https://www.aquascapeinc.com/aquascape-team to offer apprenticeships in south and west side communities.
ECE	A municipality can't set environmental, climate and energy goals and objectives. That must be implemented by larger, broader governmental agencies. Pollution causing issues don't stop at the city limits. Quit trying to uptick what is the states and federal governments role. It is policy making like this that discourages investment in Chicago.
ECE	Sue the utility companies for neglecting grid infrastructure in order to profit shareholders and corporate leaders. Update all water pipes and replace all lead pipes like other cities. If Madison wins can we can!!!! This is basic health and safety
ECE	The first objective under the last goal didn't really make any sense. I'm all for more trees and native plants, and educating the public on the importance. There seems to be opportunity to work with partner nonprofits that already do this work as well as job creation. Finally, I would love the Space to Grow model of turning CPS schoolyards into green schoolyards become implemented citywide. We can all benefit.
ECE	I am not sure what some of these statements entail so it is hard to go beyond 3 until details are provided. There are a lot of these protections in place already and aren't being applied properly, IMO. All sides need to be working with the same environmental data and that does not seem to be the case. We acknowledge we have industrial corridors and we are a manufacturing base for the country. Well that provides better jobs than the retail/service sector which helps build generational wealth which is one of your other priorities. There has to be a willingness for activists to find middle ground so we don't east away an important part of the City's economy.
ECE	Please institute city wide compost services for residential and businesses and improved recycling. As city resident individuals, lessening our waste to landfills is one of the most impactful things we can do.
ECE	The goals all sound great but I have doubts about the details of HOW this will happen. And how will money be raised/allocated?
ECE	Businesses should focus on reducing packaging waste in addition to the public increasing recycling

ECE	One objective, "ensure community organizations have the tools and resources needed to address the climate crisis," is extremely vague. "Address" could mean any number of things, and resources for an info mailer are a much less impactful way to address the climate crisis than resources to fund a project to convert to greener building practices. Under this objective, would either count as meeting the goal? I see a lot of ink and paper fyi mailers in my future with not a lot of change to actual climate concerns. I 4 with all of the objectives laid out in this survey, but I fear that objectives like this are not concrete enough to assess in future impact.
ECE	Climate change is a social justice issue, it is imperative that you ensure indigenous folks are included in conversations as they've been leading conservation efforts for years.
ECE	More laws and zoning are my only concern. What's needed is inexpensive methods that are not cash cows for contractors and businesses. Consider costs when making changes to local law. Give alternatives to expensive fixes and required equipment. Be fair to home owners, small businesses and community spaces. The sprinkler law is an example of good intentions with expensive consequences for apartment buildings. Don't screw us.
ECE	The goals and objectives are excellent, I 4 with all of them. I'm concerned that the objectives will get watered down or not met. Climate change isn't going to give us time to make small, incremental changes. We need to make big changes immediately. I'm also concerned that the goal regarding using open space to expand tree coverage & green spaces in the city will be done in place of affordable housing, especially given the recent news of CHA providing land for soccer fields instead of needed housing. Environmental and climate goals are necessary, but so is affordable housing. We need to make sure the empty space is distributed equitably for both affordable housing and green areas.
ECE	Composting!!! Start making compost a service offered by the city and required in commercial & residential buildings. San Francisco does it very well, so can we.
ECE	Some ideas for future sustainable investments for the city: (1) substantial financial incentives for residents (homeowners, landlords, condo associations, etc) to completely convert to full electric use (eliminate use of natural gas). (2) Heavily invest in safe streets for cycling, scooting, and pedestrians. Prioritize active mobility and public transit. Fully and completely deprioritize private auto use. Private auto should be the most inconvenient and expensive option. Invest heavily in public transit in black and brown communities, including east/west connections, not just to the loop
ECE	Build dedicated bus lanes and a bike grid. Create 15-minute neighborhoods with a focus on dense mixed-income development.
ECE	Climate should be integrated into all parts of the comprehensive plan. Land use is huge for fighting climate change.
ECE	Chicago should build and own municipal solar farms that residents can join to reduce our carbon output as well as the cost of purchasing electricity from ComEd.
ECE	Prioritize non-fossil fuel heat and water pumps in new and renovated building codes. Allocate resources to preserving existing tree canopy rather than only planting new trees, including inoculation of large ash trees against EAB. Provide resources for storm water management and downspout disconnection, including free rain barrels and resources for rain gardens
ECE	I don't think it's enough to just "meet standards". There's no reason why Chicago can't be a leader in EXCEEDING environmental goals and standards as the climate crisis has become even more dire. We should not rely on private partnerships to get us where we need to be, as time has proven that corporations will not prioritize sustainability over profit or may not have the correct education to do so.
ECE	Require apartment buildings to meet recycling targets
ECE	In addition to expanding transit infrastructure as a means of mitigating climate change, please expand and connect safe bike infrastructure throughout the city. Having a comprehensive and fully protected bike network will enable and empower people to travel by bike rather than feeling forced to drive a car.
ECE	We need more composting, solar energy, sustainable building methods and support for doing so, energy efficient greenhouses on vacant lots to strengthen our local food supply and support urban agriculture, greenroofs on all new buildings and buildings being rehabbed-again with support for doing so. Projects with energy efficiency components and sustainably built should be prioritized. Urban agriculture, green space, community garden, orchards, and park projects etc should all be prioritized as well.
ECE	Prioritize problems, not people. Find the worst problems and the best people to solve these problems.
ECE	I sold my car and most possessions in TX & moved back to Chicago to live a more sustainable life. I walk & bike & bus. I wait for buses that never arrive. That needs to change. I've recycled since the 70s after visiting Germany & seeing how it's done. We need an education system. People still throw tissues in recycling.
ECE	Provide infrastructure for biking AND zero-carbon electric scooters and e-bikes.
ECE	Some objectives are unclear of HOW you will accomplish the goal. Reuse and recycle are the last two options. First is to REDUCE. Be careful of where outdoor nature spaces are developed in industrial areas, having the close by will still expose community members to the harmful air quality, a good option would be to require industrial corridors to plant green spaces on unused land to protect communities as well as implementing places for community members to access nature. Any implementation of sustainability should be at the community level, disbursing funds at a rate equal to burden - and allowing communities to decide where and how to increase access to nature with clear suggestions and benefits of all know uses. (Natural buffers from streets, tree canopy, condensed natural areas). Make it a requirement to businesses to plant native species and trees on % of land occupies. Invest in city owned vacant property at highest environmental standards, set the standard. Do not be the exception. Hold yourself accountable and be a leader.
ECE	Housing costs, including government and financial redlining, have driven housing patterns. The zoning patterns of suburbanization have blocked multi-unit housing construction. And, fashion remains a driver of choice in housing as the current rehabbing of two and three unit buildings into single family homes attest. Perhaps, not the yard, but still the desire for large homes. Only education will change taste.
ECE	I think part of the solution here will also have to involve more strictly regulating companies that are heavy polluters, and also building infrastructure that's more friendly to bikers and pedestrians.
ECE	Our recycling efforts are pathetic. Our public transit is unreliable--and was well before COVID. Megadevelopments and zoning changes for the river and lakefronts are a TERRIBLE idea for wastewater runoff and flooding in older neighborhoods.
ECE	Let's get to work!

ECE	Plant trees on every block - Why does Lincoln Park get to have all the greenery but Albany Park can't? Let alone the south and west sides. It's cheap, better for flood control, and saves lives. Plant trees.
ECE	No
ECE	Working with Indigenous leaders is SO IMPORTANT I wish I could have 4d with 10 stars instead of 5. Indigenous leaders are also important in regards to the restoration of the land, what native fauna should be reintroduced to our parks, and can be incredible resources regarding public garden spaces and teaching people how to responsibly forage. I'd also like to emphasize how truly important public/community gardens are, we need WAY MORE of them! The ones that do exist have such backed up waiting lists to become members that people are only getting contacted to join 2-5 YEARS after their initial applications. Community gardens are hugely important in teaching people not only how to respect the land and the importance of climate change and activism, but to be self-sufficient, and are especially great for citizens in apartment buildings without access to the space or resources to start their own garden.
ECE	I don't think the recycling and waste management strategies are developed, creative or achievable.
ECE	All areas of Chicago need true parks and green space. The appropriation of Chicago's parks by private interests must stop. New mega developments must be required to add net new real park space - more than the usual prettified corporate landscapes to benefit real estate metrics. Lincoln Yards should have been required to build the North Branch Park & Nature Preserve as a condition of approval. Privately-operated public park spaces fail as public parks because they offer minimal real community input opportunities over design, programming and usage. Our lakefront is being destroyed project by project by vote-hungry politicians. Once lost these parks are gone forever. The city pays lip service to the Urbs in Horto motto. Every Obama Presidential Center, Diversey football field, AIDS Memorial Garden are not for the people; they are testaments to powerful vested interests taking the parks away from the people, limiting our access, denying communities of usage of their local parks for weeks during the prime summer months for concerts local community members can't afford to attend or don't want to. We need much more Horto in Urbs, Chicago and a new approach to managing Chicago's green space and public parks. We must also demand developers do much more - including publicly accessible pocket parks, bird-safe design, ecologically sound landscaping, to name just a few. Bring back a real Department of the Environment. Safeguard our Lakefront. Bring investment to rebuild South Side park resources like 63rd Street. Save the USX site as a nature preserve. Our city has lost a lot of ground since Rahm Emmanuel on the environment.
ECE	As with any community input process, the city must ensure that standards and processes around rectifying environmental wrongs do not become tools for already-empowered groups to squash beneficial development. The city must also resist falling for tech-washed solutions that drum up press but don't deliver results—less Elon Musk, more Native land stewardship.
ECE	Clearer recycling rules, consider composting options
ECE	This is the most important "pillar". Time to re-create a City Department to focus on these goals & objectives.
ECE	1. Set a carbon 3 goal for Chicago by 2030 2. Invest in natural energy sources 3. Provide additional subsidies for natural energy source usage (ex. EVs, solar panels, etc.)
ECE	Let's move on from the ridiculous concentration of waste collection and disposal contracts. We're paying the same companies to both collect and store waste. Of course they don't adequately recycle. If they recycled, the City would not be paying them TWICE (once to collect, and once for landfill). Support the remaining independent recycling firms.
ECE	No
ECE	Develop and share a comprehensive Plan - maximize availability of funds, federal grants for climate response.
ECE	Our recycling program is a joke. We must have a real program and not one that hardly actually recycles anything.
ECE	Needs to address the importance of walking and biking as alternatives to cars.
ECE	update and increase recycling program. create public compost initiative
ECE	Too much focus on race. The focus should be on the environment regardless of race.
ECE	As a homeowner in Chicago, I believe Chicago should set the standard across the United States for environmental responsibility and climate change mitigation. This should be the city's highest priority.
ECE	No
ECE	This all sounds great but make sure you don't make the environmental standards so high that developers are unable to remediate at all. Also, electric cars aren't the answer. The batteries and hvac systems aren't developed enough yet. Don't write off regular gas-fueled vehicles just yet.
ECE	Start by sweeping your own porch: eliminate city landscapers using gas blowers and blowing leaves into streets, use more durable road construction techniques. I can't take anything the city promotes seriously when I watch the garbage collectors dump recycling, garbage and yard waste into the same truck. Education is useless and a waste of tax dollars if the city employees are the least educated on policy.
ECE	It sounds scary but the only way to stop climate change is by safe and secure and sensibly placed nuclear energy plants, and dear Lord, I never thought I would say this, but the planet is going to be dead if we don't move like lightning.
ECE	Chicago lies in the middle of an incredibly important migratory bird route. It is essential that new developments are made as birdsafe as possible to mitigate the well-documented decline of this nation's bird populations.
ECE	Stop using race as a way to define Chicago residents! Stop using race as a way to define neighborhoods! People who reside in Chicago are Chicago residents no race descriptors needed!
ECE	The city must have a better approach to handling rainwater than simply builder bigger infrastructure to capture and divert it. We need building codes that promote and require permeable paving, native planting, etc. to absorb rainwater rather than capture and divert it.
ECE	Make use of all media to education residents.
ECE	Composting is very important.
ECE	Repair the harm done by the Obama Foundation in their ripping up of old-growth trees in Jackson Park. This has been devastating to watch the environment of the neighborhood. Also: light pollution is a thing! These streetlights in park space shining UP into neighborhood apartments is bad for people's health.

ECE	The city of Chicago & state of Illinois must move immediately to ban outdoor recreational wood burning fire pits and put an end to leaf and debris burning! PLEASE READ THIS LINK! Wood burning is toxic and very polluting. Woodsmokepollution.org Utah has banned wood burning fireplaces due to the toxicity created in it's largest city. Also look under Doctors + Scientists Against Wood Smoke Pollution. A single fireplace operating for 1 hour, burning 10 lbs of wood is 4300 times more carcinogenic than 30 cigarettes!! All wood contains formaldehyde! PLEASE WAKE UP and END use of fire pits and wood fireplaces!
ECE	1. Get a handle on the recycling program - as in actually recycle the items that go in the blue bins. Fine households/apartments that do not recycle. 2. Where is the proposal on more and safe bike lanes? 3. The green spaces through out the city need just as much attention, care and repair, if not more, than the LAKEFRONT.
ECE	Electrification of power sources, food waste collection city wide (work with existing efforts), REUSE of existing buildings. Encourage renovation of existing buildings. Stop needless demolition. Not all buildings can be saved, but we need to do better on this front. This also encourages more interesting and innovative infill construction.
ECE	Please invest in compost and fix the absurd recycling and waste policies (bin use, number, and the silly fact that the bins don't even have to have clear coloring)
ECE	Community involvement tends to favor not doing anything, needs a strong system that will encourage positive changes to the neighborhoods even if their is a loud minority that opposes them in meetings.
ECE	City wide composting & reduced mowing, naturalized yard for pollinators. Too many people are paying for "lawn care" that is simply poisoning their soils and contributing to ecological decline.
ECE	"virtually all Chicagoans live within a 10 minute walk of a park" And what do they have to walk through to get to that park? I'd love to access Chicago's green spaces, but highways running through the city (Ashland, Sheridan, Western, Ridge/Hollywood, even parts of DuSable Dr!!!) make that more fraught, especially on my bike. Pedestrians and cyclists are second-class citizens in this town. The car is still king. My friend got hit by a car this summer and lost consciousness on the ground. The driver sped off. Only in America, y'all. Thank you for this survey and the thoughtful questions. The storm we had a few weeks ago showed just how poorly prepared our local infrastructure is for climate change. I've been hearing about bioswales, rain gardens, and permeable pavement for a decade now. Still waiting to see those things in my neighborhood.
ECE	Placemaking with open space, and tying open space to green-transportation infrastructure (i.e. walking and biking) will be one of the things that set cities apart.
ECE	Protect our parks! Stop the destruction of public green spaces to construct buildings like the Obama library.
ECE	HOW THESE OBJECTIVES ARE MET, AND HOW MONEY IS ALLOCATED TO EXECUTE THE SOLUTIONS, ARE THE DETAILS I WANT CLARITY ON AND CONFIDENCE IN.
ECE	Plant more trees on vacant lots. Create a department that does nothing except maintain green space. Make ALL schools and libraries into butterfly plant havens. Streets & San needs to ease its landscaping restrictions to let neighborhood gardeners grow plants on public spaces.
ECE	Again, a lot of noble, yet confusing broad-based statements. For example, acquire open space and make it more equitable. What does that mean? Better city planning of public green places and spaces for the community to enjoy and use--gardens with seating and trees to shade folks. Public Promenades like they have in Spain, Italy, that encourage people to stroll and enjoy a beautiful evening.
ECE	THIS is a Pillar that is extremely important, but true expertise is needed to balance economic development and its important goals. I believe there is a need for EVERYONE in Chicago to grow in understanding of and participation in environmental issues. All neighborhoods need education, not just those unduly affected at present. It's a lofty proposition to balance the fact that we're a city that needs goods and asphalt to function against environmental responsibility. It would be great if Chicago could become a leader among cities as development occurs.
ECE	Are you going to listen to everybody? or are you only going to listen the insane people.
ECE	It's hard to 4 or 2 with these broad statements that have no detail behind them. Multi part statements are especially difficult to weight when the reader 4s only with a single part.
ECE	There is no specific mention of food waste and composting. This is critical to climate/waste management goals. There is also no mention of enforcement. A plan is no good without enforcement. While investing in disinvested areas start enforcement and new programs in well funded areas to get programs up and early adopters onboard. The city is missing an opportunity to use the wealthy areas to test and refine programs. These areas are also able to handle the cost of enforcement (fines etc.) which will help fund programs.
ECE	Investigate city-run composting services. There are many private options in Chicago but that leaves composting only available to the better-off. Increase confidence in city residents that recycling is done properly. Education on what can and cannot be recycled to improve likelihood of recyclability.
ECE	Race should have no place in our city policies and government.
ECE	Other than maintaining green space and freshwater supply, these issues are so far down the list of things that the City needs to address with tax dollars as to be insignificant.
ECE	Remove nonfunctional grass through out the city and replace it with native grasses and flowers. depave/remove nonfunctional concrete and replace with green spaces. Improve city wide tree canopy. All of this will reduce flooding and improve daily life of chicagoans. Remove lead pipes. Encourage adoption of apartment balcony solar panels to help renters produce their own green energy
ECE	Please adjust the "green energy" taxonomy to include nuclear energy. It has the lowest carbon footprint of any electricity source, and it has the highest rate of unionized labor of any industry in Illinois. Northern Illinois already produces a massive amount of clean nuclear energy. The city of Chicago should purchase that directly from the plants to achieve deep decarbonization of our energy supply. Don't waste time and resources on intermittent power from wind and solar, which can't provide 24/7 reliable energy. Illinois leads the nation in clean nuclear electricity, let's be proud of that!

ECE	There needs to be far more effort put into Land Back initiatives (glad that y'all are considering discussion of land stewardship with indigenous environmental groups! keep it up and go further), more green energy initiatives (switch the city to solar), more rooftop gardens, utilization of empty lots around the city to create parks/community gardens, and a significant crackdown on corporate plastic use/waste (we should focus on making this a plastic free city from the top down, people can't stop buying plastic products because that is ALL THAT IS CHEAP AND AVAILABLE, we should work towards phasing out the selling of single use plastics)
ECE	I would love for the city of Chicago to take into account the climate crisis' impact on displacement world-wide. How is Chicago preparing to care for climate migrants?
ECE	minorities are no more deserving of special treatment than people that work their asses off for what they have, minorities aren't handicapped
ECE	In the goal that covers the reuse of materials in the construction of new buildings there was no mention of collecting materials from demolition for reuse. Consider a minimum amount or list types of materials to be reclaimed and recycled from the demolition of buildings.
ECE	Why are we putting the burden onto black & Latino residence to change or improve with Goal 1 (prioritize climate resiliency efforts in black & Latino community areas)? I think the intention behind goal 1/objective 1 is good (Ensure community input on development proposals, zoning, and permitting), but I'd like to see this strengthened: Black & Latino communities should NEVER be put into a situation where they have to fight to have a polluter removed. Black & Latino communities should NEVER have to "provide input" on a zoning decision if that zoning decision would result in worse community health. We must relentlessly improve community health outcomes across the city, regardless of if the community does or doesn't provide input. In general, the more marginalized the group the less political will they'll have to self-advocate. Said another way: If we host a community meeting on weather or not to give a permit to a chronic polluter in a black and/or Latino neighborhood and nobody shows up to advocate for the community, does that mean we should give the polluter a permit even though it would result in worse climate & health outcomes? Absolutely not. Here's how I'd rewrite this goal: Goal 1/Objective 1 as currently written: Ensure community input on development proposals, zoning, and permitting. This puts a burden onto Black & Latino communities to advocate for themselves. Goal 1/Objective 1 as it SHOULD be written: Ensure every development proposal, zoning, and permitting decision improves climate & health outcomes for black & Latino communities.
ECE	Please look at the City wholistically. There are European, Asian and Eastern Indian members of our communities who also lack tree canopy and open space opportunities
ECE	Closing the coal-fired power plants improves air quality, but the citizens of Chicago need cheap, reliable energy. These plants should have been repurposed into natural gas fired plants. Industry creates jobs. Further regulation will force businesses to relocate outside of Chicago.
ECE	We must provide incentives for providing publicly accessible EV recharging in all areas as soon as possible.
ECE	Stop taking up leaves which provide nutrients for the streets! Stop cutting down trees. When you do cut down trees, replace them immediately! Southside is a good desert: MORE COMMUNITY GARDENS! Pay the people to take care of them! I want to grow micro greens in my apartment building. I live in Chatham: in 12 years, I have yet to find a program that supports Chatham. I have been rejected over and over again because of my location????? I am a natural healer, wellness service provider, wellness products. But where is my business? Where are my clients? Where can I find work? After trying/starving for 5 years, I am now looking for work in white neighborhoods because there is no way for the Black people to find out about natural health. Only Bronzeville, Hyde Park or Beverly. The result if the Southside has nothing. Once my building in Chatham is renovated, my wellness practice will be based in my home office. Offering all kinds of Spiritual & Cultural knowledge & services. Where is the funding for NY project, which came back here to serve my people! It feels like I am not wa Ted here... is this true? Do you really want me to move out of Chicago & go work with white peoples elsewhere? Please stop cutting down trees: you are the ones starving them of the food they naturally provide: LEAVES!
HN	Do it.
HN	This survey is written by folks who already know what the solutions are to the problems facing Chicago. Individuals with political power to make these changes willfully ignore the facts set forth by thoughtful people like yourselves. Chicago doesn't need unending luxury developments to go up, displacing lower income residents, year after year. I see no other reason, other than greased palms and "generated revenue" to be the reason these developments are approved. Regular Chicagoans do not want to see their neighborhoods bulldozed for shiny boxes of \$2,000/month luxury one bedrooms.
HN	What specific action steps will your organization take to implement this plan? How will you determine the success/ effectiveness of the plan?
HN	Evictions-Too many gaming the system. Need to strengthen laws to prevent fraud.
ECE	Pushing for a city-wide educational program teaching everyone what to recycle would be highly beneficial when paired with updating the recycling system to allow for more material to be recycled and not thrown away when improperly mixed with non-recyclable material. Curbside composting is also something that should be considered. Cambridge, MA has a great program that the city could use as an example to scale up.
HN	Community 4ment that protects residents from displacement and higher rents due to gentrification and new constructions in long established neighborhoods.

ECE	I am going to begin my analysis of the "We Will Chicago" plan from the fourth pillar which is the Environment, Climate, and Energy pillar. It talked about how Chicago's greenspace system is efficient in terms of accessibility and the facilities surrounding it. It further states that Chicago is a walkable city since it offers various travel options, making it easier for communities to access public parks. The document acknowledges the environmental burdens that persist in certain neighborhoods over decades. Moreover, it frames the issues of environmental injustice as a result of unfair development patterns affecting the Black and Latino communities the most and aims to focus on prioritizing these communities to be climate resilient. I believe the strength of this document is that it acknowledges the unjust environmental acts that persist in neighborhoods with the black and Latina community. The pillar aims of achieving climate resiliency in these community areas through public participation and involving the communities in the decision-making process of development proposals. But I believe that there is a threat to this vision since it is not easy to earn the trust of a community facing injustice over a decade and the authenticity of the participants cannot be determined or evaluated. The policy idea draft states hiring a liaison to increase the participation of the community, this seems like a bad idea since the community might feel that an outsider is trying to convince them to 4 to the plans the government has, instead a member of the community should be given an incentive to spread awareness across the community and me the middleman between the community and the community. Currently, the document reflects that There are no methods of earning trust being stated in the document itself hence decreasing the possibility of inclusive public participation in the decision-making process. This pillar also fails to recognize that the city is not walkable, or accessible in a just way. As an architect and coming from a design background, I believe that walkability is not restricted to accessibility, it includes how urban streets are designed to attract pedestrians, how cafés spillover the street and encourage community members to interact and in this plan does not mention anything related urban design policies or how to encourage design firms to promote walkable cityscapes. It also fails to recognize the negative effect of developing greenspaces, and not being aware of them simply increases the chances of adding up to the problem. Greenspaces can lead to an increase in property value, as checker states in her book sustainability myth, it can result in the dislocation of communities that existed there originally and are unable to afford the increase in rental costs. In her book "The Sustainability Myth," Checker (2020) highlights the contradictions that exist while resolving an urban and environmental conflict. She cites the case of residents of New York and the North Shore where urban policies aimed at transforming communities facing environmental injustice have created social discrimination and marginalized the communities that live there (Checker, 2020). The fourth pillar talks about improving greenspaces to benefit not only the people but nature. However, there is hardly any conversation about non-human species, animals, how they are affected by climate change, the negative effect of development and urbanization on them, how human intervention has resulted in the extinction of non-human species, and what can be done to reduce this impact. Moreover, the Environment, Climate, and Energy pillar also aim to increase urban tree canopy and promote the plantation of native species. However, it does not talk about the global soil crisis which is a result of global warming. Lastly using geographic assessments of public health data and regions most vulnerable to extreme weather events to prioritize neighborhoods for investment in climate resiliency is a great opportunity for targeting the right
HN	I try to support affordable housing however I can. The Neighbors for Affordable Housing group in the far NW side has worked on advocating for this issue despite a lot of local pushback.
ECE	Stop creating expensive regulations , you are killing small businesses
HN	Appreciate the lofty goals, hope some of them can happen. Profit margins always seem to take priority over the reality - RE: the pending closure of Whole Foods in Englewood, for instance. Affordable housing is crucial but neighborhoods are more than just houses.
ECE	It was hard to know whether I 4d or 2d w some of the goals without knowing more details. We shouldn't create so many regulations and requirements that it's hard to build anything in Chicago--to protect the environment and climate, we need Chicago to be vibrant and thriving to help stop more suburban sprawl which is inherently unsustainable in a number of ways.
HN	Rents go up because homeownership is expensive! Owners of Bungalows get turned down for assistance and cannot afford to make necessary repairs, not cosmetic "necessary" ie; insulation and water flooding. Keeping that in mind the rents are their only source, when their paycheck or retirement social security does not reach.
ECE	PLEASE address zoning as a way to increase density in appropriate areas. Mixed use (residential and commercial) construction as well.
ECE	Drop the buzz words along with the pollution.
ECE	Land use (primarily public but also private) is key.
ECE	Chicago is capable of being a leader in addressing climate change, similar to many other cities in the midwest and on the coasts. The initiatives address in this draft are very important but they aren't enough for serious action. I suggest we compare ourselves to other leading cities and identify gaps to address. Thank you.
ECE	Let the private sector do most of these goals. Looking at how are current city government works, it is a total disaster with high crime, murders, and taxes. Do not trust government to solve problems. Just look at the looking pension crisis that is of course ignored.
HN	Did you know that Chicago Park District field houses, once were also used as public bath houses, to allow access for those that were/ are less fortunate a place to be able to keep up with their hygiene. They were even soup kitchens that provided meals.
HN	When people own homes, they are more invested in keeping up the neighborhood, watching out for crime and just generally being more involved in their community.
ECE	THE CLIMATE IS IN PERPETUAL CHANGE, NOT BECAUSE OF FOSSIL FUELS. EVERY COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY INVESTED-NOT BY RACE. PLEASE FOLLOW REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING & BE JUDGED BY THE CONTENT OF MY CHARACTER NOT COLOR. LIGHTFOOT IS THE WORST MAYOR EVER.
ECE	We need to strengthen our eco-friendly transportation options, like public transportation and bike friendly streets. We can offer increased incentives for LEED buildings or just not allow new building that are not eco friendly. We should offer enhanced recycling programs throughout the city -- like for plastic bags or batteries. It would be cool if the city offered composting programs for free to reduce waste AND support urban agriculture.
ECE	Reducing car dependency will take far more than increasing transit access in some neighborhoods. We need a comprehensive approach to redesigning communities to be centered around people.

ECE	I am Openlands' TreeKeeper #467, I've seen too many City crews "planting" trees, usually in tree pits (crypts) but sometimes at the 19th District-West CPD station, without removing the wires/burlap from their roots which guarantees the trees will not thrive to become fully mature. Who will ensure it's done correctly? Aldermen should NOT be given carte blanche to remove just any tree a homeowner complains about. Utility crews are mainly not concerned about damaging trees including when they park/drive heavy machinery over the root zones, and this must stop. Tree-planting initiatives are all well and good to a point, but seldom discussed is who will look after it? Many young trees once planted by the City are neglected. This is money, energy, and time wasted!
ECE	More park and green space in the West Loop. It may not qualify as a Black and Brown community anymore but many older residents are. We are starting to repeat the past by not balancing development with green space because it is a booming area of the city.
ECE	Good start. Very pleasantly surprised. Below are two major issues I felt the absence of in this pillar: reliance on fossil fuel investments and reliance on private vehicles. Include timetable for divestment from fossil fuel in City-controlled investment funds e.g. the four pension funds. Referendum on a comprehensive plan to reduce reliance on private automobiles (IC or EV) through investment in transit and holistic approach to zoning and land use
ECE	It should be much easier for residents to recycle in the city of Chicago, only having one dumpster for both trash and recycling isn't feasible. Residents are motivated to recycle if there is trust that the waste will be properly managed. Same goes for composting. Right now most residents who wish to compost must do so via private companies. Cities like San Francisco offer this to residents with a high adoption rate.
HN	This is all gobbledygook. Focus on crime.
ECE	This survey doesn't do enough to illustrate the how and how fast these changes need to occur ESP concerned with the lipservice of spending years on research when we already know the areas most at risk. Make complete street and protected bike lanes and frequent express buses at least every 8 blocks a basic service!
ECE	Expand the use of solar energy
ECE	I was turned off by the goal to prioritize climate resiliency efforts in Black and Latino community areas. All areas of the city need to be prioritized for climate resiliency as climate change will have major impact on all residents.
ECE	The most important think, as I see it, is expanding accessible green space and the tree canopy. This means not just planting trees but CARING FOR THEM on an ONGOING basis. The city must delegate funds for this, as well as providing education about natural features such as trees for the general public.
ECE	The most effective way for Chicago to battle the climate crisis is to focus on our strengths of equitable access to safe, reliable transportation that does not involve individual cars/vehicles. Building safe areas for residents to walk, bike, and take public transit would have an enormous impact on our climate and society.
HN	Create more opportunity for land and home ownership for Black Families on the south and West sides. Insure that residents of the community benefit from current and future investments.
HN	I believe homelessness is inhumane when we have the resources to solve it. Chicago has an opportunity to lead the nation on this issue. We must offer both shelter and support.
HN	how will crime be combatted in neighborhoods where crime rates have recently increased?
HN	Inspired to see that Accessibility is included in the plans for creation of houses and buildings
HN	Focus on creating mix income neighborhood and start addressing racial segregation within the city. Please do not repeat Cabrini Green's affordable housing failure. More initiative for homeowners and property owners then mortgage downplaying assistance, provide home management and maintainece policies. Reduce housing prices for low income that qualify and housing program can aid a percentage of the the housing price. Opportunities for investment properties for black and brown people to start creating generation wealth. Also assisting with local businss renting and owning property too keep these businesses running.
HN	Lifelong Chicagoan, architect by education, 18 years experience in affordable housing development in Chicago
HN	Chicago has plenty of room. While all efforts need to be taken maintain an environment to retain current Chicagoans and to entice former Chicagoans to return home, the future of Chicago's sustained significant growth is in large-scale international immigration to create the diversity more commensurate to Chicago's current and former size and global stature than what has been achieved in the past.
HN	N/A
HN	Best park system in the country, continue to expand it. Add pop-up park events, more small event rental equipment (ex for kids bday parties helpful for apt dwellers). Develop massive micro apt options. The " efficiency" style needs reviving. Add low cost community vets. Run from mobile locations and rotate where they park/ serve/ visit. Partner with local furniture makers, (local factories only) for all city school, housing needs. None, invite some, the opportunity will drive the business.
HN	Policy 3.3A: If the city tries to set priorities for use of vacant land and engineer the precise uses, it will close itself off to creative, entrepreneurial ideas of individuals. Policy 4.1A: ADD a plan to allow gardens and farms under the municipal code. Policy 4.1C: To create a consistent fair system, the rules to setting up these microbusinesses must be clear, public, and accessible. For example, street vendors should not have to hire a lawyer to understand vague requirements from the health department about what equipment they may use.
HN	Without a doubt, we need to do everything we can to discourage displacement and encourage equitable development. In some places that means more community involvement. But in others, it means less. The problem of NIMBYism in affluent areas is a major driver of gentrification. We need to upzone the north side.
HN	provide public housing and expand DFSS efforts to house homeless individuals. Pass Bring Chicago Home
HN	I'd like for the city to invest in opening more shelters and programs to support individuals experiencing homelessness. Providing jobs to these folks and or offering job training opportunities
HN	Housing and Neighborhood regulations as defined by your plan are not fair and equitable to current & legacy home owners.
HN	What happened to the Whole Foods in West Englewood? It lost too much revenue to theft. Businesses won't open in an area where they are going to lose money. You have to convince the residents in these communities to invest in their own communities. Start with having a better education system in place and teach the parents how to be parents.

HN	To help with displacement, the city should have a strategy to strengthen small condo buildings (6 units or less). These buildings are not professionally managed and if left to their own devices then there will be more foreclosures. It there is no governmental support, then the city should not approve the development of small condo buildings (less than 6 units).
HN	Provide support for Chicagoans experiencing homelessness through emergency housing and permanent supportive housing.
HN	Invest in the housing stock -- off the investment corridor. Invest in this gorgeous, historic architecture. Less affordable rentals and more affordable ownership Chase the high rental corridors by helping individuals or communities buy homes in and around the high rent neighborhood anchors
HN	these ideas are very general outline., how will they be implemented in a practical way, financed with oversight?
HN	Chicago needs to vastly expand--and maintain--public housing. Landlords are a blight on this city and removing the profit motive from housing would do far more for residents than any public-private partnership could ever do.
HN	Clean up the Westside! There is so much trash in certain areas especially Southwest, it's depressing to see so much trash. Please, put Street & Sanitations and Juvenile Delinquency Youths to work. Please put out street trash cans on the Westside in some areas there are none for miles. End food deserts build more healthy food stores on the Westside like Whole Foods, Jewel's, and actual health food stores. These things help encourage people. We also need bus shelters and safe activities for our children. Thank you!
HN	We need more home-based businesses that cater to the communities that we live in.
HN	yes that the middle working class will able to qualify for all these incentives. Because me working a full time job single parent do not qualify for NOTHING THE CITY OFFERS AND IT IS SAD
HN	Vacant land and property development needs to be a high priority
HN	Affordable housing is critical to keeping people from being homeless. We need to focus on the 5% of people that do not have bank accounts and assign social workers to them to help boost them out of poverty. We need to expand mental health services to these high risk individuals.
HN	The lack of affordable housing for ALL Chicagoans is at the root of all of Chicago's problems.
HN	Work on changing laws down state to allow for rent control in the City of Chicago. Do more for working poor.
HN	Would love to see addressed: air quality issues in residential areas impacted by large businesses and heavy automotive traffic.
HN	What are we gonna do about the problem of non-resident entities that own land or buildings and just let them sit in vacant squalor? Can't a law be passed requiring owners to maintain their properties to basic levels of safety and visual appeal? In neighborhoods from West Englewood to Portage park to downtown, we have buildings falling into disrepair and dragging down the neighborhood with it. Meanwhile those owners do nothing but pay their property taxes, waiting for someone else to do the hard work of increasing property values despite them, And then cash in on a big capital game windfall. It's disgusting and should be illegal.
HN	All 77 areas are referenced, but priority should be given to the areas most in need.
HN	Affordable housing needs to be prioritized over unnecessary luxury housing. All new housing developments should be required to meet some minimum % of affordable housing units. We should implement programs to provide permanent long-term housing accommodations to the unhoused while they get back on their feet that doesn't simply displace them again as soon as they meet some arbitrary income threshold or otherwise. A process for taking them from unhoused to stability to eventual ownership. Invest money in low-income communities to eradicate food deserts.
HN	No TIF funds helping well-heeled developers build luxury housing, please! Tear down or build over expressways and rebuild the neighborhoods destroyed - dismantle the legacy of Robert Moses. Stop the tide of people working in the city and living outside of it.
HN	Too many of the McMansions built in wealthy mainly white areas of the city sacrifice multi-unit solid buildings for single family homes. So sad to see 4 and 6 flats etc converted into spaces for a single small wealthy nuclear family. The larger apartment buildings always provided transitional rental living for growing families who then could save money to purchase their own homes.
HN	No
HN	Multi unit housing (2 flats and 3 flats) should not need zoning approval to be built. Parking minimums should be eliminated to keep housing prices down and allow more units to be built. Accessory dwelling units should be allowed to be built city wide. The city should create a public bank to provide mortgages. Under developed land should be rebuilt (examples: grocery stores should have 4-5 floors of apartments above; no parking structures near train stations). Eminent Domain should be used, if necessary.
HN	There should be a push for creating opportunities and resources for our communities to have better living standards. Basic needs do not keep crime down. Basic needs do not mean having a mere roof over our heads. We are all humans. Better yet, we are all a part of this city. Be a standard for all other cities. Provide a safe space for our youth. Stop the financial segregation. Low income is the root of all crime. If individuals had the opportunities and resources to live a comfortable life over the poverty line and achieve well over just our "basic needs", the people can contribute more good to this city. If the city continues its financial segregation, crime will begin spilling in areas people would never expect it to. Again, basic needs are not enough. This city is abundant. Be the change and set the standard.
HN	Assist young people ageing out of foster care to have affordable housing so they don't have to live in shelters or on the street. Tiny comes and Accessory Dwelling Units could be an option in some of the many vacant lots on the south and west sides. https://youtu.be/hRh_QJGFUSo
HN	Do it for all or don't do it at all
HN	Focus on the entire city since this is a city wide housing issues especially for renter's
HN	Just ... stop propping up developers and remove the ability to pay your way out of affordable units
HN	Let the private sector develop real estate based on market demand. Stop attempting to control real estate development. This policy has never worked. It is a failed attempt since the 1960's
HN	Fix permitting and remodeling codes to encourage repairs. Fix zoning for townhouse developments and 2 flats. Stop wasting millions on tax incentives for rich developers!!!
HN	Free housing is not a right and as my taxes increase forcing me out of my home so that my taxes can support people who won't help themselves, well Chicago will lose it's tax base over time. While my taxes on the same house have risen 400% in 12 years, I get nothing for my taxes. When does bleeding the middle class stop?
HN	Allowing more density. Legalizing all coach houses / ADUs

HN	The City government has been a major factor in the gentrification of some neighborhoods and the ghettoization of other by reinforcing structural forces of investment and disinvestment. To start, the city would need to reverse course and make housing a right for all Chicagoans
HN	This is the only way that Lightfoot thinks she can win reelection, since she is such a phony and hipocrit!
HN	Goals are broadly laudable but devil is in the details - there are policy 'solutions' offered in this area that seem unlikely to succeed.
HN	Where is the long term plan, say about 10 to 25 years, to maintain and develop the city?
HN	PLEASE add actionable items for preventing the wholesale conversion of multi-family housing to single family housing. The plan presents data on affluent neighborhoods having higher trends of SFH conversions but does not make a point that this needs to be stopped. To some degree I think that preserving affordable housing encompasses this, but it doesn't quite hit the mark when there are above market rate three flats in affluent neighborhoods that are being converted to luxury mansions. These buildings need to be protected and zoning code needs to be prioritized to keep and increase density by preventing as-of-right downzoning that causes such conversions.
HN	The cost of living in safe neighborhoods has increased drastically and is impossible for so many. There doesn't need to be tons of luxury buildings but rather standard housing so people aren't spending the majority of their income on rent.
HN	This Pillar represents the need to "put our money where our mouth is." In order to eventually eliminate the segregation, both racial and economic, that keeps us as Chicagoans ignorant about and intolerant of one another, support is needed so that all neighborhoods are accessible and affordable. Incentives can help this since developers are interested in profit. I believe the Invest South/West projects are a needed start, as is finding ways to keep two flats and small apartment buildings, and I hope initiatives like those have the desired effect. We will be a better city if all of us can feel comfortable and optimistic anywhere in Chicago.
HN	Seems racist.
HN	Eliminate single family home zoning city wide. Eliminate aldermanic prerogative. Chicago's boulevards are too wide and traffic lanes should be reduced/repurposed as bus only lanes or concrete curb protected bike lanes.
HN	When developing vacant areas, there should be a focus on ensuring that Black residents of Chicago have the ability to purchase vacant land and property for the use of private home ownership or business development. They should have first choice in this ability in majority Black neighborhoods to ensure that they receive the opportunity.
HN	To achieve housing goals, there should be more incentives for development rather than zoning regulations and rules that both limit new development thus eliminating more housing in total. The more you build the more units and more affordable options become available via supply and demand. more overall development will lead to more affordable units. The City should consider crossing ward boundaries to trade incentives and affordable housing in the most economically efficient way. For example, allow developers to still adhere to affordable requirements but provide more flexibility on the location parameters to place the new affordable housing.
HN	Housing remains a divisive subject based on the limited options with socioeconomic issues. I live in Uptown, a ward with the largest number of government subsidized housing. I see first hand the poorly managed/maintained properties. The gangs and violence. Over the years, many of my wonderful neighbors have moved to the suburbs for the protection and safety of their children.
HN	I've never understood how a city with so many city owned empty buildings can still have a housing problem. Residents must actively participate in their neighborhood improvements, not just city, state and business taxpayers. I am consistently disappointed in the lack of interest by residents in every neighborhood in voting and volunteering to make things better.
HN	I feel that Chicago is "moving on" from the LGBTQ+ community. Marginalization does not necessarily only occur along racial lines. Remember that Chicago has always been the shining city on a hill to LGBTQ+ youth throughout the country who have been expelled from their family systems and are cut from generational wealth. Northhalsted cannot delete that from it's history and needs to step up and provide services for these folks, so that they can become integrated, contributing members of our city.
HN	Addressing homelessness needs to be a top priority. We should be giving homeless people housing, and providing direct assistance to people struggling to pay rent, to truly address the problem.
HN	Concentrating high density around el lines is not the solution , not all want high density, the trains can not handle the increase in density currently . you destroy the smaller scale areas for density.. not a good choice
HN	Chicago's history shouldn't be bulldozed to build cheap, "modern" condos for rich white people. We need historic corridors and designations like every other city and country to preserve the history of our architecture in our neighborhoods and downtown. Glass skyscrapers replacing historic structures is not progress, it's just wasted space.
HN	There should be attention paid to integrating the all white north side
HN	Please don't forget the Elderly and Disabled. Always all new programs focus on those with children. Low income Seniors need a place too!
HN	Remove barriers to the development of affordable housing.
HN	I believe rent caps or rental assistance and more regulations on landlords should exist. As well as more affordable housing.
HN	I appreciate the focus on affordability but I hope it does not come at the expense of increasing market-rate housing. An increase in desirable units in affluent enclaves is also useful for preserving communities vulnerable to gentrification because it gives the would-be "gentrifiers" places to live! My neighborhood is one of the rapidly downzoning parts of the city, and I worry this will drive up rent and home prices and make it even further out-of-reach — while the people who might wish to live here spill out to newly-gentrifying areas on the west side, thereby displacing long-term residents. Additional market-rate construction, as well as affordable housing, would open that pressure valve and keep home prices from skyrocketing.
HN	It's too bad that, although the goal is to help all 77 neighborhoods in Chicago, the reality is that it is only for a select few. These communities cannot maintain things that are given to them, and thus we are at the same starting point again. And in terms of access to food, the food stores are closing because of theft, crime, and low sales. Again, forcing companies to open will only force them to close. People need to take accountability of themselves and their neighborhoods first, and then we can invest in change. I pay some of the highest taxes in Chicago and we have no protection, no community programs...crime is high and I feel like I can't walk alone. Work on improving that for all first.
HN	Change zoning rules to allow ADUs and denser development in all areas of the city. Require affordable units in all new developments.

HN	Earlier this year the city council passed a bill, without public scrutiny, allowing developers the right to build three flats at will in neighborhoods zoned as single family near public transportation. I dislike this strategy and the way it was implemented. What the process taught me is that we cannot comment on such broad goals without getting into the weeds to find out what is specifically intended legislatively. The devil is in the details and we can be assured that the when the details are established it will be in a back room without input from the citizens.
HN	A lot of this sounds good but when a business like Aldi leaves these areas because they get robbed too much by those citizens, how can any of this be successful? Should people have access to good health care and fresh food? Yes. But those business have been leaving those areas because the residence in those areas can't pay for these things. How can you encourage those businesses to move in and stay open for years? This sounds good but I don't know how you make it work and nothing said here makes me think that it will.
HN	Latinos go to get enough access to section 8 nor affordable housing despite the dire need and amount of families that are homeless (doubled up in one apt counts as homeless per Dept of Education) yet NO information is ever shared on anything related to housing EVER despite the significant need. They're just ignored although the demographics are growing as is the need.
HN	The questions included too many demographics per question
HN	Get tough on gangs
HN	End single-family zoning and parking minimums to ensure we are making the most of every development with an eye towards sustainable density.
HN	I think too much of the focus of the plan is based on race. The goals and objectives should be race 3 and based, instead, on other factors such as total household income and benefits received from all sources, need, and likelihood of success. The goals and objectives lack accountability to determine if they actually are valid and are working as intended. They lock the city into paths that might prove to be unproductive or unworkable with no chance to revisit the goals and objectives to fix deficiencies that are detected.
HN	No
HN	Shouldn't replacing the lead pipes be a priority here?
HN	Love the goals, ponder HOW these goals might be achieved.
HN	DEFUND THE POLICE
HN	End Aldermanic prerogative, ARO policies, and restrictive zoning districts wherever they entrench racial and economic segregation and prevent market-based development that would create tax revenues and jobs. The ARO should be reformed so that developers NOT utilizing TIF or City Land (and only seeking a rezoning) are only required to provide affordable housing relative to the housing they demolish with their projects. Rezoning without displacement should not trigger ARO requirements. ARO requirements above and beyond replacing demolished units, is appropriate if TIF and City lands are used. We need to stop being so stingy with inclusionary zoning reform efforts. Accessory dwelling units, multi-family housing, and tiny homes should be allowed in every residential and commercial district. We also should stop preventing ground-floor residential in commercial districts with high vacancies.
HN	Yes, create more quality affordable homeownership opportunities. Also, open a trade school, so residents can learn how to repair their homes.
HN	No
HN	It is too vague. Unless the City is going to prioritize getting dramatically increased resources from HUD and CHA (like we do on Transportation and Infrastructure projects), this is a pipe dream. The City can't handle more development with the current staffing levels at the City agencies. Projects are languishing because of inexperience, incompetence and intentional bureaucratic hurdles.
HN	None of this talks about the current residents of areas and asking them what they want. Many people chose to live in certain areas because of low density housing and you are pushing larger development.
HN	Do not interfere with the free market. Gentrification is not a bad thing.
HN	Stop focusing on what people look like! Reward the people who DO things. Reward those who buy homes and try to improve them, whether to live in themselves or as investments. Right now, the City of Chicago puts every possible roadblock in the way of investors, developers, general contractors, etc. The saddest thing to me is that minorities have the most hoops to jump through of all thanks to the bright ideas of those in power. A WBE or MBE owned business has to complete 5 x as much paperwork as their competition!
HN	Every time I marked the 5 circle all the other circles lit up with blue stars.
HN	Help bring the entire city to more sustainable, healthy living by replacing lead supply lines for all residents. Do not over prioritize limiting the tear down of old, lead filled and energy inefficient buildings. This policy may keep more affordable units in lieu of more SFH, but it is of poor, unsafe, and energy draining quality. I support programs that reduce permitting costs and reduce the cost and burden for home owners and landlords to improve safety and reduce energy use. If a program exists, it should be for all tax payers, not limited by one's race.
HN	We need to better enforce existing rules and regulations to better support disinvested communities
HN	We need a better focus on zoning to improve density and affordability in wealthier communities. These areas are becoming less dense and less diverse as they become less affordable and accessible. We want a diverse community, which requires zoning and other policies that promote affordable housing and accessibility.
HN	Where's the part on fining the owners of vacant land/buildings for keeping them vacant instead of being able to write it off? If you want development, then stop giving these owners incentive to keep their properties vacant and in a state of disrepair. Also, looking at the map, part of the reason is because the public transit in those areas are GARBAGE. I'll comment more in that section, but people on the south and west sides need better, safer and reliable public transit. Stop spending money to accommodate the rich people on the north side with things like a "fly over" and give the people on the south and west sides more reliable service so they don't have to take a bus to a bus to a bus to a train just to get downtown.
HN	Accessible housing is wonderful and needed...please don't forget to ensure that the sidewalks leading to the accessible housing are accessible, too! That should include providing snow and ice removal services during the winter.
HN	Put more effort into supporting rehab of vacant and abandoned housing.

HN	How about stopping and prosecuting crime? That will solve many problems that you 'think' exist. But, that isn't 'equitable' for this nonsense exercise. How about putting ALL violent crime offenders in jail and keep them there, no matter what they 'identify as' or the 'color of their skin'. You are literally forcing your most needed tax base to leave this city in droves because of your equity nonsense. Another boondoggle with taxpayer \$. You are a joke.
HN	What's is best for the city should sometimes be more important that what the local alderman wants.
HN	There needs to much more emphasis on renters rights and the ability to change rent control at the state level. I'm less concerned with property tax and more concerned with changing the state tax code to be fair.
HN	I'd like to see more protection for renters. Sanctions against slum lords. Rent control.
HN	Important to have neighborhood density with shops, other walkable necessities as well as a certain number of parks, athletic areas, tracks per a defined area. Parks should not be replaced by apartment buildings, etc, just for developers' incomes
HN	Private investment is essential to the goal of vibrancy and density in these neighborhoods. You can not encourage private building and opening of businesses with byzantine over legislation. There's so little investment in some of these communities that equity requirements are not even worth discussing until there is any foothold of positive population growth here. The urban renewal of the 60s and the subsequent zoning rules destroyed so much of what originally made Chicago great and made especially these neighborhoods into car dependent exburbs. If you want affordable housing, dump the parking requirements on zoning, loosen FAR requirements, streamline the permitting process, get public perception on crime under control. Anything that can be done to get stakes in the ground in these neighborhoods should priority #1.
HN	Reuse abandoned land not only for housing development but in support of environmental goals (e.g. community gardens, micro-forests)
HN	NA
HN	Density is key to creating a walkable, social neighborhood. Eliminating the ability to convert apartments/condos to single family homes, particularly near transit, would go a long way to fostering neighborhood development. Mixed zoning for commercial/residential and easing permitting is also important for this.
HN	NO GOVERNMENT PROGRAM SHOULD BE ALLOTTED BY RACE
HN	Keep security and safety as a priority especially in areas which are underserved and a hub for gangs and criminals
HN	I would like to see a special focus as well on older adults, who are mentioned nowhere here. A Chicago that values older adults would take steps to ensure that if they have low incomes, they have housing options beyond nursing homes or segregated senior-only housing. If they are grandparents raising dependents, they would have housing options that allow for mixed ages. Indeed, intergenerational housing should be a pillar on the spectrum of housing. Moreover, the needs of the LGBTQ+ population and others who have been historically marginalized should be met in the form of robust fair housing enforcement and requiring an inviting culture in all buildings (see SAGECare for specifics).
HN	Race should have no place in our city policies and governance. The city's resources should be open to all races/ ethnicities.
HN	Unfortunately, my personal experience with CHA affordable housing shows that the City is barely managing what they have now. The City needs to work on improving their current housing systems before attempting to take on broad new initiatives.
HN	I sold possessions and my car in TX & moved back to Chicago to live sustainably and feel part of a community. I live and work in the same neighborhood. I left 3000 sq ft for \$1800 to 300 sq ft for \$1150. We need to do something about the formula used to determine rent.
HN	I'm unclear on what some of the goals actually mean, thus my 3 selection. "Create, support, and anchor" smaller developers. Not sure what that means.
HN	There needs to be an extraordinarily significant increase in housing vouchers. The waiting lists for public housing and vouchers should be eliminated first. Then look to rehabbing existing buildings, changing the municipal code to create housing in vacant commercial spaces and areas. As much vacant land as possible should be preserved or rehabbed for green space, parks, food production/community gardens and/or solar and wind development to provide local energy to the community. New development should only be on land with existing buildings that cannot be rehabbed and then built with more density.
HN	remove exclusive single family zoning still in place in the city to allow for more gradual density and "missing middle" housing, and expand higher density areas around transit
HN	This problem doesn't exist in a vacuum -- restoring Chicago's decimated, dangerous neighborhoods is one that not only housing can fix.
HN	affordable housing and increased housing stock for all is essential to the success of any of these initiatives
HN	Yes, build more housing. And don't limit it to transit or "clusters", but free up zoning across the city- no parking minimums, allow higher density by right. But the reason so many people leave is not housing, it's that the city (and other parties) has conducted a long-running ethnic cleansing of Black people. If police do not protect you, if schools do not teach your children, if your jobs are sent out of the city, state, or country, and if you cannot access any legal or political remedy to these issues, then people will flee.
HN	I would like to Chicago be more unapologetically pro-housing. If we want people to move here, we need to ensure that we continue to offer a true "big city experience" at a more affordable price than other big cities. We need to reduce obstacles and provide incentives for new, high density housing development, especially along transit thoroughfares, including market rate and affordable units. We should be bolder in our refusal to bow to "NIMBY" backlash when it comes to new housing projects, recognizing that the typical arguments against new housing (parking, traffic, crime, shadows, etc.) are strawmen.
HN	Rent control to keep rent down would be amazing. Focus on repair and restoration of current infrastructure before investing in a new high rise. Give homeless people free housing (it literally costs less than forcing them to remain on the streets, and we have all these empty homes)
HN	The ARO is insufficient to address gentrification. TIFs are out of hand. Many aldermen and successive mayors have been over-eager to take developer \$\$\$. The creation of high end housing is ridiculously out of hand. The available zoning tools and the willingness of City Council to grant zoning consideration for gentrifiers despite residents' objections is unacceptable. HOUSING FIRST is the PROVEN model for combating homelessness.
HN	There should be concrete plans to accomplish these goals. HOW will you strengthen communities in action, not in theory?

HN	After reviewing these goals, I don't believe that this plan off action will reach down to the families who really are impacted by these issues, not able to afford rent, life insurance, most black, Afro-Americans, or whatever they may call us it to fit the criteria, don't even know how to go about buying property, so no I don't think this is going to work.
HN	In order for a community to thrive, government needs to be kept out. Abolish all taxes.
HN	The use of public lands is critical for lowering blood pressure, stagnation in homes which leads to depression and other mental health issues. There needs to be a restructuring of Alderman privilege as my alderman takes public lands and uses it as he please for the organizations he like. This does not support ALL of the residents, just some. in regards to community development, Humboldt Park is NOT a homogeneous community, it is a vast diverse community and the housing,public spaces and events SHOULD reflect that. I have heard Ald. Maldonado say he wants public housing for Puerto ricans only. He said it public ally and in front of Puerto rican people. we need accountability so we dont waste taxpayer money on Church developments either. There is a church in Humboldt park that has a lot of properties where they rent apartments at\$2500+ a month. That's ludicrous. I thought all developments are supposed to have a percentage of low income or affordable housing. On California between Hirsch and LeMoyne there are condos that do not. in the empty lot that the Riot Fest founder's estate owned. Also, we should be encouraging younger people to take pride in their community, but they cant if we allow people to trash Humboldt Park itself. Assign 1-2 workers to scour the entire park for trash, make notes of where there are problems and resolve them. Noise ordinance that is stricter would be great as well. When the festivals come in, its not good for the residents because its so loud, so late into the night you cant fall asleep until after 12AM. I have brought ALL of these issues to the Alderman, and he has done nothing. We should provide a public ally seen elder's center where they feel more apart of the community instead of the heroin addicts at Division and California. Open the Puerto Rican Cultural Center to the public EVER DAY, they have it locked and gated on public lands. or I run for Alderman but need the outreach of city officals on how to. Lastly, demand that ALL Alderman walk in their wards a minimum of 10% of their time. There is no connection between Alderman and constituents in many wards. Want to be elected by the people? BE of the people. Also, can we hold weekly or monthly in the park sessions with our Alderman?
HN	This survey contains assertions and opinions. The "questions," are leading and in most cases don't provide the responder with a suitable choice. Appropriate development should be driven by the market and not subsidized to create outcomes.
HN	We need more affordable housing, rent control, and housing that is actually wheelchair accessible (above meeting the minimum threshold of ADA compliance)
LL	Some of these goals sound really vague. Where will the money come from? Additionally, I think it's really important to provide many more opportunities for experiential learning about nature and the environment.
LL	Privatize all schools. Get the Leftism out of the schools. Go back to facts.
HN	If what you say is true, then why dies Pangea own most of the rental properties in Chatham? Where is the support for Black property owners owners in Chatham? Why do your laws protect squatters but not property owners? Your city attorney lied about me in court, your receivers tried to steal my building, your judge ruled in favor of a squatter even tho she was in contempt of the court!! Where is my support? Where is the funding for Chatham? Why are there no business areas on 79th street? Why does it look like a ghost town? Why is the crime rate so high? BECAUSE THIS IS YOUR PLAN TO REMOVE BKACK PEOPLE FROM THE SOUTHSIDE and REPLACE US WITH FOREIGNERS. I have been paying taxes & insurance on this property, going to court, getting ripped off by contractors, losing money ever single day. Peoples has tried to ruin me. Water company. Everything is designed to get that building, but where are the grants? Programs? Assistance gir Chatham? I have found many programs for other addresses, but not mine! Your plan sounds great, but why is it even necessary? White neighborhoods already have these things! What will you do once you get this money, fix up the north side of Chicago, give money to immigrants, and replace the Black families that have been here since 1961, when I was born...SHANE ON TOU! The money you are spending on the promotions of this plan could have been some t helping Chatham! We already know how bad it is, we already know what needs to be done! We don't need more pills, ekectins, computers: WE NEED COMMUNITY GAREEBS! We need to create generational wealth for Bkack families by giving them grants to build they're businesses! You don't need this poll or this little elections gimmick! Wake Up already!
LL	A remaining question I have after providing my responses is how existing organizations/programs that serve Chicago residents from marginalized populations will be affected by these proposals (i.e. what sorts of constraints will be imposed on organizations to maintain extant programs and receive support from the city). It is possible that more information along these lines would affect these responses.
HN	Regarding Goal 2: by far, the most important thing the city can do to prevent displacement is to reform land use and zoning to permit more housing. Increasing housing supply keeps prices in check and reduces displacement. None of the objectives under Goal 2 mention this. Aside from that, this is the strongest and most important of all the topics in the We Will Chicago plan.
LL	I work at a community organization that provides continuing education opportunities and workforce services to adults. These are wonderful objectives. It's imperative that community organizations have a seat at the table for decision making about funding metrics and implementation, and coordination for these initiatives. Also, the federal government funds adult education programs in Chicago (GED, ESL classes), but the city doesn't provide its own funding for these programs. It should!
LL	These seem nice and kindly worded. However, this language is vague enough to not actually challenge the systemic inequities that actually plague this city
HN	I want everyone to have the resources needed to live in the city. I feel like often times it is the policies thag the city put in place that harms people. I want a middle ground. Yes, I want my property value to go up and I want businesses to come to my neighborhood. But I also don't need 100 new condos built when we don't have libraries, parks, restaurants for us to go to.
HN	From the survey questions it's not clear that any action is planned to increase housing supply, support dense, mixed use development, and reduce the construction of new single family homes.
HN	I'd like to see some goals specifically targeting assistance to Black Chicago residents, rather than lumping all "people of color" together - many of which groups are surpassing Black residents in home ownership, entrepreneurship, higher education.

LL	I SUPPORT EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE OLDER. GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET EDUCATED AND LEARN NEW SKILLS SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE THAT IS WILLING TO MAKE THE TIME INVESTMENT. I SUPPORT TEACHERS, EDUCATORS, AND STAFF IN THE EDUCATION SPACE BEING PAID MORE. THEIR WORK SHOULD BE HIGHLY RESPECTED AND WE SHOULD REWARD THE BEST OF THE BEST! I ALSO SUPPORT LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR ALL, THERE SHOULD ALSO BE ACCESS TO THE LANGUAGES OF CHOICE FOR ENGLISH SPEAKERS THAT WANT TO PICK UP ANOTHER LANGUAGE.
HN	I believe a goal should be to change the zoning code to not restrict housing to just one type of home. I think Mixed use development should be allowed in more places especially if its smaller commercial uses like a hair cut. Why can't I have a hair salon in single family zoning? Or a coffee shop? Or a small grocery store? I just want to be able to walk to a local grocery store and walk home. Or walk to get a cup of coffee. Is that too much to ask? Wouldn't that make everyone's neighborhood nicer and more enjoyable to live in?
LL	*Properly invest in and support Chicago Public Schools, Chicago City Colleges, and Chicago Public Library.
LL	Chicago has a great Jr college system in addition to CSU & UIC. Several states allow bachelor degree programs through the jucos. Follow suit. Instant affordable education. Allow deep discounts for returning adults and seniors. Include online degree programs and niche certification & degree programs.
LL	page 82, add the word "current" to pp 2 last sentence, "access to CURRENT continuing education..." Key terms are strange—why define "digitalization" when it does not relate to the data presented? It is weird to combine formal and informal learning in the same definition, separate them! Intergenerational encounters are good, but why is it defined here? Why does it even need a definition? For Postsecondary education in does not explain that it means past high school or GED Use a parallel format to other definitions too Goal 1 Data—what does the digitalization data even mean? The definition above does not help! 1.1not sure why does the city need to lead this effort? Goal 2 In the data, one graph says number of people per 1,000 inmates, is that correct? This graph is hard to understand How about an objective that speaks to improving and fully supporting CPS??? Goal 4 Re-word the description of the graphic on single parent households—very confusing as is: perhaps: 10 community areas have almost or more than 3X as many single parent households as the city average. Awkward too Goal 5 Title add "of" 5.2 last word should be exists as in "where inequitable access exists"
HN	In investing in communities that have vacant land and less access to needed facilities like grocery stores, please make room for residents of said communities to invest in their own communities like buying land or access to grants for investment.
HN	The city needs to INCREASE zoning across the city so that owners and developers can build more housing supply. Expand the ADU ordinance to include the entire city, not just in a few select communities. So many of the "equity" policies that the city is pushing is only harming communities of color, i.e the demolition ordinance in Logan Sq. and Pilsen. It's REDLINING!
LL	Responding to the needs of neighborhood residents should be the highest priority. Do not just make decisions and expect residents to be happy about having programs, facilities, etc. forced upon them. Don't use these survey results to rubber stamp plans you already have in place.
HN	There is a difference between "affordable housing" and what people can actually afford. We need housing that preserves communities while allowing for growth. This means rent control and subsidies.
HN	This is ridiculous. Your stating that everything must remain EXACTLY as it is. Should we return Czech immigrants to Pilsen? Wealthy Caucasians to South Shore? Progress happens through prosperity. Remove all the barriers to development and business in the city and all will prosper. Do not spend another dime on yet another pet project of politicians unless you first defund 100 other organizations that are doing the same job you propose to do.
HN	If you think New York has a healthy and vibrant housing market, then absolutely implement all the public money sucking proposals you suggested. How about you appropriate funds from the thousands of clearly ineffective groups that already exist instead of creating new demands on tax monies?
HN	Zoning should be reassessed to allow for high density affordable living, and mixed use construction
LL	Survey residents on what they would like to learn. I would love to have a facility like Discovery Center (North Side) to be on the South Side. Also, classes for skills in demand by employers to be in near-by facilities.
LL	What specific action steps will your organization take to implement this plan? How will you determine the success/ effectiveness of the plan?
LL	What exactly are you solving for? Are older adults increasingly disinterested in learning?
HN	Ensure/enforce that renters displaced by condo conversions are given first pick of the housing units rather than being forced to look elsewhere for affordable--and sometimes substandard--rental housing.
HN	Reform building codes and regulations to make it less expensive to build houses in Chicago
LL	It seems to me that with school choice, transportation is an important issue too.
LL	Admirable goals.
HN	Developers needs development credits/grants to build or Repair Chicago aging housing stock with similar masonry construction
LL	I support this lifelong idea, but feel that the basic CPS system needs to be prioritized, especially with the recent news about learning losses during the pandemic.
HN	How can the City create greater synergies across the equitable community development and affordable housing goals of Healthy Chicago 2025, Healthy Chicago Equity Zones, We Will Chicago, and Invest Southwest? How can these initiatives be more closely aligned to achieve maximum impact? Ensuring that rental housing is green, healthy housing is a high priority - for example to ensure prevention and reduction of high rates of chronic asthma in communities of color. Increasing the supply of high quality, affordable market rate housing in communities of color is as important as increasing rates of homeownership. Aging in place: Accessible housing for people with disabilities can also be accessible for people who are aging in their homes. There is no mention of how market rate housing can be adapted for people aging in place.
LL	When things become affordable, will they continue to hold the same weight? Are the programs and education still going to be quality? Child care and older adult care - will the facilities be quality and tend to them with care? What access will be gained from these objectives?
LL	no

HN	Ensure that all homeless people have immediate access to independent permanent housing through dedicated developments and rental subsidies.
LL	Creating another city department and learning hubs sounds like it is duplicating CPS, City Colleges, and Public Library. Why not pour resources into already existing structures instead of creating new ones?
LL	Promote our Chicago Public Libraries. So many people don't know what services the libraries offer or presume services we don't offer. We need more education to communities.
HN	I fear that "preservation" of existing affordable housing could have the opposite effect. I am for additional taxes on developments that reduce the total housing stock. I'm against using historical preservation to block the addition of new housing units.
LL	Why are they only expanding on programs and schools that already exist? Why are they not planning to reopen some closed schools or other programs?
HN	There's no mention of how the city will offer mortgage opportunities to black and brown communities. While expansion in distressed communities is great, I would like to know how the city will ensure those homes will be owned and occupied by black, latino and indigenous residents. There needs to be investment in a home-buying program for our communities.
HN	Pay special attention to Black neighborhoods and residents who have collectively lost buying power and wealth due to years of discriminatory policies
HN	We need to provide safe spaces for Chicago's youth to congregate, play and relax. Over-policing young people in downtown areas is wrong. Every neighborhood needs safe and clean public spaces for all ages.
LL	Pay teachers more
LL	Please visit: https://www.scalelit.org/programs/ajc scaleLIT is the One-Stop Operator for 5 American Job Centers in Chicago and have 4 Career Pathways Navigators connecting residents to the workforce system.
HN	begin stop and frisk to get guns off the street so we can walk outside again and get rid of the lazy chief of police he is not worth what we pay him
LL	Stop incarcerating people and we won't have to do so much work to overcome the hurdle of a criminal conviction 🙏
HN	Ecology needs to be priority: sustainable building codes, walkable, composting, no mowing, naturalized areas and community gardens.....
LL	The Chicago Pre-College Science and Engineering Program has been focusing on some of the goals mentioned since 2008. We are a K-12 program with mathematics topics introduced to students starting at Kindergarten(Algebra concepts) and topics in Algebra for Calculus starting in 9th grade. We offer Saturday and summer classes at local high schools and universities. We have summer enrichment programs at UIUC , Notre Dame and Kenwood Academy. Our summer programs all have a strong mathematics component.
LL	Chicago Pre-College Science & Engineering Program (ChIS&E) chiprep.org
LL	I would like to complete the survey. However, every time I press a star all the stars appear.
HN	You can freeze property taxes for certain groups in order to prevent displacement. Property value increases are a positive and allow homeowners to build equity.
LL	lessening the income gap will help solve so many issues the city faces. Education and access to education is the best way to do this
LL	N/A
LL	What are you going to do about a law that allows 'kids' to drop out of high school? What are you going to do about kids joining gangs? If they can drop out, join gangs, break the law and have their wrist slapped - they are going to laugh at getting a real job. What are you going to do about agencies that take grant monies and do very little if nothing? There are too many 'agencies' that need to be audited. And before we pay more and more out of taxes, could teachers show up, speak proper English and teach? Teaching in street talk is not teaching nor is it fair to immigrants or other languages to be misguided in their learning. If we are going to deal with equity - then it needs to begin early on not continuing with the same old patterns that are failing students and parents. Its a sad cycle.
HN	Build a data base of CBOs and provide access to the general public.
HN	demolishing abandoned homes and businesses
HN	Rather than these symptoms, invest in the root causes of why minorities can't pay their rent or get a mortgage. Make it easier for landlords to exit tenants who don't pay.
HN	They sound good, but goals like this have been used as a cudgel to stop all development that doesn't satisfy pie in the sky affordable requirements. Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good.
LL	Encourage parents to be more responsible for ensuring their high schoolers attend class.
LL	1. Listen to the Chicago Teachers' Union 2. Don't institute unnecessary restrictions on young people.
LL	Expand how we use our Chicago Library System and the Chicago Park District.
LL	Work on delivering a competent educational system before worrying about whether it is joyful
LL	CPS enrollment has been declining for years. More schools should be closed to right-size the number of schools with the number of students. Also. CTU has to much power. The are not elected by the public, but have a huge impact on taxes.
LL	Just to emphasize the importance of apprenticeships and job training for all.
LL	Teach the children to read. Teach the children math. Teach the children how to run a household. Please stop wasting classroom time with all the political agendas and inappropriate materials. Let's get back to core topics and focus there. To retain teachers, hire those that really love to teach and use the process that's in place to eliminate ineffective teachers before they are tenured. Teachers don't quit because of the kids or the parents. They quit because of ineffective administration and other teachers.
HN	I would like to buy land that has been abandoned in my community. I don't always know when it becomes available. Can I afford it (don't know about the \$1.00 thing). Can you send mail or email to residents when those possibilities arise?
HN	Ban single family zoning in community areas with the highest median incomes, to allow more homes to be built there, to decrease housing pressure in areas becoming unaffordable due to gentrification.

LL	Yeah, the CPS does not need any additional funding on the backs of the taxpayers to cover this. So how is it going to be paid for? Also, K-12 is free to anyone regardless of race, so there needs to be a bigger conversation on addressing the drop-out rates and keeping kids in school before adding on more programs that will likely not be taken advantage of. Lastly there needs to be an elected school board - of which a certain percentage needs to be individuals who are CHILD FREE. Our tax dollars go to the education system just as much as those with children and we deserve to have a voice.
HN	The housing and neighborhood goals would be strengthened by the inclusion of bountiful natural space and enhanced tree canopy in all parts of the city but especially the south and west sides.
LL	Restoring the focus on equity in Chicago Public School. While Mr. Martinez is working hard he does not appear to have the same educational equity emphasis of his predecessor Dr Jackson.
LL	Race should have no place in our city's policies and governance.
LL	It is much better to focus on educating our youth so that they can find meaningful employment rather than training them after they've been in prison. The Chicago Teachers Union is strangling the city.
LL	Implementing all these goals would create the community I dream of. Support our libraries.
HN	For housing, all housing development is positive housing development. Delaying builds and decreasing density due to red tape is a "heart in the right place, practice in the wrong place" issue that ultimately keeps rents and prices higher. Let's get more medium/high density ASAP which will drive down prices more effectively than delaying development due to NIMBY demands.
LL	Our experience with the city government regulating our services has been negative and bureaucratic (we lose money on our program due to the funding and administrative burden). The folks setting program requirements are completely out of touch with the actual needs of the community.
LL	I think that addressing the financial challenges that come along with trying to pursue education is critical. If students have to choose between supporting families and continuing their education, education programs will not be as effective. Maybe extra focus can go into scholarships and aid to help pay the bills while folks study?
LL	Education needs to address the ecological threats we are all experiencing and how to counter that. For example community gardens, no mowing, no pesticides, composting, sustainable transportation and building.
LL	Chicago needs effective communication training. Please look into Better Communication LLC - www.BeABetterCommunicator.com
LL	We need to improve the rankings of non-magnet Chicago Public High Schools, several have Great Schools.org rankings of 1/10. We can't just cater to the top students in CPS, it looks great on national rankings but is a disservice to those that don't test into magnet schools. Some types of learning are best at a center of gravity location. Ex. Technology incubator. We should include bussing from community learning centers to these centers of gravity so residents can learn in the top environments as well.
LL	no crt,teach math ,history,science things kids can use in life. AND DEFINITLY STOP GAY GROOMING THE CHILDREN !!!!!!!!
LL	no
LL	The graphs in the supporting data of goal 3 are misleading and ambiguously titled. Two points: 1) The axes on the two plots are different, so one has to be careful to look at the actual numbers to compare. Ideally, the y-axis would include zero and 100% in each graph. 2) While the title is "The graduation rates of Chicago students decreases more than 50% between high school and college", there is not a 50% drop for any of the lines plotted. I assume that what is meant by a "50% decrease" is a _relative_ decrease, i.e. the graduation rate would go from 80% to 40%, like the "Full Population" line. This is poor wording because the absolute quantity that is plotted is the graduation rate, and that is already reported as a percentage. Using a percentage change to talk about a number that is already a percentage is misleading. This should be changed.
LL	As part of the Lifelong Learning pillar of the We Will Chicago Plan, it is incredibly important that workforce development gets tied to the many other goals and pillars throughout the We Will Chicago plan, as they are interconnected. Economic prosperity, supporting black and brown communities, and environmental stewardship can only be successful if there are viable career pathways for those communities. Giving people jobs in the green industry is one of the best ways to create advocates for nature! Additionally, a community-driven approach should be taken that solicits feedback from different neighborhoods to identify the types of learning initiatives people want and need. There should be a focus on identifying the career and learning pathways teens are interested in pursuing so that opportunities can be developed and provided in a coordinated fashion across the city. Finally, as efforts are made to develop workforce training programs and partnerships there needs to be a focus on eliminating barriers that have historically prevented people from accessing workforce training programs and employment in the first place. These barriers include, but are not limited to the need for child care, background checks with minor offenses, language barriers, transportation costs, lack of access to reliable public transportation, etc.
LL	The first step is educating the youth in critical topics such as math, writing, communication, and other life skills. No one is a victim and everyone can overcome adversity.
LL	No
LL	I find this objective rather disappointing. It feels misleading. I was hoping this would be about actually encouraging LIFELONG learning through INFORMAL learning opportunities. But the entire thing is about FORMAL education (i.e., schools) and only that form of learning that leads to jobs. This is despite the fact that your opening statement claims to be for more than just work but also "recreation and other personal or social pursuits that contribute to strong communities." I wish your program would expand the focus beyond the high school, young adults, and/or those in need of employment. The goals you're talking about here really have absolutely nothing for those in mid-life or older, or those who have employment (which is actually the vast majority of the City's population). Chicago has an astounding array of true informal learning opportunities through its science sector, museums, university outreach efforts, and much, much more -- none of which is meant to drive people to jobs but is truly about lifelong learning for personal and community betterment. THAT is the area I would love to help the City showcase! Just as the COVID-19 pandemic could not be addressed through formal education or workforce programs, the City's goals around climate change, social inequities, cultural access, etc. will NOT come from formal educational opportunities. They must come from the informal outreach efforts that get people in all communities talking about something, which leads to action and success.

LL	If financial restraints are removed for education will it be removed for all or just CPS students and residents of color? What are the barriers and constraints for employment? There are no barriers and constraints listed. If you mean a police record, you really need to think twice about the types of jobs some of these career criminals can do and what agencies will hire them. Even the neighborhoods that technically have public high schools, like mine, doesn't mean they are worthy of attending. A high school with an average ACT score in the teens is no place to send children who have aspirations for higher education. I had to pay for private school for 23 years for my children while still supporting public school with my tax dollars. Never did I receive any sort of voucher to help me alleviate the tuition costs. And don't say I could have sent them to public school because I couldn't have. Morgan Park High School is not a place of higher learning even with an IB program. You have to go through all the other shenanigans to get to those IB classes and that is not acceptable for any student.
LL	I'm excited to see the results and how the data is used. All the right questions were asked.
LL	NO ONE MAKES A PERSON COMMIT A CRIME. ENOUGH CATERING TO CRIMINALS-NO MATTER WHAT COLOR & I AM A FEMALE BLACK - ENOUGH ALREADY.
LL	I don't 4 with building another city agency when CPS and City Colleges are already so large -- I think the investment should be within the two organizations to expand their work in these spaces, instead of creating another agency that would effectively be just the middle man. The work of the CPS/CCC Chicago Roadmap may be a good model for how to meet these goals within existing organizations.
LL	Bring back Home economics, life skills, arts, music, vocational training, it is much needed
LL	Yes learn 2 put American's first not fair other r first very disappointing...
LL	I believe in order for any community to surpass obstacles of five, when the moments called for certain circumstances. It falls off those in power and community . To offer programs, resources, infrastructure, educational, training, and financial support. I have worked for many programs that have offered youth, adults, and older generation capabilities, resources, mentoring, to gain knowledge, volunteer opportunities, or in the workforce. We need to know, teach, and impact our community that we stand with each other to gain a goal. Which is exposure to our hidden talents, potentials, and live goals.
LL	None of these goals should be implemented through government grants to private institutions. If the City is serious about undoing the immense harm that Arne Duncan and Rahm did to our public school system and public libraries, they will have to fund and support public educators and public library programs; to support the libraries, the City MUST FIX THE UNDERSTAFFING OF THE LIBRARIES. CPL is currently vastly understaffed, and patron services and programs suffer because of it. The libraries are more than just building to be kept open.
PHS	I pay a ton of money in city property taxes — a number that continues to increase — and feel like I can't even walk my dog alone in daylight without keeping my guard up. I take Ubers home from neighborhood restaurants after dark now because I'm afraid to walk the 10 minutes at 10pm. I think twice about whether to buckle or not buckle my dog into the backseat because we might get carjacked and I'll need to pull him out fast. My friend's purse got snatched out of her lap at a restaurant patio this summer. Another friend had a gun pulled on him. These are precautions I didn't used to have to take and stories I never used to hear. It used to be "don't ride the red line at 3am" and now it's "look over your shoulder everywhere, always," Carjackings, muggings, vandalism and overall violence have skyrocketed in the last few years and I'm utterly exhausted with it. I feel like I can't even enjoy the city like I once did (literally just a few years ago). Why are these criminals being allowed to run rampant through our city terrorizing tax-paying citizens? IT NEEDS TO STOP because it's NOT OK. I voted for Lori, but if things don't change, I will definitely be taking a second look at the ballot.
LL	Do it. Create new facilities and programs that exclude current failing organizations that claim to promote lifelong education goals/objectives in disadvantage communities.
LL	I would like to see high performing schools in all Chicago neighborhoods. Also, bring back all trade skills in schools
LL	Funding for and training for therapist and teachers trained in work specifically with students with learning disabilities such as Adhd, Autism Aspergers etc so they will not be able to identify these students immediately so they will not be placed in special needs classes and labeled. Also teachers who are trained in trauma and how it affects learning. Resources and monetary support for homeschooling parents. Heavier recruitment for teachers of color. Community elected school board.
PHS	The leadership of Chicago has failed us. After 40 years it's time to leave
LL	1. Hold annual collaboration summits for (all) city agencies (and sister agencies) to link resources and curricula (example: CPL, CPS, Parks) for upcoming year, and perhaps multi-year period. This is a great idea and I think will help create learning opportunities for residents across organizations. I would suggest that additional resources be allocated not just for the summit but also for smaller scale events to keep the work going between the summits. 2. Expand opportunities for civic learning for teens and emerging adults by enhancing collaboration with City government. this should include how to get teens/ young adults involved in volunteering, Ward offices, and neighborhood groups, PACs (local-level govt). 3. Before starting these neighborhood learning initiatives, time and energy should be focused on what kind of learning neighborhoods want and need. Additionally, expanding the definition of "learning" and centering the learning methods and traditions from non-European educational system and pedagogies must be part of this idea. 4. Create a mentorship program between higher ed and neighborhood youths (this hits more than just this particular policy). 5. Similar to my comment above, resources and time must be focused on gathering information on what kinds of pathways teens are interested in. Listening sessions around the city with teens might be helpful. There are many opportunities in the city for teens but it seems piecemeal and not provided in a coordinated way. 6. Child care must also be added to this list of items to address to increase access to career advancement. I teach undergrads at Roosevelt and I had a student this semester drop my course because she couldn't secure childcare in the evening for her child. Child care is a significant barrier for folks attempting to advance their careers. 7. Hire a dedicated City-funded partnership coordinator to support collaboration between key employers, workforce development programs and educational institutions (e.g. CPS, CCC, UIC, UofC, Loyola). One coordinator is not enough for this initiative and a focus on creating a team of folks dedicated to this initiative is key to ensuring the sustainability and long term health of this initiative. 8. There is a potential of gentrification as these small business incubators come into neighborhoods. I think having a gentrification plan in place as historically excluded communities begin to become more resourced is important.
LL	Improve staffing at CPL. Offer a variety of times for activities so that employed people can attend.

LL	There is a great prison program in Germany that slowly reintegrates inmates back into society. They are able to leave prison in order to attend work. So by the time people are released they are successfully employed and making a living. Everyone makes mistakes and not everyone is gifted with two loving supportive parents - we need to give people resources to SUCCEED in both schools and prisons. Schools should get funding based on enrollment not based on how rich their neighborhood is. Schools with students of low socioeconomic status should receive EXTRA funding for smaller classrooms and double the social workers. Lets make students successful and give them a hand up.
LL	Indiana has set-up free community college to help ease the burden on post-secondary education. Support the community college system we have in the city, and have a dedicated pipeline for CCC students to easily transfer credits to a 4 year institution.
PHS	Police are not the problem. Accountability in the family h it is the problem
PHS	Many of these objectives are beyond the scope of what the City should be providing.
LL	Increase funding for education and Chicago Public Schools. Divert funds from police. Increase teacher and educator pay.
LL	INVEST IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS/ NOT CHARTER SCHOOLS! Libraries are a crucial connection for teaching and learning. Bring back learning centers like Washburn, maybe put them in the parks. There is a history of that in Chicago Public Parks. Make classes in things like home repair and simple electrical repair available in evenings. Have Unions more involved in creating these.
LL	evening classes should be offered in libraries across the city and classes in the trades need to be returned to residents through use and expansion of shops in our parks and fieldhouses.
PHS	I feel like much of this survey is just "words". nothing will be done.
PHS	These objectives have been said many times, but there has been limited actions taken to actually achieve these objectives. The city needs to do what's in the best interest for the people, not just talk.
LL	Offer incentives to employers who offer on the job training to applicants without college degrees and encourage students to teach tech skills to senior living facility residents for community service credit.
LL	To attract competent teachers that will teach the next generation to be compassionate, critical thinkers, we need to offer more competitive pay. We need to support teachers if we want to support our children.
PHS	I wish for Maurice Cox to contact me, because my book, Unified Philosophy: Interdisciplinary Metaphysics, Ethics, and Liberal Arts, 3rd edition, can support the 20 minute neighborhood. I grew up in two of them.
LL	As stated in an e-mail sent before I received survey links that work properly, I find the lack of emphasis on the importance of CPS in the Lifelong Learning Pillar disappointing. Having had the privilege of working in research projects in many underserved schools as well as having been a lifelong middle-grades educator, including the principalship, in a middle-class suburb, I know what more could be done for the youngsters of our city, and I know the good that staff in CPS is doing. I didn't see many educators included in the list of researchers on that Pillar, which seemed to be an underuse of a potential resource. And--Bring on the arts in CPS as noted in Pillar 1.
LL	Acknowledge there are instances of extreme poverty in the LGBTQ+ community, which don't fall along lines of race or geography. There is a need for community services for this group now.
LL	One of the biggest needs is to pay teachers and care workers more, to hire more of them, and to subsidize the expenses of care for young children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Having well funded education and care infrastructure would go a long way to improving learning access and outcomes.
LL	The CPL is a wonderful yet under-utilized resource which I hope can be leveraged to achieve some of the goals mentioned in this plan.
LL	I strongly believe in mentorship programs, pairing established professionals with youth (especially BIPOC and underserved) to create pipelines to careers that are mostly all white
LL	Some of this feels redundant with the Public Library. I think CPL should be better funded and encouraged to be out more in the community to create local partnerships and opportunities for lifelong learning. Chicago needs more robust funding for CPL so that all branches have several librarians and community meeting/programming spaces, technology labs, and maker spaces. Lifelong learning is one mission for the public library and better funding (and perhaps better direction?) would address some of these needs.
LL	This plan builds does not mention implementing evidence based education techniques. I struggle to trust the City of Chicago with money to explore ideas when graft, kick backs, and fiscal abuse are common. Start simple: fill school building in good working order with good teachers and technology. Drop selective enrollment and gifted hubs and offer these programs at every school. Stop offering money wasting busing and choice out of neighborhoods to fund these gifted and extra resource programs at all schools.
LL	2 seems a subset of 1. This entire section is confusing, shouldn't there be greater focus on public childhood learning access and quality. People with happy early learning tend to learn outside of formal school for the rest of their lives. Chicago does not effectively manage what it is already doing in this area. Info is so disjointed that it is hard to discover, especially without computer access.
LL	More programs needed for the forgotten far south side because the north side has so much more. We need art, music, library to be reinstated and funded. We need improved public school as they are so outdated.
PHS	defund the police
LL	Please define "effective" programs and learning. There is nothing that allows for creativity, trying new ways and programs for learning in this entire survey. Be bold, try new things and allow things to fail. More learning occurs for both the educators/teachers and students in failure than in success.
LL	Of all of the We Will surveys, I most strongly support the goals of lifelong education, because it is a public endeavor, it is accessible to all Chicagoans, and it is something that attracts new residents and retains existing residents. There should be a place to learn, in every neighborhood, for every Chicagoan, of every age. I wished there had been group learning available when I was a first-time expecting dad. I wished that the public library had more story times for my baby throughout the day and for different ages. I wished that the park district had more programs for pre-school aged kids. I wish the city had public day care options where kids can play and learn. I would love to continue learning in the community throughout my adult life. But mostly, the city needs to focus improvements in PreK-12 education. If CPS does not provide a high-quality education to all students PreK-12, then families leave the city.
LL	Bring back shop and home ec in schools and community learning centers, teach everyone how to acquire practical skills

LL	Expand library and services and free or low cost admission to cultural institutions and park district programs. Expand cooperative models of education.
LL	City budget shall put a line item for adult literacy
PHS	While these goals are admirable, nothing will change until we hold individuals accountable for their illegal activities. The District Attorney must be removed from office. Her methodologies and philosophy has proven to be unsuccessful. It appears that everyone has rights except for the people who are paying their taxes and funding local government. What about the rights of law-abiding people who try to do the right thing. They system is corrupt.
LL	Appreciate focus on underserved but would like to see a bit more balance across the life spectrum including access to programming and lifelong learning for older adults who are no longer employed but wish to remain vibrant and viable!
LL	Expand apprenticeship model, so that adult learners can access income while they train for new career opportunities
LL	Please be sure to build on existing structures. There is a broad network of adult education and workforce development programs across Chicago that would benefit from having their infrastructure built up.
LL	Teachers should be paid more. There should be Grandparents' Clubs throughout the city.
LL	How can public schools be turned more into public squares where professionals interact with students, parents come to learn, and resources a shared throughout the school.
LL	I firmly believe we must develop and implement a Parenting Education System to ensure healthy and sustainable family life...the Family must be prioritized. Also I am not sure my survey responses are valid...when I select '5' all the boxes are selected.
PHS	The Chicago Police Department is the single greatest great to the public safety of residents. They should have zero role in improving public health and safety. I rejected all notions of combatting gun violence specifically because I know this administration is incapable of doing so without police officers and other punitive measures.
PHS	Maintain CDPH relationships with CBOs to further understand what is needed from Chicago's 77 neighborhoods.
PHS	The Asian Chicago residents should be also included in the health care.
PHS	This is one of the most implicitly racist surveys I have ever read. Wow!
PHS	Permit the Chicago Police Department to fully provide protection to the law-abiding citizens of the city. Fire the Mayor, the Chief of Police and his second-in-command.
PHS	It is an embarrassment that a report attempting to address public health and safety marginalizes the police department omits the fire department. Similarly, this report suggests that city government should take on massive health and healthcare issues that are the responsibility of county, state, or the federal government while ignoring problems with existing municipal police and fire services, not to mention the failures of CDPH in relation to General Iron and Hilco, lead poisoning prevention, food safety, etc. The fire department's fire prevention efforts and staffing are well below peer cities--no mention. To improve policing, police need to build community trust but this report suggests they should reduce community involvement? Why would anyone want to work as a police officer in a city that adopts such a policy. This pillar report gets a D-.
PHS	The "criminal-legal system" is not the problem. It's the people who make the choice to engage in criminal activities, and enter the "criminal-legal system" who are the problem!
PHS	The Defund principles don't work (Seattle, Portland, and Minneapolis). If you want to succeed -- 1. Increase police activity and extend protections to remove crime in the manner needed to allow police to go home to their families 2. Get rid of Kim Fox and prosecute crime.
PHS	Treatment Not Trauma. Defund the Police. Abolish the Police.
PHS	You mention nothing about the gun violence. Why police accountability? What about accountability for people who murder innocent Chicagoans who your regime gives a fee pass to get of jail? This is an absolute joke that assures all Chicagoans that crime will continue to increase to already record highs and our city you have destroyed in a short 26 months will continue to be a national laughingstock
PHS	Get rid of the current mayor. Actually make these programs for all of Chicago. But certain groups of people seem to be left out all the time lately. That's not equitable at all.
PHS	A significant difference between the 1966 plan and this current one is that the 1966 plan placed some significance on "strengthening family living" and "family living conditions". I couldn't find any mention of FAMILY in this current plan. How sad. Also, the answers to many of the issues facing the city can be found by simply asking WHY. If you ask WHY enough you will find root causes. A lot of this plan seems to be "fluff" with a lot of good information but nothing of substance that addresses root causes (gun violence....why? kids are not in school. why? parents are not involved. why? keep asking "why" until you get to the root cause. That is where the answer lies.
PHS	Comment sections in each goal area would make it easier to comment.
PHS	Please consider adding oral health and/or dental care to the list of services to prioritize access for Chicagoans. Dental disparities are everywhere! Trauma informed care -- local expert at UIC is Dr. Sheela Raja
PHS	These are all important goals, and I am very curious as to your ideas for plans around them. Please make sure you have a strong coalition of mental health providers across disciplines providing consultation on these.
PHS	This is all so important. I hope that the Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement pilot program is successful, because I think it could be a great way to increase safety and equity and also build partnerships across sectors, between social workers, health workers, and police. I don't think defunding the police is the answer, but I do think that policing in our city needs a hard refresh and I think the CARE program could go a long way for that.
PHS	Government needs stay out of healthy. Get rid of the gun laws. We can no longer have Democratic leadership. It needs to be Conservative.
PHS	The lack of gun violence prevention-specific actions in the plan.
PHS	If you do not have mask mandates and improved ventilation requirements in ALL public indoor spaces for the duration of the pandemic, then you are only paying lip service to the notion of "equity" in public health in this city. Disabled people exist, and the lack of mask mandates and improved ventilation requirements is ableist and disproportionately harms and kills disabled people.
PHS	Give police the power to put fear back into criminals. The current soft approach is not working and it's driving away people and businesses.

PHS	Safety is a huge concern in the city now. It is at an all time high. I feel strongly that the police has their hands full already and need back up. We need hospitals with more psych wards for the mentally ill. We need national guard presence in each transit station where there has been any kind of crime and in all areas of the city. A thriving community requires safety and it is in our great city that safety is lacking big time. Especially under the current Mayor and Governor.
PHS	Best thing you could do for public health and safety is permanently ban lockdowns forever.
PHS	Please do not create safe drug zones. Some of the items combined in a single question should be separated. For example, I would not support decreasing the contact between police and the community but I would support increasing police accountability.
PHS	Where is the section about ending carjackings and actually prosecuting offenders? It's not safe to be outside ANYTIME in this city, despite the CRUSHING property tax burden.
PHS	Every Chicagoan should feel safe and secure in the neighborhood that they call home.
PHS	I don't know what could be done related to this but what about loneliness? I imagine the amount of people experiencing loneliness and disconnection from the community has only increased since Covid-19 and will have a lasting impact on our mental health ...
PHS	Why are we reducing interactions between community and police force? We should be integrating and building trust. Adding a divide is like adding more guns to the streets.
PHS	Health care should just be provided, not just affordable. Mental health services are incredibly key to a prosperous society.
PHS	Our hearts are in the right place with a lot of these initiatives, but Chicago can't do it alone. A lot of these issues have historic and nation-wide causes so Chicago needs to be mindful not to spread its resources too thin.
PHS	A key part of public safety is keeping criminals off the streets and cracking down on gang violence. Your public safety strategy seems to protect criminals more than law abiding citizens. Also there needs to be a focus on downtown and public transit.
PHS	Community gardens everywhere please!
PHS	Don't reinvent the wheel, look to other communities which have been able to come close to achieving this goal and copy it. Imitation is the greatest form of flattery.
PHS	The city can't financially afford to take on healthcare for the long term. We should help residents leverage Obama care, medicade, and lobby federal government for funding. We should work with private industry to provide health insurance.
PHS	Chicago has become unsafe. Empower police to enforce laws. Be stricter on crime.
PHS	Outlaw street harassment. Need security on *every* CTA train / in problem areas at stations. Police officers shouldn't be afraid to respond to violence. Make public areas more accessible to those with auditory sensitivity due to autism.
PHS	Thank you to Dr. Arwady! The livestreams and press conferences are invaluable.
PHS	We need police and communities to know each other - community policing is paramount. Residents should know their local police outside the context of arrests, busts, etc. More positive contact is an effective solution. We also don't need the police to be gone or reduced in numbers - the police need to be BETTER. More accountability, better training, less burdened, and friendlier.
PHS	Private business should become incentivized to align their interests with the common good to promote public health, especially for our most vulnerable and overburdened community members.
PHS	CRIME IS CRAZY IN THIS CITY
PHS	Public safety and violence is a major concern, and simply reducing police interactions with the community does not address the underlying issues nor increase safety.
PHS	Another We Will Chicago anti-inclusive proposal. I want to take this seriously but I am embarrassed how slanted this plan is. Change will not occur until everyone is represented.
PHS	I am encouraged to see Public Health approaches that move away from policing. This is an extremely important aspect, as armed policing has been a major cause of trauma and retributive action in Chicago communities; unarmed protection and other non-policing services are essential and money should be moved from policing budgets toward these proven, restorative, community-supporting approaches.
PHS	Keep repeat crime offenders in jail. Prosecute all crimes.. Do not use ankle bracelets to monitor repeat offenders.
PHS	Stop the crime- support the police. The experiment is failing and poeple are fleeing our beautiful city. Let's not become the next Detroit
PHS	Do it.
PHS	Supporting these goals cannot come at the cost of community safety. What's the point of having beautiful public spaces if people don't feel safe enough to enjoy them.
PHS	I would like the Chicago Police supported much more than they are right now.
PHS	Why invest so much money I providing universal health care? We could use existing networks to provide better, more comprehensive preventative care for less than the cost of insured care. The city is better of buying people fresh food and home blood pressure monitors than trying to insure everyone. It's a useless resource diversion and massive time waste.
PHS	Universal basic income and good job opportunities with a livable wage to reduce the cycle of poverty, housing and food insecurity, crime, gun violence, and incarceration. Also, invest more in our public transportation system including bike infrastructure to allow people to get to work safely and affordably.
PHS	The city needs more compassion.
PHS	Neighborhoods need ore police
PHS	There is an unacceptable amount of rampant violent crime taking place in this city. The safety and ability of Chicago residents to live and work in this city without constant fear of being violently victimized, takes precedence over these woke anti-police initiatives and the coddling of violent criminals. Those in charge of this city should feel genuine shame for the amount of violence they accept and normalize.
PHS	Defund the police.
PHS	Please do not interpret a single positive answer on this survey as an ask for more volume of or funding for the police. There are so many better solutions for nearly every problem they're supposedly helping.

PHS	Businesses that have stairs to access their washrooms, need funding help to provide same floor bathroom for access by seniors and wheelchairs. If we can't use their bathroom, why would we spend money there?! Same for places of worship. Stairs to use a bathroom!!! Not good. Help them out to give them the gumption to want to do it. It's expensive and we the community will not patronize a business we can't easily use a bathroom at!
PHS	In terms of the Public Health, Safety goals and objectives, one area that could benefit from hybridized and redesigned approaches is the process by which an especially vulnerable individual, group or family gets the social services they need so they can experience good health, improve their overall well being and feel safe. For an extremely vulnerable individual, it can be profoundly challenging to explain if at all what they are going through. Even more so if they have impairment such as low vision, blindness, unable to walk, hard of hearing, deaf etc. So with this in mind, reimagining the social service environment and making it more approachable is crucial. Also, offering contact free options could increase the likelihood of people getting the social services they need, perhaps with kiosks in a space that also serves multiple purposes for the public (to reduce stigmatization) with a triage assistant to guide them who is also trauma informed. The comment I'm trying to highlight is that a vulnerable individual might forgo social services including health related ones if it involves talking with a person. Even an individual who has attained a high level of education and has employment or is a student in college or in graduate studies might feel shame about needing social services. A hybrid environment with express kiosks, desks and tables, natural light to sit down with wifi might help people to feel better and capture an individual and or family and meet a need earlier. Also, for some individuals, groups and/or families, struggles, hardships related to being able to obtain basic needs such as good quality food, quality shelter, quality employment and or a career that brings happiness and a sense of fulfillment can take a long time to obtain. Even then the financial sacrifices or exchanges to obtain them can have a profound impact on their ability to save for other goals including health related ones. For example, buying land and starting co-op that could provide food for themselves and in their community by way of a farmers market, a delivery box, Most recently and widely documented are the challenges related and or associated with student loans and the ability to obtain quality, safe, affordable housing and meet and or be able to accelerate payments to reduce interest and eliminate the balance. Also, I think it would be worthwhile in terms of the plan pillars to consider that many individuals and families might and or do prefer non-traditional approaches to education such as hybrid learning or homeschool learning for themselves and their children. Particularly if they are of a marginalized identity, have had a negative experience, haven't felt safe in school or protected. Increasing resources, guidance and support for successful at home or hybrid learning would be wonderful. Currently within CPL, ABC mouse an early childhood education software/platform is only available onsite. However, for a child and or adult parent or caregiver who utilizes a mobility device such as a wheelchair, is homebound and or immune compromised getting to and from the library can be very challenging. It would be great if institutional licenses were expanded and or negotiated to include at-home use with these individuals in mind. In terms of another health related goal, I think building confidence can bring about a wonderful and tremendous sense of well being with regards to public health in all ages. Expanded workshops, classes and seminars, arts classes and movie clubs throughout the city can bring people a sense of belonging. In terms of another public health and safety initiative, there are many individuals who do not have shoes or perhaps are ill fitting, Having pick up and drop off sites in communities where people could reserve online, pick up or drop off a pair of new or gently used shoes with a pair of socks in their size and be distributed at little to no cost would be great and could help prevent food injuries and cuts in a vulnerable person. In addition, more showers and bathrooms in the city that allow an
PHS	All of it actually. These are very vague and non specific approaches to serious issues facing the residents of the city of Chicago. It's easy to say you want to sustain or expand services for something. What's lacking here is explaining how those services will be sustained or expanded. This survey really lacks teeth.
PHS	Require education and job training for all incarcerated juveniles and adults before released back into the community.
PHS	The positive interaction of police and community greatly increases the sense of security and allows the police to do their job of serving and protecting better. That being said, there needs to be an education on the police side of how to interact with minorities, especially blacks, those with mental illnesses, and people of different gender identities.
PHS	Uptown, especially Argyle, is a dangerous area for crime (gangs). Please include this area in fighting crime, not just south and southwest side.
PHS	Stop giving money to police overtime and invest in community based safety solutions
PHS	Redirect police funding to community based alternatives when possible
PHS	Keep all offenders with gun-related offenses locked up & watch the violent crime significantly decrease.
PHS	More focus on early childhood intervention and addressing the root cause of trauma and violence (lack of quality of education, lack of economic opportunities) are urgently needed. Start with eliminating the lottery for the top 6 public high schools and make the concentration of achievement more diffuse - the more we blend students the more the top performers can bring the others along. This is one of our biggest issues as a city.
PHS	Support and fund gender-based violence initiatives, and dismantle the gang database. Address the Black maternal health crisis - we need more birth centers on the South side.
PHS	Heat resilience: make streets and public spaces more bearable in ever-more-frequent heat waves
PHS	All city buildings should have security at all hours open to the public. Such as libraries.
PHS	I would like to suggest CPS add gun safety and a unit on the biological effects of trauma to the brain in their health/PE curriculum. Just like human reproduction was added violence/trauma can be added.
PHS	The root issues of violence and crime in this city need to be addressed. Support for healthcare, housing, nutrition, and job placement must be provided to those most in need if we are to see a way out this pervasive decrease in safety that has taken hold in our wonderful city. Investment in the CTA must come with clear strategic plans to increase CTA safety. This cannot be done in a vacuum and must include CPD (and holding CPD accountable). It is paramount that the CTA, CPD, and an expanded/improved City of Chicago safety net all work collaboratively to improve conditions for Chicagoans. Any discussions around safety MUST include increasing resources and access to resources for this city's most vulnerable populations. Any discussions about CPD divestment or decrease of CPD interactions with neighborhoods MUST include increasing resources and access to resources for this city's most vulnerable populations. Any discussions about CTA safety and improvements MUST include increasing resources and access to resources for this city's most vulnerable populations. It bewilders me that we as a city continue to fail those most in need and bicker over how to improve safety when we are all complicit in creating conditions that foster violence & crime.

PHS	Encourage, but NOT supply support - meaning money to certain select people to pursue health careers - Racist. Everyone should pay their own health. Why should I pay for another family when I can barely pay for mine? Healthcare should deal with healthcare and be incumbered with cultures. Save the life is the priority. Healthcare workers are to save lives, not protect. That is the police job. More support for police is needed for their efforts. No public funding for city health and other initiatives. Community and police should work TOGETHER, not apart to hold people accountable. Police are already accountable. Education on trama not needed. People know about trama.
PHS	If people don't think they will get in any trouble they will continue to destroy the city. I felt safer in Mexico than in my own city one month ago. That is because they fear the police and they should. This new SAFE-T Act is an intentional way to break down our city make us welcome cameras and then control us. It's called comunism. Look at China. I am discusted by this city and can't wait to leave my home of 20 years to feel safe. Also, stop focusing on the 1% of gender politics. Focus on the 99% of people who are scared of the chaos in this city.
PHS	Be very clear with plans to target human trafficking that you are not criminalizing adult sex workers who are NOT being trafficked.
PHS	Chicago needs to seriously reduce police funding and divert that money to violence prevention programs, neighborhood organizations, healthcare workers, and other non-violent methods to deal with issues. Chicago police have a history of violence and should not be allowed to operate without greater oversight and a vastly smaller budget. Also, individual officers should be held accountable for their actions and lawsuits should not be paid with taxpayer dollars.
PHS	Increased green space and tree canopy is absolutely key to any effort to enhance public health and safety in Chicago.
PHS	Please prioritize air filtration upgrades and consider grants to food service businesses to update windows so they can be opened to allow fresh air into spaces
PHS	Please make Chicago safer without increasing police presence. Police in Chicago are not making us safer.
PHS	Chicago needs a stronger police force that is supported by the mayor. Chicago also needs a fierce prosecutor who will charge and prosecute criminals. But the one thing missing from your goals is support for keeping families intact. Children who grow up with their fathers thrive. Chicago is missing support and encouragement for fathers. Fathers play a huge role in reducing crime. Please make policies and support keeping families together and fathers inved in their children's lives.
PHS	One way to make the city safer without adding more cops is to go all in on speed camera enforcement. The speeding epidemic is deadly but the tickets are working in their zones, now make them ubiquitous and watch pedestrian deaths amd road rage plummet
PHS	More protected bike lanes and crosswalks. I'm tired of seeing people get killed - usually by hit and runs.
PHS	The crime here is at an all time records. Tax paying citizens are fleeing for their lives. The homelessness is out of control and the police are treated like 2nd rate citizens. Punish criminals, don't let them out to continually terrorize our community. Lori and Kim have killed this city
PHS	N/A
PHS	defund the police and use that money to support community based initiatives
PHS	This is a wide-ranging Pillar and one that especially calls for interagency coordination. Once accessed, the health care system is in a prime spot to help people find the services they need, but getting access is difficult if one lives in poverty, regardless of race, but especially in areas of Chicago where population has diminished. The "attention to people" aspect of health care (and education, for that matter) could make a focus on human health an overarching goal for action in all of the other Pillars.
PHS	I would like to have seen this initiative embrace the Chicago Park District (playgrounds and parks) as wellness hubs creating recreational programming opportunities year-round for people of all ages: children, teenagers, adults, and senior citizens! The Chicago Park District and every administration has failed communities for decades. We are allowing the park district to become a pay to play business as we continue to harm communities with the highest levels of violence lacking safe public spaces. Parks needs to be well funded, staffed by full-time workers skilled to meet the cultural and linguistic needs of the community, and they need to be compensated accordingly. The expectations and park environment should be one centering community building/social infrastructure, intentionally investing in the creation of trusting and healthy relationships at a very grassroots level. Our staff should not isolate themselves in fieldhouses. BUT they should also be supported. Very few parks had the capacity to offer virtual programming during the pandemic. When will the inequality finally be addressed? How is that we fail to recognize the potential of parks as violence prevention spaces? How can we trust the City of Chicago to improve quality of life in regards to health and safety if it consistently fails to fund recreational park programming in every zip code?
PHS	anti-violence workers need to be extremely vetted. While they may know the streets, we need to know they are sober, clean and mentally stable.
PHS	There is a typo at the beginning of goal 2 "mental" should be capitalized. In the supporting data for this goal, there is a title of "Youth depression is a significant health issue for multiple population groups." The plot shows that all groups are pretty similar. It would especially show that if the y-axis included the zero (hint: it should). I worry that this title (and the rest of the document) is, in an effort to frame things in the context of the different experiences of different racial groups, misses that some things are not always best looked at through the racial lens. Some are but not all. For goal 3, there is a plot of median income in the city. It doesn't add to the argument being presented. A plot showing the correlation would be helpful. Instead it is stated that there is a correlation and then just shown the median income of various racial groups.
PHS	*Reopen the city health clinics closed by Rahm Emanuel, and open new ones and foster a culture of consistent investment and support of the network; *Via the Chicago Park District/Chicago Public Schools, build more outdoor sports and activity infrastructure, increase public accessibility to fieldhouse facilities, and create new indoor fitness centers where possible.

PHS	p. 96 introduction does not mention racial disparities in health not clear why “remediable” is in the health equity definition and the chapter. If something is irremediable is it not still an inequity? Why don't you show the data on life expectancy differences? The key term definition for health equity is still awkward Obj. 1.2 is very awkwardly worded Goal 2 Introduction should start with capital “M.” The CDPH citation is awkward, what report is this from, and maybe show in data? 2.1 is worded awkwardly 2.2 is related to 4.3, explain the braiding of efforts; “socio-economic and violence problems” is so general—can this be more specific about what will be addressed? Goal 4: The last sentence in the introduction is not necessary to setting the scene. Obj. 4.2 should state that we want to reduce inappropriate, or negative, or unnecessary police contact, not all 4.3 is related to 2.2 4.4 is related to Goal 2, are we repeating or braiding? 4.6 should re-word to make clearer: move “gender-based violence and human trafficking” to just after “Reduce incidences of...” Goal 5 Second sentence needs re-wording to make easier to understand Data says that 11% of Chicagoans identify as having a disability...somehow we should add that people may move in and out of disability across their lifespan and will need accommodations.
PHS	We need to reopen the mental health clinics and pass treatment not trauma for public crisis response. we cannot give this to non profits.
PHS	Don't be afraid to divest from policing.
PHS	I'd like to know how the city plans to reduce contact with the police while adding \$11M more to the CPD budget
PHS	Trains are unsafe.
PHS	Police need to have accountability, more importantly a culture that supports honesty, integrity and commitment to community. We need to increase community and police interacts to build trust in all circumstances and instances, whether it relates to a negative event or not. We have to believe in police officers and officials to always do the right thing, and we have to have the community believe in the police. Furthermore, politicians need to support the police officers publicly and privately who are good police officers commitment to doing the right thing, even at times it is difficult to determine what the right thing is. We have to weed out the bad officers who compromise a positive culture and the officers who want to be professionally good in their jobs.
PHS	I do not support any measures to enhance public safety that involve increased use or funding of the Chicago Police Department. The City of Chicago must reduce the amount of fiscal resources devoted to paying cops; the over-policing problem in the City can not be solved by making the CPD force more "diverse". We also can not "partner" with private health agencies to ensure the health and well-being of Chicago citizens. Chicagoans deserve free and accessible mental health care provided by THE CITY. If Lightfoot is re-elected, she must fulfill her original campaign promise to reopen the mental health clinics shuttered by Rahm Emanuel. Until she does that, she has lied to our City about her priorities and her commitment to mental health.
PHS	You know what helps overall health? TREES. Actually plant them. There was an initiative to plant trees and that has barely scraped the surface of what was promised. Trees help with pollution, mental health, and overall well being. They cool the streets and therefore can lead to reduced violence. And don't just plant and leave. Provide watering maintenance to check up on them for the first 5 years. Not all neighbors have the time/energy to care for their street tree. The city should do it. If we plant trees to grow the urban canopy, we can expect better health for those who especially need it.
PHS	The goal of trauma-informed care is great, but the objectives are narrow. For example, the discrepancy in prenatal care between white & black mothers is mentioned under the goal of ensuring equitable & affordable healthcare services, but perhaps might also need to be considered under the second goal of trauma informed care. (Yes, differences in accessing prenatal care does stem from infrastructural challenges, but there is also a difference in how black and white women access healthcare (and the way men and women access healthcare) due to a long history of abuse from the healthcare system (things like black mothers being used as test subjects for physicians and researchers.)
PHS	These are very high level, broad, lofty. I think the most I mortar ones are about funding. Without a significant increase in sustainable funding and a viable, well paid workforce, none of these other goals will be possible. The mayor and county and state also need to recognize this and activate viable revenue steams.
PHS	Community Policing/Defunding shifting resources from police to communities. Community food Coop run for and by the community with local farmers to insure direct access. Funding available for Holistic Healing services for full Mind Body Spirit approaches for communities who want access to options other than traditional medical treatment.
PHS	4.2 was a little confusing for me – I'm wondering how reduced contact between community and police will increase trust / accountability? Unless maybe this is referring to scaling back police response in favor of responders trained in deescalating mental health crises or other methods of intervention?
PHS	I would like to suggest more visibility for neighborhood based mental health services. Each of the 77 neighborhoods should have there services either through the parks or libraries. Additionally all schools should have violence prevention and gun safety curriculum in the PE health series of classes.
PHS	Increase police budget. Progressive defund the police policies are FAILING us!
PHS	(1) Focusing on crime reduction does not work; it increases police interactions with the community, and incarcerations. Put money and resources in the hands of struggling communities and crime reduction will naturally follow. (2) I don't think struggling communities need education on how to deal with trauma; they're experts at it. Focus on providing reasonable access to the things people need (food, healthcare, green space, jobs, transit). (3) Chicago should adopt the social model of disability moving forward, providing widely accessible spaces and services not as a gift to disabled people but as the norm. There is nothing more natural about stairs than ramps. Creating accessible spaces is not altruistic, it should be the norm. It's the minimum.
PHS	Do it for all or don't do it at all
PHS	As a retiree of UIC that contracted with CDPH to provide pandemic preparedness training I can tell you the contract process is a HUGE FAIL. It would frequently take us MORE than a year to get a contract in place (while we trustingly provided services). We need to redirect OEMC funds BACK to public health. We need to REWARD communities of color with neighborhood funding based on their participation in things like vaccine programs, voting etc. I am tired of hearing how bad things are in these communities only to find out that voting and vaccinations are WAY below the national average.
PHS	We should have nationalized health care. No insurance.
PHS	These questions were really biased and didn't let the respondent have an opion other than what appears to be an already predetermined agenda

PHS	More education to communities around eating healthy, the cause and effects of unhealthy habits, and negate false beliefs about health screenings, doctors, etc.
PHS	Universal Health Care, NOW! If the Federal is too afraid to make a move towards Universal Healthcare. Certainly the city of the Chicago has the resolve to figure something out.
PHS	Public safety from increasing violence and increasing crime needs to be addressed in all communities not just those most affected by it. Violence is violence regardless of location and all violence and crime needs to be addressed immediately as I and many others feel it is getting out of hand.
PHS	You're going to "reduce violence"? (Objective 1) But no concrete plans of how to actually do that?? No wonder you're getting sky high approval of these "plans" 😊 Our police budget must be slashed by half or more, and it should have been done yesterday. Take that TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS A DAY!!!!!! and freaking hand out 100 dollar bills if we have to, because we lack the "infrastructure " 😊 to do anything else. There are already so many people doing the actual work of keeping our communities safe - starting with block clubs and extending to all these violence interrupters out here - and they're doing it for free. Let's start giving them 100 bucks for every shift, and instantaneously we will have legions of dads and grannies on every corner in the city, 24/7. People wouldn't act the fool if their neighbors were out there watching them; and people would be watching if they didn't have to work 3 jobs. Another great use of the 12 million dollars A-day we must instantaneously strip from the Chicago police department would be to pay the private therapy bills of anyone and everyone who wants to start talking to a trauma informed professional. Peoples health insurance pays for 3 months of sessions if they're lucky. Therapy takes years. Let's quit paying the police to inflict more of it and instead pay people to get healed. On the topic of vacant land & buildings - why does the city make it so ridiculously difficult for people to buy them???? Freaking give the stuff away!!! We are talking about trying to increase ownership among populations of people who are already overburdened by intersectional oppressions. Why does the city have to pile on? Make it easy, support them with access to financing and mentorship, and see how fast the city will revitalize. This paternalistic attitude has got to go, That somehow the city is a better steward of these vacant properties than individual residents would be.
PHS	I used to feel safe walking around Chicago. I no longer do, and I live in what I used to consider a very safe neighborhood.
PHS	This plan offers no concrete steps for increasing police accountability. I am STRONGLY opposed to further increasing the CPD budget until there is MEANINGFUL reform and CPD quits robbing my pockets of tax funds paying massive settlements for their outrageous abuses.
PHS	Reduce police funding and fund more mental health services and response processes for people in crisis. Advocate locally and nationally to adopt a universal healthcare system.
PHS	Public health: vacant lots/ absentee landlords need attention. Many absentee landlords have vacant land waiting for it to become more valuable. Is there a tax burden that they bear? Do they have to clean/mow and maintain or is that a neighborhood liability?
PHS	What's the plan to address the crime? Seriously. Kim Foxx's current revolving door/slap on the wrist plan isn't working. So what are we going to do when justice reform doesn't work? This no bail is also a terrible idea. Part of the problem is that people have no fear of the repercussions of committing a crime because it goes unenforced. You want stricter gun purchase laws - which I 4 with - but there is NO PENALTY for people who are caught breaking those laws. Using a person
PHS	Enact and apply laws and fines to punish lawbreakers. Education of laws, civility and cooperation in all public schools, k-12 and college.
PHS	My feelings on all of these goals are "Wow, big if true." I am skeptical of especially Mayor Lightfoot's and the CPD's ability to turn these goals into concrete help (which, to my mind, would mean less funding for the CPD and more for e.g. nurses, social workers, counselors/psychiatrists, teachers, and other similar workers). Especially in terms of mental health resources for historically exploited groups, I think the city is woefully lacking.
PHS	Focus on providing activities parents can attend with children that teach the whole family about anger management, conflict resolution, de-escalation, yoga and breathing techniques to help everyone become more calm. Also offer free martial arts training for health and safety reasons.
PHS	Reducing crime is best accomplished by focusing on all the other areas
PHS	1. IF NEEDED, CITY WIDE CAMERA INSTALLATION 2. MORE POLICE PRESENCE 3. OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH, JOB TRAINING AND EMPLOYEMNT
PHS	Use social media and public access TV to educate on these topics. Ensure equitable and just policing everywhere. Create violent and nonviolent crime dashboards that are easily accessible to the public so the data is transparent. Post the effectiveness of interventions on these also
PHS	Even as a liberal democrat myself, I feel these questions are quite spun. While I'm at it, the fact that the first category of these categories is the arts really is telling about priorities...and of the cookie cutter folks who ok'd that order.
PHS	Prosecute violent criminals to the fullest extent of the law, no more electronic monitoring
PHS	The country is facing a healthcare workforce shortage in the next 10-15 years, which threatens to leave people (especially those in historically marginalized groups) without access to the care they need. We need to start addressing the issue now, and one of the best ways we can do so is to encourage and provide support for students to pursue careers in health. This is especially important for Black, Latino and Native American communities. We must focus on creating a pathway for students to enter these fields to meet this urgent need.
PHS	If the police are given over a billion dollars and still can't keep us safe, they clearly aren't effective. Use that money to instead provide universal income, housing and healthcare. And allow communities to take care of themselves instead of the police poisoning them.
PHS	Solve food deserts.
PHS	MORE POLICE. I've lived in this city for 14 years and I've never felt so unsafe as I have the last 2 years. I never thought I could imagine moving out of Chicago but the crime is so terrible I don't want to live here anymore.
PHS	The City and the government should take responsibility for these goals. But, partnership with agencies and business should be sought to help achieve them. This should be a partnership with the broader community rather than only a governmental entity. We know and have seen how quickly noble goals are lost with the result of an election and a change in leadership. Partnerships should be established to make these objectives immutable and nonnegotiable regardless of who might be in office.

PHS	Public Health messaging and more opportunity for feedback! Eliminate vaccine testing mandates. There is no evidence to support un-vax people need to test more. PLEASE MANDATES DON'T WORK IN PUBLIC HEALTH ENGAGEMENT DOES!
PHS	Objectives seem vague
PHS	Public health and safety are intertwined in many ways and can be difficult to take care of. Mental health and medical care must be accessible to all. People should not have to wait months for mental health care, especially children struggling with trauma.
PHS	ELIMINATE the police union and any other entities that stand in the way of the ability of the police to "protect and serve."
PHS	One of the city's top priorities needs to be increasing public health infrastructure, particularly creating more non-police emergency response teams, funding more community mental health clinics, and ensuring that hospital staff are well paid and not overworked so the healthcare system doesn't become overwhelmed. Providing healthcare to all, regardless of ability to pay, is a necessity for good public health.
PHS	Public Health and Safety should be one of the top goals of the City - far above many of the other items listed in this plan above Public Health and Safety. However, I have my doubts that the City has the means and expertise to do this effectively.
PHS	Lower the police budget and put more money into funding of mental health services and community groups
PHS	Public safety is my number one concern right now in Chicago. Many people we know are moving to the suburbs due to public safety concerns -- increased armed robberies and carjackings. I worry so much about the state of our beautiful city -- if people leave because they don't feel safe. And I am concerned about the trauma levels of Chicago's young people due to exposure to violence. We absolutely have to get all these guns off our streets -- whatever we can do to stop illegal gun purchases coming in from Indiana, the suburbs etc.
PHS	By diverting funds from the police to citizens and community health and wellness programs we will decrease violence. We have to reduce poverty. In terms of recruiting Black and Latinx people for health care jobs, we need to make sure these are not just lower level low paying jobs but nurses and doctors. We need unionization to provide these staff members breaks, paid time off, and family leave so they can stay in these jobs. And ensure adequate staffing at nursing homes and hospitals.
PHS	Get the cops out of healthcare, hospitals, and emergency response. Utilize empty public spaces. Ensure EVERYONE has access to free healthcare.
PHS	giving too many handouts - need to make people accountable for their lives and the decisions they have made. Police are not the issue. Crime and lack of accountability are.
PHS	I think there should've been another goal about how we can use sports as a way to improve public health.
PHS	The city needs more effective both short - and long-term programs to eliminate gang violence and other violent crimes. I'd recommend extremely harsh penalties for murder, illegal gun trafficking, attempted kidnapping, and assault. Enough to make others think twice. I understand these kids come from tough environments but we have to prioritize safety over their needs for rehabilitation. The city will continue to suffer economically as long as it has a reputation for gun violence.
PHS	These goals can only be accomplished by reallocation of budget resources away from policing.
PHS	The failure to address funding for these goals and objectives is a major deficiency. Also, the questions in the survey were not really very honest in terms of how they characterize the objectives. It is hard for me to 4 to most of the objectives when there is no attempt to address the issue of who pays for these costly objectives to be achieved.
PHS	No
PHS	Reducing contact with the police in communities ravaged by systemic racism and violence is not the answer. Trust in police is already at rock bottom and removing them even more just disconnects residents from their public safety officers and (this is oddly forgotten) disconnects police from their beats. If cops know even less about the people they're serving, is it logical to think they will be any better at their jobs? INCREASE beneficial contacts with police and solve more damn murders!
PHS	Another waste of time. I can't imagine how any information from this survey is useful. The person or firm who put this together needs to be fired. You ask about safety but don't ask about the police who worship their THUG union president. The weak superintendent needs to go. Why the mayor can't see this is beyond me.
PHS	1. Recognize the large role the CPD plays in perpetuating cycles of harm/violence and discomfort. Defund the police and reassess how the city can thrive without them. 2. Require mental health holidays for jobs in the city.
PHS	We don't feel safe. Please do something about all the violent crime. Show a strong law enforcement organization that is equity driven. We can't think about growth until we feel safe enough to use transit, to walk freely, to visit disadvantaged communities. I have a hard time finding employees because they don't want to ride the red line, too dangerous they say.
PHS	no
PHS	Big ideas and plans and I hope they come together.
PHS	Take care of the crime!
PHS	Increase the number of officers in the CPD and have more armed officers not unarmed officers on CTA trains and platforms. As someone who rides the CTA blue line daily the unarmed security guards the city hired have never once stopped anyone causing trouble and have on multiple occasions walked away from the person causing trouble leaving CTA riders at the will of this criminals on the CTA.
PHS	STOP DIVIDING THIS CITY BY RACE-CRIME AFFECTS US ALL. ANT CRIMINAL SHOULD BE ARRESTED.
PHS	LEAD PIPES...Why is there lead in the water in poor black and Latino communities????
PHS	It's important that in meeting these goals, we are putting a lot of funding into the poorest parts of our city. We will not see a reduction in crime if people are not living in neighborhoods without sufficient educational, health, and lifestyle resources.
TI	More fully protected bike lanes please.
TI	All transportation projects should have a corresponding community benefits 4ment.
TI	I 4 with the emphasis on equity, but I hope that equity isn't used to block needed city-wide infrastructure improvement for safe and active transportation like walking, running, and cycling.
TI	We need more trains, more train lines, more bike lanes. FEWER CARS!
TI	The most effective way for Chicago to battle the climate crisis is to focus on our strengths of equitable access to safe, reliable transportation that does not involve individual cars/vehicles. Building safe areas for residents to walk, bike, and take public transit would have an enormous impact on our climate and society.

TI	The city MUST increase the number of protected bike lanes. Not just paint on the street but real protected lanes that effectively protect cyclists from cars and trucks.
TI	Fuck the environment, just get it done. Make the buses faster, not just CTA. lets create private options. Taxation is theft.
TI	I would love for Chicago to be a city where you truly are better off without owning a car.
TI	Protected bike lanes Bike Grid now
TI	Prioritize a safe network of bike lanes so that children can get to school safely without being driven in a car.
TI	All of the stated plans and goals are great, but action is needed. This administration has sat around and done nothing but talk, which is cheap. It's time to shut up and get active. Chicago residents deserve better than the empty promises and hollow words that has plagued our city the past couple of years.
TI	Please prioritize a fully connected protected bike lane network and reinvestment in train service (including adding train line)
TI	Commit to building a network of connected and physically protected bike lanes. Commit to removing car parking spaces and replacing them with housing and parks.
TI	Need a city wide plan not reliant on alderpeople sand naysayers. Remove as much free parking was possible
TI	make all skateboarders scooters and bicycle have a sticker fee as a motorist do every year make them have to go to training with the rules of the road ,get rid of all red light cameras
TI	Transportation to both airports is very slow and cumbersome. I would like to see major improvements that cut the commute time to/from the airport to downtown and other parts of the city.
TI	We need way more bike, rail and pedestrian infrastructure, and to cut back on infrastructure for cars. Please use traffic calming when considering how to upgrade streets. It makes a massive difference to the safety and prevalence of walking and biking.
TI	Du Sable Lake Shore Drive is the biggest priority for me when it comes to both sustainability and equity. Currently the Drive blocks city residents from their greatest asset. Safe access is limited especially for South Side residents who have less overpasses and underpasses to use to get across. To add on to that anybody trying to enjoy the Lakefront whether just visiting or living along it is bombarded by: noise pollution, exhaust fumes and brake/tire dust which new research shows is thr biggest contributor to increased cancer risk in communities next to major thoroughfares. A reduction in speed as well as the number of personal vehicle lanes would go a long way to mitigate this and throughput would actually increase with the addition of a clean energy electric tram.
TI	Spend the money on improving Chicagos roads, cta parking and bike ways Cut out all the political crap please! Taxpayers deserve so much more than what we get!
TI	Non of these goals and objectives are possible without fundamentally reducing auto use in the city. We need decisive action to mitigate the safety, climate, and equity externalities of our auto-oriented city.
PHS	Violent criminals need to be held accountable. The police, the prosecutors and the criminal courts all need to be held accountable for the high rate of violent crime across the city.
TI	I'll believe it when I see it, and you better believe there's more than just me paying attention to actions that undermine grand plans, see General Iron.
TI	It's striking that the city seems to know exactly what would make Chicago better, but actions speak louder than words. This survey is a great blueprint to make things better. Now, let's see some forward movement!
PHS	In referencing reducing contacts between the police and community I assume you mean negative contacts. Surely there should be continuing positive contacts.
PHS	Make all CTA platforms ADA accessible
PHS	This survey is written and structured poorly. Many objectives I might 4 with have qualifiers or addendums. Please have professional statisticians consult so that results are meaningful. Crime is the biggest issue for Chicago with all of its causes and impacts, yet this survey is useless.
PHS	Strengthen community policing efforts in Chicago. Get cops out of cars and let them meet people. Alter their responsibilities so they can be freed up to contact people of the community without arresting them. Allow mental health agencies to deal with much greater percentage of mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence calls.
PHS	The police have no role in providing or enhancing public health or safety. They are an active threat to both. Police must be prevented from purchasing, otherwise accessing, or using military (or formerly military) equipment, teargas and similar agents, LRADs, and other dangerous equipment. Police officers should not enjoy any form of immunity from prosecution. Police funding should be redirected to community-led health and safety initiatives that do not involve armed officials, or officials with any power to arrest. The basis for public health and public safety is in making and keeping guarantees for the following things free of charge to all Chicagoans: safe, dignified housing; good, nutritious, culturally appropriate food; high quality mental and physical healthcare; and access to high-quality, well-funded cultural institutions such as libraries. Police budgets can and should be redirected to provide all of these things, perhaps by hiring people and creating programs to provide them.
PHS	I believe the resources for helping homeless and mentally ill citizens should come from the uber wealthy. The billionaires and multi billionaires. This really goes to the fed but it should also be implemented within our state.
PHS	Police accountability can go a long way to improve relations with communities. The city, not CPD, pays out so much for their bad actions.
PHS	Please stop allowing neighborhoods to have private police forces
PHS	Again, the neighborhoods need to participate in developing, maintaining and supporting these investments. When less than 30% of eligible voters actually vote even in a mayoral year, it appears that citywide interest is lacking.
PHS	True health begins in the home with educating children and family members about good wise lifestyle living. Eating and preparing healthy meals, exercising and, yes, even growing your own vegetable/herbs are essential to living a long and happy life.
PHS	Regarding chicago's sanctuary city activities especially accommodating migrants arriving from the Texas border -the city of Chicago needs to establish an official means to assess health and provide housing & food to the migrants. It is foolhardy to assume that volunteerism is going to accommodate the ongoing arrival of people. Similar to the city's COVID-19 response, one official shelter with all of these services in place needs to be established if we are to continue to be considered a sanctuary city. Sanctuary does not rely on the availability of volunteers but puts in place strong systems to assist people to get back on their feet and into the next steps of where they would like to be .

PHS	Significantly reduce Police budget, increase oversight - police are not protecting our neighborhoods, work on the root causes of violence brought on by the lack of support systems in communities.
PHS	Mental Health: The public needs to be educated on the best way to help someone who has a diagnosed MI but who is not compliant with meds and will become a danger to themselves or others. There needs to be more effort to prevent cycling -in-out of ER and families/friends or the best people to assist. If people knew exactly what to do in those instances, I think we would have less homelessness in the MI population.
PHS	Would really love to see the city budget shift money toward violence prevention and non-punitive programs. I think too much money is given to CPD and it hasn't addressed the root cause of violence.
PHS	We need to both empower the police to act, AND hold them accountable. The answer to the crime surge is NOT to defund the police or reduce, but to fund them MORE in order to hire more BIPOC police, provide better training, and make police contact with the community POSITIVE (not reduce their contact). I've lived in Chicago since 2009 and I have personally watched violence increase. We no longer want to go downtown at night, which used to be a treat. Whatever issues of inequity and racism we face (which I am not discounting), the police needs to be active, responsive, and not afraid to actually stop crime. I hate seeing news articles about how the police were hanging back, letting something happen. We cannot let this city descend into crime even further. That will not fix issues of inequity. It will just encourage people like us to leave the city out of fear.
PHS	In all these areas, how this is done is more important than the outcome. If we respond to violence by locking more people up, that isn't violence reduction. The overall roots of violence need to be addressed. Same response for "flexible" spending in response...who decides when we need to be flexible? Is it at the community level? For public health and safety, as well as responding to environmental instability, are new businesses needed or do we need to clean up space? plant more trees? teach people to grow their own food? Support hyperlocal food networks? As for affordable high quality health insurance, I think it should be framed as affordable high quality health services and single payor health system advocated for by large municipalities with the federal government.
PHS	Get some public bathrooms! Or make businesses keep them open!
PHS	Equity is not treating people equally. All residents should have access to city resources equally.
PHS	I haven't had health insurance in 13 yrs. I can't afford \$170 mo with a \$500 deductible and \$1000 cap. I walk, bike, bus. I try to eat well. We need to do better.
PHS	Yes to improving access to healthcare for everyone, especially those most vulnerable. Yes to training and employing professionals who can respond to crises and prevent violence instead of using the police. Big yes to defending the bloated police budget which does not make us safer, in order to fund public health and legitimate public safety. But yes to people spaces and opportunities for physical activity: here we desperately need to reduce car dependence and encourage active transportation options, especially walking, bikes, and buses.
PHS	This plan needs to explicitly include reopening closed CDPH mental health clinics, and prioritize behavioral health through public agencies. CDPH must limit contracts to private nonprofits to those that prioritize appropriate wages and are committed to labor peace
PHS	Medicare for all is the only way to go. Our safety net hospitals should be community resources, not for-profit entities. We are about to lose Weiss on the N side. Mental health and psychiatric services are difficult to access and non-existent in some areas. CPD is a health and safety menace to the mentally ill and people of color. I am afraid to call them in the case of emergencies. We need to roll out the community based care pilot on the north side to other neighborhoods AND it needs to be a 3 digit phone #, not 10 digits. 911 sends you to 311 and 311 doesn't know what to do with these calls. Programs like Night Ministry need to be supported and expanded and available 24/7.
PHS	Accountability public officials is just as important as police accountability. Reducing corruption at all levels, particularly government will make the city safer. Furthermore, police have to be held accountable and supported. We as a society have made the police gatekeepers for social ills that are not properly be address at the governmental leadership level.
PHS	Defund the police. Continue Covid vaccine campaigns. Make public spaces wheelchair accessible.
PHS	We must provide secure ways for crime witnesses to provide information and we must prosecute and punish criminals. We must defeat impunity.
PHS	Hire more police officers and provide them with the training, resources and support needed to perform their jobs effectively. Having mental health professionals on staff at police districts to assist the mental well-being of officers and assist on calls for service that could benefit from having a mental health professional present. There also must be true penalties for those who commit any crime, especially violent offenders.
PHS	The plan talked around CPD a lot. Given that they take up nearly 20% of the budget, and have at least one consent decree that they have not adequately responded to, I think it needs to talk more explicitly about their role in making Chicago a place where everybody can feel safe (since it will look very different than their role now)
PHS	We don't need increased police presence. We need to assess where other community resources are underfunded and strengthen them so that nearby residents feel safer.
PHS	Including a 'Health Equity in All Policies' approach should be included in the We Will Chicago plan. All city departments (not just the Dept. of Public Health) should use a health lens to make decisions on budget and policies. Public health infrastructure needs sustainable funding to support health equity work and strategies addressing the social determinants of health.
PHS	Explore opportunities to make healthy nutrition choices easier for people to incorporate as related to the social determinants of health
PHS	Ensure that there are places to sit at all transit stops for those who cannot stand for long periods waiting for a train or bus. Provide safe places for young people to congregate and relax without being over-policed.
TI	While community input is admirable, planning for safe and equitable transportation and infrastructure shouldn't be subject to NIMBY veto. Decades of piecemeal infrastructure based on local champions and aldermanic prerogative has brought us to where we are, with a fractured transportation grid and disconnected infrastructure. The moment calls for a citywide plan for walk, roll, and transit corridors which can move people within and between neighborhoods. This plan can't rely on police enforcement, but rather real, self-enforcing infrastructure.

TI	More protected bike lanes and illegal parking enforcement by camera. Also, bus express lanes with enforcement as well.
TI	I'd like a separate bike infrastructure
TI	Please, can we limit how long transportation construction goes on for? Some projects have taken at least a decade—and still are not done!
TI	Establishing a bike grid is necessary to address the growing problem of cars driving aggressively and constantly threatening bikers. We need to establish bike/pedestrian/scooter-only streets to provide safe transportation across the city. If unable to do so, the use of physical barriers must be extended significantly to protect bikers.
TI	The current section of We Will Chicago, mentions manufacturing once. We need a Goal 6 focused on re-building our manufacturing sector. Today, according to World Business Chicago, manufacturing represents 11% of GDP—about the same as the West Bank in Palestine. Beginning in the late 1970s and through the 1990s, Chicago lost 4,000 out of 7,000 companies and over 200,000 manufacturing jobs. Chicago's communities were devastated, and none have recovered to this day. Instead, we see high figures of unemployment, poverty, and incarceration—particularly on Chicago's West and South sides. We see a dramatic loss of tax revenue. Residents depend on a weak social safety net for medical services when once they benefited from health insurance paid by the company. Many of our children have no concept of what manufacturing is much less how they might secure a career in this sector. Many think that manufacturing is dead. Nothing could be further from the truth. It's changed as it has shifted to the use of more advanced technologies requiring a more highly skilled workforce. It has challenges that our City can convert to opportunities. We must retain, redesign, and rebuild our manufacturing sector. Why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Manufacturing wages--when you include benefits—are on average, \$85,000 a year. It is the foundation for a broad-based middle class. •High wages contribute to re-building our city's tax base; •Each manufacturing job generates 6 other jobs in the economy on average; and •Work in manufacturing requires skill and knowledge in technology, depends on working effectively in teams, and encourages innovation. Manufacturing builds social capital—essential for our future. We will advance and embrace a new industrial policy: Inclusion & Industry 4.0. "Industry 4.0" is the international standard for business that welcomes the use of new technologies like robotics, digitalization, and artificial intelligence among others.
TI	We need a BIKE GRID. We do NOT need to integrate bike lanes with freight routes. We need PROTECTED bike lanes on common and accessible bike routes. STOP KILLING BIKERS.
TI	It seems that over the last term of the mayor there was a lot more focus on cars and car infrastructure than there was on actively expanding on sustainable infrastructure (especially for bicycles). This needs to be a priority and is one of my main interests as a Chicagoan.
TI	I feel that another important topic which should be addressed under infrastructure goals should be to reduce our carbon footprint to invest more in electric transportation options and making those more accessible and affordable. I would also like to bring attention to the amount of toxic waste and pollution Chicagoans and their families are being exposed to due to the high levels in neighborhoods such as Pilsen and Little Village.
TI	We need more public transit lines and options outside of the loop. The L is really good at getting people to O'Hare and to the loop but it doesn't have any north/south routes to move people in outer neighborhoods. I also want to see the buses and trains actually show up when they say that will.
TI	Invest in a better and reliable CTA, better cycling infrastructure with a network of protected bike lanes around the city, better pedestrian infrastructure, enforcement of car traffic to end vehicular violence.
TI	We NEED more concrete protected bike lanes. We also need more calming measures put in place on our roads. Too many bikers and pedestrians have been killed b/c our city's leadership is fine with the status quo and half-assed improvements. Do better.
TI	These goals and objectives are great, but when does the city plan to actually IMPLEMENT them? For example, "bike lanes" are still being added that are comprised only of paint, frequently just dashed lines of paint. We know this isn't even CLOSE to a best practice for providing safe infrastructure for people who bike - we are literally decades behind other countries in building good, safe, equitable infrastructure for active transportation. Where is the city weighing in on the rebuild of DLS and advocating for downsizing it to emphasize mass transit and active transit over privately owned vehicles? The impact of motor vehicle pollution on air quality and disease in humans is well known, and yet we do nothing to decrease that pollution. Why haven't we removed parking minimum requirements and stopped approving drive through businesses, or begun to require deliveries to be made by human-sized vehicles such as vans and cargo bikes, within city limits? Why don't we have more bioswales in the city to address storm water? What we need in this city is bold leadership that will do the right thing, not pretty documents and surveys with long-term goals and a lack of action. Cities around the world have implemented solutions that can and should be replicated here.
TI	Protected bike lanes are a must. Transparency regarding CTA's lackluster performance is a must. Equity concerns need to be addressed objectively. For example, the City needs to say that Green Line spur service has been drastically cut because it has the lowest ridership on our El system. The City's infrastructure was built for its 1920s population. The 2020s feature a smaller population in different neighborhoods and hubs. Reasoning service cuts should be framed in the context of population decrease, not "equity" or "disenfranchisement."
TI	Many of these goals require making tough decisions about funding, most likely choosing one project out of many possibilities to receive funding. In the case of things like walking & biking infrastructure, climate change mitigation, etc., these priorities are not "add-ons" that happen at the same time as the "business-as-usual" projects we have today. The city needs to actively shift funding and resources AWAY from harmful projects and policies that are currently being funded today - for example, shifting some funding away from road resurfacing and towards things like a network of safe streets for walking & biking, or ending all parking requirements across the city while funding bus rapid transit infrastructure. Don't just state the goals but only dedicate 1-2% of funding towards them; back up the goals with decisive action and through a massive change in how we fund these projects.
TI	Giving the street space back to the people (not cars) will only have a positive impact on our great city.
TI	The goals are vague. I would like to see more specific metrics for success. The city needs to vastly increase investment in public transit and infrastructure to support biking as a mode of transport, and discourage private car use (including Uber and Lyft) in the city.
TI	This pillar is so important to the future of the city.
TI	Need to improve transportation around Universities, like U Chicago in Hyde Park.
TI	Bike grid now!

TI	More concrete protected bike lanes and bump out curbs on stony island and south Chicago avenue
TI	We need a network of connected and protected bike lanes, as well as greenways/slow residential streets for all modes of active transit and public use. Additionally, we have a once in a generation opportunity to redesign DuSable Lake Shore Drive. We should be prioritizing a bus rapid transit only lane, adding green space (including native plants to mitigate flooding), and reducing lanes of traffic for single occupancy car drivers. We need to be designing for the next 50 years - not the last 50 years. The LFT and Lakefront in general is already crowded on the north side. We need more park and bike path for people who live or are visiting the city. Not a highway. A lot of people take those lake shore drive express busses to get downtown and even more people would take the bus if it was consistently the fastest way to get downtown, reducing congestion for remaining drivers and improving air quality for those of us who live here and want to exercise outside in the summer. Similarly, when we are digging up streets, we should be looking at infrastructure under the streets and repaving with complete streets. Do the same for the South Lakefront as well. This is about climate change as well as livability and health, including air quality.
TI	I would love to see more development of the EL - specifically more east-west routes as our system now is more geared toward north-south travel.
TI	Improve the safety of our existing public transportation system. Increase punishment for those who break the law. Finish the bridges on the Dan Ryan
TI	We are in a climate emergency, anything that encourages people to use transportation other than cars is healthy for both humans and our environment.
TI	No need to reinvent the wheel. Look to places like Toronto where they have an entire transportation system for individuals with disabilities, this is where it is fine to have a system which separate but equal.
TI	prioritize biking, bike lanes, bike infrastructure, better access to Divvy.
TI	I'd just like to say that these goals are fairly broad, which can be a good thing, but it will come down to the specific actions are taken to realize these goals to determine how impactful this initiative is. Expanding transit is an especially important action to take to reach these goals. Chicago needs to expand transit right of ways if it hopes to start making transit more appealing to the average person. This will mean pushing through and getting bus lanes painted and new rail lines constructed. I'd also like to add that integration of transit systems in the city is an important quality of life step that can be taken to improve the experience and bring forth more riders. Transferring from bus to bus, or from Metra to CTA can be extremely awkward and disjointed. These agencies should function together as one system. Overall, the plan looks good for a draft, but it really will come down to what specific actions we take in pursuing these goals.
TI	*Chicago's transit infrastructure has been a significant factor in making this the great city that it became, and has always given it a "leg up" on many metros not just in the U.S. but worldwide; however for decades it has been consistently undervalued and at times undermined by city leaders in the interest of prioritizing the car. Equitable investment to ensure the safety and comfort of people getting to and using transit services needs to be a high priority for public investment, as well as expansion of service and coverage; *Biking infrastructure needs focus, with a holistic, thoughtful approach to bike network maintenance and expansion. Provisions should be made for prompt repair of bike infrastructure, and for clearing out of snow and garbage on bike lanes to ensure 24/7 safety for users. Leverage the existence of current infrastructure as attractive transportation amenities, and continually improve; e.g. straightening and other user improvements to the Lakefront Trail, and making the vast Boulevards network far more bike-friendly than the current autocentric composition of most of it; *End one-story strip malls and their street-facing parking lots. Make more arteries pedestrian-oriented. Citywide, make common again the practice of residential-above-commercial for developments on arteries. Move closer to the significant diminishment or elimination of parking minimums; *Safe driving needs to be pushed. There should be no undue financial burden or unfair enforcement for traffic-law violations, but violators of existing traffic laws need to be held properly accountable for social traffic safety. Traffic violence in this city, especially against pedestrians and cyclists, is an under-addressed problem, and where it is it addressed still may favor the driver. Driving is a privilege, and if driving culture can't be made safer on its own volition, driving needs to be made harder to the benefit of other means of mobility; *Chicago's mobility infrastructure finally needs a dedicated and consistent funding mechanism, separate from other public revenue streams and intelligently and transparently administered.
TI	I have a masters degree and I have to read some of these questions 2-3 times and still aren't sure I understand. These questions need to be more to the point and in plain language for all to access. How do you have a survey on equities when the survey itself is inequitable!
TI	Please, return streets to the people. Get rid of cars, improve public transportation, and infrastructure for biking and walking. Our city could be so much more enjoyable without all the dangerous vehicles on the road and the constant din of auto traffic.
TI	As part of the Transportation and Infrastructure Pillar of the We Will Chicago Plan, efforts should be made to look for innovative opportunities to connect neighborhoods and increase access to parks, open space, or other trail connections. Additionally, public safety must be prioritized by exploring ways to slow traffic and incorporate additional safety features, such as islands, protected crossings, protected bike lanes, etc. Finally, efforts need to be made to maintain and improve existing infrastructure in ALL communities, especially those that have been historically harmed by inequities, so that streets, sidewalks, and/or paths are free of potholes and other road hazards, passable for bicycles, and safe for pedestrians. This process should also include finding ways to help people get from "Point A to Point B" in ways that are not car dependent by deprioritizing car use and placing a focus on reliable and expanded public transportation.
TI	The goals and objectives are great, but encouraging active transportation and transit won't work unless we also discouraging driving. I'd like to see a concrete commitment to reducing VMT, and that means reducing the amount of space dedicated to cars. That would include repurposing road space for bike/ped/transit, reducing or eliminating some parking, and appropriately pricing the parking that remains. The truth of the matter is that we have overbuilt car infrastructure, and we need to rebalance. This is not about depriving drivers. It's about providing a wider variety of safe mobility options. We are expanding choice, not reducing it. As it stands, there is often no meaningful choice for people who don't want to or cannot drive. I think a discussion of land use is also missing from the transportation section. High levels of access require higher levels of density. People won't walk if they've got nowhere to walk to.
TI	bring the Elston Bus to have connectivity reduce waiting times and increase investments in transportation efficiency

TI	In the south and west side, we suffer from a lot of speed racers, race wars, gang chasing, and shootouts. These issues should be addressed in the plan. There needs to be a redesign of street safety such as curved corners, recreational areas, street blockers, and better bike trails. In the Southside it is dangerous to ride your bike to work without the risk of getting hit by a car or jumped/robbed. We also avoid corner shootings or getting hit by speed racers. There is also a huge problem with speed cameras preying on low-income areas, it should be illegal as it is in Texas due to the research of it not addressing speeding and only profiting off the poor. How are we ticketing large tickets to residents that can not afford their own rent or provide for their families, the city is still inhibiting black and brown people.
TI	The city needs more protected bike lanes. I see cars parked in bike lanes every day. Encouraging biking will meet the needs of many of the goals and objectives.
TI	I think we need to reuse obsolete or unused infrastructure. For, instance the UP-N line has an empty slot that could become a biking highway where there is no interaction with street traffic from Wilmette to the Clybourn junction where it could connect to the 606. It sits unused. there is too much high speed bike traffic on the lakefront that could be moved there so the lakefront is safer. The lakefront bike path is dangerous. Move the high speed folks to their own path on the UP-N line.
TI	The Automotive industry, among other T&I groups, are already hard at work to evolve the ecosystem and solve the problems you are seeking funding for.
TI	These are excellent improvements I look forward to seeing someday. Kudos!
TI	Build a subway tunnel under Ashland Avenue, extending from the south side to the north side. Build a subway tunnel under Irving Park Rd connecting the Red Line to the Blue line and providing better connection to O'Hare.
TI	This survey is ridiculous, and a waste of everyone's time. Every question is framed as a positive, and no choices or prioritization are required at all. Please just lay the fiber cable that was promised 10 years ago.
TI	The divvy bikes and scooters can be a hindrance especially on the south side. Riders leave bikes/scooters on the public way which is a hazard. Bike/scooter corral should be mandatory.
TI	Abike grid will only cost 300 million over 10 years Plowing the sidewalks will only cost 10 million per year. Every new road repaving needs to be Dutched to stop the kindermoord. New cars need to be taxed to non existence and streets need to be pedestrianized. Add more CTA stops on the orange and extend the pink. North south connectors can fly over Western and Pulaski just like the Lake st Green. These statements are a start. Make it fucking happen.
TI	There use of the terms community focused/lead groups and safety appeared multiple times. I'd like to highlight that statistics show that increase police presents in BIPOC communities does not equate to a safe community but normalize hyper surveillance and violence. Within this plan, police can not equal safety. Lastly, community leaders groups must be organizers and folks from the community NOT developers or political figure with alternative motives.
TI	ACTUALLY implement things. Stop wasting time on community meetings when the change would be beneficial to all. Stop catering to personal vehicles. And include not letting semi trucks park on city streets! Also for freight, add in a focus on limiting the sizes of trucks. We do not need giant semi trucks on city streets. Smaller delivery trucks do exist.
TI	Do it.
TI	What specific action steps will your organization take to implement this plan? How will you determine the success/ effectiveness of the plan?
TI	We desperately need physically protected bike lanes and dense housing near transit on the west side
TI	Please fix CTA, right now. Then, create neighborhood interconnectedness. It will help in building up community off corridor, outside of downtown. Make sustainability the priority. Please never prioritize beauty. Anything can be made or appreciated as beautiful so long as it meets a need simply and elegantly. Prioritize sustainability and equity.
TI	More trains please
TI	Transparency and approval by community residents and groups on all future projects related to infrastructure and transportation.
TI	Safety is a separate category but it needs to be in transit. This is currently the number one restriction on people riding beyond not having any service. Also, look at the impacts on the lake and parks in making politically popular moves of expanding lakeshore drive on the south side
TI	1. Look for innovative opportunities to connect neighborhoods and increase access to parks, open space, or other trail connections such as green caps or multi-use paths over railroads and roadway infrastructure, on undeveloped or partially developed Chicago Department of Transportation right of ways, including right of ways that dead end at rivers, parks and other open spaces. 2. Consider slowing traffic and adding safety features, such as islands and protected crossings, and protected bike lanes to major streets when requested by adjacent communities 3. Maintain existing infrastructure in communities that have been historically harmed by inequities, so that streets and paths are free of potholes and passable for bicycles and pedestrians. Create bicycle lanes and paths. 4. Prioritize implementation of transportation plans that have been developed with community input such as the Riverdale Multimodal Transportation Plan.
TI	need more paths like 606, but all around town need more frequent buses and trains. Why not add a CTA line that goes out west through neighborhoods like Belmont Cragin and Humboldt park and another through Marquette Park and Ashburn let's make all two lane roads one lane with more complete streets. Let's have more ped-only streets
TI	Highways should be put in tunnels underground to allow neighborhoods to reclaim land formerly taken from them. This will also make neighborhoods more walkable and livable.
TI	Enforce existing laws: As a disabled person I am cut off from public transportation because the cigarette smoking in every car/platform/station triggers migraines that prevent me from going to work. The City is losing money by not protecting me from cigarette smoke.
TI	More consistent trains, safer stations (knock down old, unsafe and replace [Chicago Red Line]). Hire more conductors and training programs for people to become certified so more trains can be available. The faster trains come, the less lingering on platforms and stations become safer. We also need glass paneling like The Tube in London so people can't fall onto tracks, cause delays, and thus repeat the cycle of transit issues. Also hire more CTA specific police to go from car to car and TRY to make things more safe
TI	I appreciate the focus on non-auto mobility. As a family that does not own a car, we appreciate it.

TI	Home owners are experiencing damages to structures and basements due to storm water and flooding. City homeowners need to be able to count on some type of programming to help financially with this issue!!!! Clearly the one organization " Bungalow Association doesnt help a home built in the 30's or 40s yet seniors are not able to afford to save their home from damage financially. So we take our families out of Chicago and soon you will have a city full of undesirables, because the good citizens are leaving the city in droves.
TI	We need more connectivity neighborhood to neighborhood.
TI	Include the projects that are part of the CREATE plan in the Transportation goals. Concentration on Safety and Reliability are the two key elements that will encourage more public transportation usage.
TI	Building codes should require that new or rehabbed buildings incorporate environmental state of the art features and designs. Especially any that receive TIF funds.
TI	Make the streets under the loop pedestrian ways. Allow delivery trucks in in the morning and after 10:00 a.m. make the streets pedestrian way. Like Dublin, Ireland does. Protect bus drivers. Make harming transit workers a serious offense.
TI	Nice, pretty language, but nothing tangible anywhere. What metrics will these objectives include? What types of oversight?
TI	I would like to see a stronger focus on moving away from automotive traffic across the city; building a stronger connected bike network (with physical separation from cars) and more pedestrian-only areas in busy restaurant/tourism zones.
TI	Seems very broad and lacking of specifics. Also, the ability to rank each goal without the ability to comment on it is annoying. Overall, glad this is the direction you're going but feels vague and empty of solutions.
TI	There needs to be better ways for businesses to get deliveries that don't involve delivery trucks blocking bike lanes. Also, cars that double park in bike lanes are a scourge. Better transport options for people who aren't going to or from downtown are needed. And, better connectivity between Metra and CTA would be huge.
TI	Major changes need to be made for bike safety. In addition to that, bike riders need to follow the rules of the road. Scooters may make the city money, but they are a constant safety problem. I can't see how they will ever be a viable and safe form of transportation. Communities most affected by the loss of transportation opportunities as well as negative environmental impacts should be a top priority.
TI	Encourage the use of public transportation by increasing funding to CTA. Increase consistency and frequency of trains and buses throughout Chicago. Add more train stops and bus routes to connect south and west neighborhoods to the rest of the city in a more convenient way. CTA access should be cheaper or free to encourage use. Increase development of bike lanes, walkable communities, and bus-only streets and lanes to make non-car transit more efficient.
TI	I have completed all of the pillars and commend you for the all your hard work and thought. I am at a loss to imagine how you will use this data since so many, virtually all of the goals, are laudable and expensive. I sincerely hope that this will not be a case of information overload that degenerates into a swamp of inactivity.
TI	So many objectives need to be broken down futher to create steps to follow. Transportation goals are critical to the continued creation and success of Chicago's industries.
TI	We need to have frequent reliable public transportation
TI	Cars are environmentally inefficient (tailpipe emissions, tire degradation, brake pad dust, etc), economically inefficient (vehicle, gas, insurance costs), and geometrically inefficient (too much space is needed for movement and storage). The city should make necessary investments to get more people walking, cycling, and using transit. Integrate Metra fares with CTA so transfers can be made cheaply. Improve Metra frequency. Take Divvy away from private/profit operation by Lyft and incorporate with CTA. Start buying buses with doors on left side to allow for center of road boarding platforms. More bus lanes are needed. Bus bulbs and boarding islands are needed. More red light cameras speed cameras, and raised crosswalks are needed to improve pedestrian safety. More transit oriented development is needed (use eminent domain).
TI	I 4d with everything on here an am glad to see that change is being made but I feel like the questions could have been more specific. I hoping there would be questions on highway removal, more train lines, bus only lanes, and light rail. I believe strongly that our highways should be replaced boulevards so we can have commerce in those areas instead of just dead space. I also feel that Chicago needs more train lines, there is no way to get north south on the west side a larger version of the 2009 circle line would be great. Another thing that would increase Chicagos public transit significantly would be if every four lane street in Chicago had protected bike lanes and bus only lanes, both of these things would reduce congestion on roads like these significantly and make these streets become more welcoming to commerce. Finally I believe that a light rail system could be solution to some of Chicagos transit issues, light rail is cheaper to build than heavy rail and more efficient than buses. Those are all my thought and I am very grateful that there are surveys like this that give people a voice.
TI	Please fix the seams (Huge bumps) on Dusable lake Shore Drive. These seams are and continue to become even more dangerous to scooters, motorcycles, and automobiles. At some point they will be the cause of a fatality if they have not already. I have personally witnessed a motorcycle rider propelled off their motorcycle after hitting one of the seams. These seams are causing damage to vehicles and as stated previously will eventually cause a fatality. Thank you for your consideration of this message.
TI	Fix the CTA elevators!!! People depend on these to get where they're going. It is unacceptable to have them breakdown on the daily. And install new elevators - at least every other station should be accessible if you can't make them all accessible. While you're at it, overhaul the CTA - make it reliable and safe. And protected bike lanes!!!
TI	Please ensure people can bike and walk safely. It'd be great to improve transit to the point where it reduces the need for cars across the city. Wish we had more flexibility regards to how many parking spots we have throughout the city, more pedestrian corridors would be amazing
TI	All these goals are great, but perhaps the survey should have been asking which to prioritize not if they're good goals
TI	I bike to work from woodlawn to the loop. Can't ever cross lsd with those fools running the reds. Need red light cameras at jackson/balbo
TI	I'd love to see our city increase the safety of our sidewalks and roadways for pedestrians, especially at major 4-way and 6-way intersections with expanded sidewalks, raised crosswalks, and bolder paint jobs to signify such. Would also love to see more bike lines, especially protected bike lanes (by shifting car parking locations, installing raised cement borders, and updating paint jobs, especially solid green paint sections).
TI	I want a more walkable, dense, active city!

TI	Hard to 2 with any of the goals. More public transit, less cars.
TI	Prioritize transit frequency and make more transit lines run overnight.
TI	The goals of this Pillar are closely tied with housing and health goals--I hope interagency thinking prevails when examining them.
TI	Create a network of rail outside of the loop. Turn the south side electric metra into the CTA and interconnect the lines. Connect the green line to Midway Airport and Jackson Park. Connect the airports and create an express train from O'Hare to Downtown. Look at European / Middle Eastern / Asian cities. It is possible to create a better network. Making transportation better will decrease car ownership (which is expensive), and lower GHG, as well as make our streets safer. Build a bike grid
TI	Please increase safe(r) and more bike infrastructure throughout the city.
TI	Enforce cleanliness in public transportation environments.
TI	There are far too many goals and objectives in the report. The city needs to narrow in on fewer goals that have clear measurement. I highly recommend reading about the OKR philosophy if you haven't...in short, what are the 3-5 objectives the city wants to accomplish and how will it measure them. Authoring a 77 page document isn't accessible to city residents. Just imagine for the South + West side residents that this report cites as repeatedly being disadvantaged, now you want them to read 77 pages of policy documents and provide input? It's not a realistic ask. And of course then add on the politics of getting 77 pages of broad policy enacted by city hall / city council and implemented by civil servants. I believe the city needs a vision and objectives, but this document is out of touch...esp when it's costing millions to make.
TI	Availability and frequency of public transit services is important; most important is to restrict the use of automobiles and increase safety
TI	None of these goals mention car use which I think is great! I think funding needs to reflect that and be moved from funding new roads to more sustainable options such as active transportation and public transit. Those will not flourish if cars continue to be funded at the level they are funded now
TI	Explore brown line to blue line connection. Expand all train lines and increase frequency.
TI	While I wholeheartedly 4 that transit should be expanded equitably, this report seems to lack vision for expanding the transit system at large. Though the north side neighborhoods are generally considered well served by transit for example, there are many connections and new service that should still be addressed imminently to keep our transit system even remotely up to date. A brown line spur to connect to the blue line for example would expand access to a huge portion of Chicagoans to our largest airport and would help connect people in the neighborhoods between that are presently lacking. The circle line and other such visionary projects also absolutely need to be prioritized. While these kind of transit connections do strengthen transit in neighborhoods that are already *acceptable* they would importantly connect more people to neighborhood based job centers than are currently able to access anything beyond their own neighborhood or the higher paying jobs in the loop.
TI	bike and pedestrian protected areas are extremely important. Our train stations need more lighting and cleaning to feel safer.
TI	Work with Federal rail lines to reduce excessive transport and idling on tracks especially surrounding homes and private businesses. This causes pollution and damage. Also, the use of scooters and e-bicycles are often dangerous to the user and the drivers on the main roads and causes noise pollution in private small side streets during the summer months. There should be some restrictions to have these used in designated areas that would prevent harm and noise pollution.
TI	All bicycle lanes should be concrete curb protected. Police must ticket people parked in bus lanes. Boulevards are too wide and traffic lanes should be reduced to slow traffic. Speeding is a MAJOR problem and our roads must shrink to force drivers to slow down.
TI	We need a bike grid!
TI	Cars make the city far more dangerous. Limit use of cars, impose city taxes on car ownership and gas. Convert car occupied space into what it should be neighborhood space. Car-free streets, biking only streets, Similar to what is done in Europe
TI	promoting bikes, cycles, mopeds etc. is fine but they are dangerous to pedestrians - not to mention its illegal. so please add that to the list you are compiling.
TI	Please build a comprehensive, PROTECTED bike network that connects all parts of the city. All new bike lanes should be curb-protected and safe enough for children, parents transporting children, seniors, and first-time cyclists to bike on. All existing bike lanes should be similarly upgraded. All major roads in the city should be reconfigured to accommodate cyclists of all ages. Build it and they will come.
TI	It would be of tremendous use to have a few more east west bicycle routes in the city, it can often be a challenge to connect to those neighborhoods, especially when traveling with people who are less comfortable on a bike.
TI	Allow personal electric scooter riders to access the same protected infrastructure as bicyclists. Many residents do not have access to private automobiles and, due to either disability or simply preference, use e-bikes and scooters for transit.
TI	Safer bike and pedestrian infrastructure definitely needs to be a priority
TI	We need to invest in digital infrastructure and remove our outdated, unreliable and unsafe legacy system signals. We need to incorporate software and become a smart city by utilizing traffic calming technology to decrease emissions and increase safety.
TI	city needs to have a better understanding of bus service. ie getting people down to the lakefront or the forest preserve
TI	Invest more in reducing car usage, improve public transportation, physically protected bike lane, launch bike/e-bike subsidy programs.
TI	This is the most important pillar to me. Chicago's infrastructure is woeful. Shotty workmanship and unexcusable delays have made the City on the verge of unliveable. The CTA has failed to get its act together in the aftermath of COVID. Investments need to be made based upon usage and congestion (i.e., this is not an area where your diversity goals should trump other needs). Efficiency needs to be the #1 priority, with cutting emissions/encouraging mass transit as #2. It's important that transit stays affordable, but it's more important that IT WORKS. If that means increasing rates, so be it.
TI	Can we also address the increase in overhead noise in many communities that never experienced this prior to the new runways at O'Hare?
TI	I want to stress that in addition to accessibility, it's imperative that public transportation is highly reliable. Buses and trains should run often, and the CTA app should reflect arrival times accurately. It's also very important that we make PROTECTED bike and pedestrian areas, to reduce the number of people killed and hurt by cars.
TI	Too much focus on E&I. Focus based on population density, not skin color or income.

TI	I live on the South Side- in Homewood and I have a compliment here. The Metra is awesome! Affordable, reliable. I feel safe. The conductors are head's up. Also, when I have work meetings, I often take the Metra out to other suburbs instead of driving. the Metra is an amazing resource and something the City should continue to subsidize/build on.
TI	Making the CTA safe and reliable should be the number 1 priority.
TI	Make the CTA the envy of the world.
TI	More connectivity from the north side to the airport. More electric busses. Connectivity between metra and cta. Centralize metra stations so they can be used similar to major cities. We should be able to get from Hyde park to ravenwood with ease. Not with transfers and walking and have it take as long as it does.
TI	There should be a provision on making transportation reliable and safe. There are too many issues regarding ghost trains and also people getting hurt. Secondly, the point of making transportation accessible has to reach further than just race. A lot of stations don't have working escalators. The city needs to care for those who are disabled (ex: physically) as well
TI	More concrete goals are needed. We commit to building x miles of concrete protected bike lanes by 2025, we commit to making trains 100% on schedule by 2025, etc.
TI	Trolley busses are cheaper, more energy efficient, quieter, smoother ride, more effective/rapidly deployable, and don't stop running in extreme weather from battery busses which are less effective in winter than spring and pose high fire risk.
TI	You could accomplish a lot by just improving signage. How do drivers know it's a greenway and to expect heavy bike traffic without signs? Lane design at intersections is a free for all with many roads ambiguously marked or lanes that start and stop abruptly. And please return to enforcing traffic violations. You can do it all in my Northside, predominately white ward, if you're worried about increasing minority impact. I like red light cameras, people who stop at stop signs and for pedestrians and support ticketing offenders. I dislike the lawless feeling of driving, biking, and walking since the moratorium on driving violations.
TI	The CTA needs to improve and expand its service to the West, South West and South Sides. It's still appalling that the CTA spent millions of dollars for a fly-over at Belmont to save 5 minutes of commute time for the wealthy, but refuse to do anything to save commute times for the communities that need public transit the most. The CTA and city also need to be held accountable for the safety on the trains. Which means better security - not rental cops - and enforcing the laws to the maximum for those who violate them. From things as simple as smoking to the violent crimes. They happen because they go unenforced. Another thing the city needs to address is safe bike lanes for EVERYONE and not just the rich people or residents along the lake. I love to ride my bike, I love to use it to commute but I will not put my life in jeopardy by biking on the streets in my neighborhood because there is NO SAFE place to bike. NONE. Between the terrible CTA service where I live and no safe place to bike, I have had to rely more and more on getting around in a vehicle which has a financial and environmental impact and it is the CITY and the CTA to blame for this.
TI	It's listed as a goal already, but it's worth reiterating how valuable it would be to create fast, reliable, direct routes to connect areas of the city that don't require transit downtown.
TI	Must have a long term plan, about 10-25 years, which should be amended annually as needed by environmental changes.
TI	Didn't see one question on SAFETY!
TI	Chicago penalizes those of us buying electric cars. I now pay more gas tax than I did as a petrol-car owner. I understand this pays for road repairs etc, however, stop charging the average. I drove my gas car minimally and same with the electric. We need incentives for helping Chicago pollution issues, not punishment. We also need to demand that new builders of multi-unit dwellings make garages ready to set up for electric charging!
TI	More bus lanes, cycle lanes, and transit that doesn't go downtown
TI	We need more Subways. Not just to downtown. Western Ave needs a South to North line from Evanston all the way to city Beverly at least.
TI	-Focus on creating bike/pedestrian/transit networks rather than piecemeal improvements. -Give pedestrians and bikers direct paths to all destinations. Funnel drivers into more efficient, but potentially indirect routes to travel longer distances. -Develop a design language to update street infrastructure to slow cars down. Drivers need to feel uncomfortable driving too fast. -Prioritize busses so they do not get stuck in traffic. E.g. dedicated bus lanes, signal priority, streamline payment to improve boarding, etc. -Dramatically improve enforcement of bus and bike lanes. Any time they are blocked by cars or trucks, the situation is more dangerous and less efficient for everyone.
TI	We have introduced so many alternative forms of transit in very dense spaces it is no wonder the laws are ignored and not enforced. And people die. People are tense, rude, and ignore others' rights to move safely throughout the city. I used to use the L regularly, but it is consistently late, dirty and scary (especially at OHare). Bike lanes have become dangerous competitive arenas between leisure, commuter, and racers. Scooters and bikers are competing with pedestrians routinely. Until people return to common courtesy, even the best public transportation system will fail. Get users involved in defining "what good looks like".
TI	Hoping the red line extension beyond 95th street happens
TI	More protected bike lines, make scooters be docked. They block sidewalks and limit mobility for people with disabilities. I'm tired of moving them out of the way for strollers and wheel chairs.
TI	Strongly dislike the scooters and catering to them. The people who ride them generally disregard all traffic laws, and they seem worse than bicyclists because they travel faster and with more weaving/maneuvering.
TI	the city has 1900 miles of alleyways that could easily be converted to neighborhood greenways
TI	Do more to protect bicyclists and pedestrians. Drivers have become unhinged lately, more and more dangerous behavior is happening on the roads - people don't stop at stop signs, weave at dangerously high speeds on the highway, etc. As a person who has to drive to work, I hate it and wish I didn't have to drive to avoid the increasingly terrifying driving witnessed daily.
TI	I use the CTA religiously and think it's amazing we have access to it. However, I've been frustrated with the frequency of buses and trains. Better pay/benefits might help retain or attract staff. In addition, please expand the trains! It would be amazing to connect the brown line to the blue line on the north side, and add an additional N/S line that is to the west of the red line. It's a hassle to go East to West unless you're already downtown.

TI	Regarding the explosion of protected bike lanes- I love the safety that this effort has created for bikes and other active transit. However I suspect a study would show that these lanes have not significantly impacted safety to these riders. I suspect much of this reason is that the existing street space for vehicles has been reduced significantly rather than increasing the width of streets, changing streets to one-way from two-way etc. This creates worsening traffic and therefore worsened driver behavior. I recently sat in traffic for 25 minutes to cross the Damen bridge on the northside over the Chicago river. I counted six bikes in the bike lanes going in both directions containing six people. Meanwhile sitting in my car I counted 82 people passing me in the opposite direction in cars. I'm asking the city to spend more time studying these efforts. It may be a concerted effort to make it more difficult to drive a vehicle, and if that's the desire then much more needs to be done to get us out of vehicles. It takes me literally twice as long to take public transportation to my southside job in Bronzeville from the northside as it does to drive my car.
TI	What happened to our transit system? 60s renewal and zoning changes became a tacit statement that you will need a car here if you live in 60% of the city or be burdened by slow and unreliable bus service. Objective A: get the population back up Objective B: Work with the federal government on city wide equitable rapid transit improvements .
TI	Stop with the equity bull and just do your jobs. Focus investment on the places with the highest population density and highest likelihood of people actually using transit, walking, and biking.
TI	More protected Bike Lanes w/ concrete barriers
TI	Bus rapid transit corridors and some type of outer ring rail connector ("circle line" at Western, etc.) should be highly prioritized over the coming years to ensure better transit connectivity across neighborhoods.
TI	Prioritize establishing a bike grid for the city, and using Dutch city planning methods to do so.
TI	Good goals. They're all lofty but very good
TI	Reconnecting communities, equity, and car alternative transport should be biggest priorities!
TI	Love the idea of connecting communities outside of downtown! Too much money/resources are spent there already.
TI	Just fix the trains.
TI	Add goal to improve reliability of existing transportation infrastructure.
TI	Definitely support the stronger focus on walking and biking needs. That focus plays into the environmental and safety aspects as it reduces dependence on vehicles for transportation. The trouble has been creating a long-term view of how it will all connect together rather than the piecemeal approach it appears today where protected bike lanes start and stop periodically and don't follow a straight path or clear end-to-end usage similar to roads, which really should be the goal if we're looking to increase adoption of alternative transportation methods.
TI	Make Chicago's transportation and infrastructure WORLD CLASS. You literally cannot think big enough in this aspect. Swing for the fences. Affordable, climate 3, multimodal infrastructure that CONNECTS US ALL! Infrastructure doesn't have to point only to the loop! Turn neighborhoods into areas of business activity and connect them for easy access. INVEST IN BIKING AND BIKER SAFETY! Reduce the reliance on cars! Upgrade our CTA and make it reliable again. Think about transportation in 2050 and 2100 not 2035.
TI	Eliminate right turns on red. Change the city's priority that gives almost all road space and privileges to drivers, at the expense of access and safety for all other users. Enforce speeding and red light running.
TI	I have a car and drive my car places because public transportation isn't open late enough. I understand ridership might not be high after midnight, but you can't have night life and other things going on, not have public transportation, and expect people to not drive their car around and park places.
TI	Chicago must prioritize undoing the damage of auto-centric development of the past half-century at a citywide scale, not just ward by ward. This means rapidly fixing the ailing CTA and massively expanding its service; this means building a city-wide bike grid following international best practices, and creating permanent no-car, pedestrian-only spaces; this means reclaiming our greatest natural asset, the lakefront, from the 8 lane disaster that is Lake Shore Drive, and serious conversations about removing urban expressways completely. We are desperately behind on this issue, and the violence of automobiles—so normalized by American culture!—continues to kill, maim, and sicken Chicagoans day after day. This is an opportunity for Chicago to lead the nation and solve countless inequities in one massive effort.
TI	Little Village needs more busses along 31st street. The pink line is not far from 60623 but it's hard to get there although it's relatively close by. For decades the Little Village community has been absolutely ignored and neglected.
TI	I'd like to see greater priority given to upgrading infrastructure and improving access, affordability, and safety to existing transportation networks over new developments
TI	Bring back the ravines, bogs, streams... bring back nature. Develop more Green spaces. Create and connect bicycle trails.
TI	I do not think the goals and objectives adequately address the inequity in funding sources used to achieve the objectives. Why should taxes paid by drivers of gasoline fueled vehicles be used for projects that impede the use of roads by drivers. Taking road space paid for by gas taxes and other taxes and giving that space to bike riders and other users who do not contribute to paying for those roads is not fair. And past history and/or perceived past inequities should not be a basis for new investments. Real current data should be the basis for making decisions on where to invest scarce funds for transportation infrastructure. Walking and bike riding are not practical options for many seniors and our weather makes such options impractical much of the year. Time is valuable and the transportation goals and objectives ignore the value of time spent traveling. Biking, walking, using scooters and some of the other options often require people spend a lot more time in transit. The plan ignores the cost of all that extra time that the goals and objectives will cost residents. Many people value speed and less time travelling from one place to another over other concerns.
TI	Chicago should implement road diets throughout the city, add protected bike lanes, and add bus-exclusive travel lanes. Reducing car lanes in most residential areas to a single lane in either direction with protected, two-way bike lanes will incentivize active transportation, reduce car traffic, improve air quality, improve local commerce, and increase the vibrancy of neighborhoods. On major arterials, directions of car travel should be limited to one lane where feasible with a central transit way exclusive to bus traffic to maximize the capacity of the roadway while minimizing traffic, noise, and pollution; and providing a convenient, effective, and cheap mode of rapid transport to everyone in the city.
TI	This survey isn't exactly facilitating any constructive criticism. These goals are all important and vague enough to be pleasing to just about everyone.

TI	CTA is dangerous and unsanitary. It has become unusable. This is totally unacceptable for a city this size.
TI	1. Commit to additional public transit frequency 2. Invest in renewable sources to run CTA and make all vehicles EVs or similar. 3. Standardize fare options and make pricing more equitable. 4. Make all stops/stations accessible.
TI	Please do invest in sustainable transportation in all parts of the city. Getting people out of their cars will drive vibrancy which drives quality of life and competitive advantages for our city.
TI	Transportation's first priority should be safety. Please do something about the crime on transit systems.
TI	Do it for all or don't do it at all
TI	I can't 2 with any of the goals that are outlined; however, Chicago has a history of paying too much for infrastructure development while having it take way longer than previously promised. It would be great to see red tape get cut down as part of the process in order to get things done faster without overpaying, putting pressure on tax payers/companies. The entire network of trains (mostly the L) needs a modern facelift, and the rail lines that are used need an overall upgrade to allow better/faster trains for both commuter and freight. Utilizing higher speed trains similar to our friends overseas would be a game changer and would decrease commute times for commuters all around. All L trains are generally scummy, homeless and drug users use it as an escape, and without security, violence is increasingly becoming a problem in even typically safe neighborhoods. I've personally been sexually assaulted by a commuter, and anything that allows that behavior to thrive is unacceptable. Partnering with the rail companies or larger corporations that want to have hubs in Chicago (BNSF, Union Pacific, and McDonalds, Google, etc) would be really helpful to ensure Chicago maintains its status as a freight/commercial hub. Giving tax breaks when these companies invest in infrastructure would be huge. We are also severely hindered by freight companies' lack of investment in infrastructure, so we need to make it easier for them to invest in Chicago. Having bike lanes next to L lines and platforms is an obvious next step in infrastructure development. Having the bike lanes out of the streets will increase safety and limit confusion in the already busy city streets. Until we decrease crime in the city, we can't start limiting vehicles on the streets. We need to ensure visitors and residents are able to safely call family/friends/ride sharing companies to get home safely at all times of day/night. Chicago's transportation system is quickly turning into NY's where both residents and visitors do not want to use it. Chicago also needs additional power nearby to help with the development of sustainable infrastructure. Ensuring our electric grid has ample cheap electricity at all times is paramount. What are we doing to invest in this? Nuclear and hydroelectric energy should be invested in to help out the grid. Finally, the lake shore path is a HUGE reason people come and stay in Chicago. We need to protect this at all costs. There are places that are under water half the year, and with climate change, will these be permanently under water? This needs to be taken into consideration, since it is a MAJOR pathway for bikers and walkers across many miles.
TI	I've been a resident for just over a year now and have grown to love this city. I'm also hearing impaired and would love to see more accommodations for the deaf and blind on public transportation
TI	You need to pay more attention to people who actually have to drive and cannot bike.
TI	Create safe pedestrian and cyclist routes that connect east west neighborhoods that are divided by the Kennedy expressway such as a safe walking and bike paths on division, north, armitage, Fullerton etc to connect the neighborhoods.
TI	There is too much focus on unused bike lanes. Biker should be held to traffic laws instead of getting free passes. CTA trains need to be safe and run on time. Security theater such as muzzled dogs with unarmed minders aren't effective and use resources that could be better spent on real solutions.
TI	City parking sticker fees should be graduated to reward individuals who have small, eco-friendly vehicles and discourage city residents from driving monster SUVs.
TI	Many blocks, streets, and intersections in the city are too car-centric to be walkable, bikeable, or even pleasant to spend time in. The only way to improve these things (and accrue benefits to Chicagoans and local businesses), is to simultaneously make public transportation, biking, and walking the most convenient option, over and above car usage. To do that, (1) give CTA buses their own, physically-separated lanes; (2) build physically-separated bikelanes on all commercial streets; (3) pedestrianize existing walkable neighborhoods; (4) add trees to long stretches of open sidewalk; (5) improve and increase CTA L service; (6) build more L lines, especially in underserved areas and on routes that do not go through the loop; (7) remove and infill parking lots throughout the city and require parking structures to create ground-floor retail or public spaces; (8) Work with state gov to increase Metra service into Chicago (for a maximum wait time of 15 minutes), modernize Metra train cars, and decrease Metra travel times to reduce the pressure from rich suburbs to privilege their residents' cars over Chicagoans' living and working environment.
TI	I live in Edgewater and commute to Hyde Park. There is no public transportation option for me. Either build an El line to Hyde Park, or make a Metra line that connects the North and South Sides.
TI	Create innovative design plazas/public spaces surrounding CTA stations that activate a safe/welcoming environment for ALL to gather, enjoy community and move comfortably. For example: Southport Lowline now entering phase 2. Design for Lawrence/Western Plaza. Wilson Underline www.wilsonunderline.com . Study and evaluate the miles of space under CTA tracks for potential as bike paths connecting bikers with safe/protected bike routes.
TI	Reducing car reliance requires better public transit, in terms of reliability and frequency. Particularly for cross town where busses get stuck in the same traffic, dedicated bus lanes on major roads.
TI	I would like to see specific language committing Chicago to creating more spaces dedicated to non-automobile traffic (pedestrian-only streets, fully protected bike lanes, dedicated bus lanes, etc.). I would also like the city to make it a goal that no citizen should require their own automobile under any circumstances, and that public transit should be both a safer and more expedient option in most travel scenarios.
TI	Please please please please take lessons from European city plans and redesign the streets of Chicago to reduce vehicles speeds, prioritize mass transit options (i.e. Bus Rapid Transit on every major thoroughfare), and create a bike grid of safe, protected lanes.
TI	Need to reduce automobile congestion downtown by making it more pedestrian friendly for tourists and bicyclists. Create an express train from downtown to O'Hare.
TI	Improving bike safety! Better bike lanes that are well-maintained (no huge potholes) and segmented from driving traffic. Reduce car speeds in areas with high bike usage (e.g. Milwaukee Ave.)
TI	Please make cycling and walking safer and more enjoyable. It is scary to cross streets. People drive too fast. I would love to use my car as a last option not the first

TI	Protected bike lanes please
TI	Again, this survey is so general and does not firm a clue as to what or why you are asking. The questions are so general and if you need to ask these things we are in real trouble. CDOT is an embarrassment and if you don't believe me try to drive down Western Avenue north of Devon. Take care of what we already have and don't waste my time of such a stupid survey
TI	When referencing walking and biking, there isn't mention of use of wheelchairs and other mobility devices. This needs to be centered. In addition, paving (sidewalks and streets) should be permeable and rethought re: materials used and the extractive nature of pavement. Sustainable, longer lasting materials need to be used. Also, the wear and tear on bodies of walking on pavement needs to be examined and have soft trails/walkways which promote health/decrease injuries. As work is decentered from downtown, public transportation needs to be offered both at the times of greatest need AND at the time of need of lowest wage workers.
TI	The focus needs to be on providing alternatives to the auto. This involves the auto paying its fair share, probably through a VMT. Once the economics of the car are on a level playing field with alternatives, they can become more equitable.
TI	We can nice parks & bike lanes, but if it isn't safe to use them, it's a waste of money. I go to the suburbs now to bike. It's too dangerous in the city.
TI	It is telling, and depressing, that Transportation and Infrastructure, which should be the number one priority for any city's resources, is listed last in this plan, just behind Public Health and Safety. The people behind this plan must be from another planet. This plan will scare off any young people thinking of settling and investing here in Chicago.
TI	Yes, we already have the technology to greatly reduce transportation pollution: shoes, bikes, and buses. Don't follow the shiny new thing (electric cars, etc) when we already have what we need. A citywide network of dedicated express bus lanes running fast regular service, complemented by safe pedestrian infrastructure and a citywide bike grid of low stress bike routes could be done now with the political will.
TI	I sold possessions and my car in TX and moved back to the city I love. To walk, bike, bus. To live and work in the same neighborhood. In a studio apt. We need to convince car culture it can be done. Let's keep NASCAR out of the city.
TI	I have zero faith that CDOT is remotely capable let alone intends to do any of this.
TI	We need to make the city safe for non-car transportation. Communities that are bike friendly are more likely to support local businesses, vs car focus communities. There truly are no bike/pedestrian friendly spaces in this city. Cars, delivery trucks, cop & city vehicles often park in painted bike lanes and even drive on designated lake front bike path. The number of children that have been killed due to car drivers just this year is tragic. I've been walking/biking/running in the city for 25 years and have had many near misses. Investing in bike infrastructure will draw people to communities, and make residents feel safe to bike for errands or enjoyment. Car infrastructure requires a more significant amount of investment and maintenance over bike infrastructure.
TI	We need more Protected bike Lanes. Too many citizens who opted to reduce car use for the environment have been killed using unprotected bike lanes. If the city has no money, why not just move the car parking inward towards the middle of the road so the bike lanes are protected. Cheaper but safer solution than just having paint.
TI	Build a Bike Grid Now throughout the city, it's cheap and easy to set up quickly, other cities have, get it done. Fix and expand CTA service. Fix the ghost bus issue. build Bus Rapid Transit lines to connect L lines to each other. Extend the Brown line to Jefferson Park
TI	Stop conflating walking & biking with mass transit!
TI	We are in desperate need of a bike grid and safe walkways for pedestrians. Cars have gotten more aggressive and are putting others in danger daily. I bike to work and almost get hit twice a day. Many pedestrians and cyclists have died in this city because we've refused to make the streets safe for EVERYONE. We have put cars first and cars don't make a city, the people do.
TI	Metra should be considered a major partner for achieving these goals and objectives. Metra has the opportunity to provide the South Side with immediately improved transit through enhancing the Rock Island and Metra Electric District services on a much shorter time scale (and much wider reach) than extending the Red Line will. Chicago needs to push for improvements to both these lines—including electrifying the Rock Island line to improve air quality and service times along the line. Plus, if Amtrak ends up receiving its federal funding for the Chicago Access program, Chicago—through Metra—could potentially open the way for drastically improving connections between the South Side and the rest of Chicago.
TI	Please shift away from car-centric infrastructure and improve reliability of public transit. A connected network of protected bike lanes with access to dense neighborhoods/downtown would be a good start.
TI	Yes, I didn't see anything mentioned about the infrastructure changes needed to ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety. Lack of safety due to threats from vehicle traffic is a huge deterrent, not just lack of access. Safety must be a primary factor in infrastructure developments. Vehicle speeds should be reduced and priority given to mass transit modes (buses), pedestrians, and cyclists.
TI	We need bus rapid transit on streets like Ashland, Western, and Cicero that would provide efficient north-south routes without having to first go through the Loop. Also, a connected grid of protected bike lanes on at least ten percent of city streets is sorely needed. Many people do not bike or ride scooters because painted lanes do not feel safe. In order to promote bicycling as a means of transportation, bike lanes need to be safe for people of all ages and abilities. Most of our current lanes do not fit this need.
TI	STOP prioritizing the throughput of suburbanites in cars. It hinders community-building and community wealth. It severely limits the potential of our neighborhoods.
TI	Please prioritize buses and the safety of people walking and on bikes before parking.
TI	I don't think we're being aggressive enough when it comes to reducing the car-centric streetscapes and development patterns in our city. I would like a higher priority to be given to road diets in favor of protected bike lanes, bus-only lanes, and wider sidewalks that can accommodate pedestrians along with commercial usage. I would like Chicago to push harder to improve public transit service, including new passenger rail lines, new bus and bus rapid transit routes, and more frequent service on existing routes. More ridership will follow better transit service, not vice-versa.
TI	Hire more bus/train operators. Make all access points to CTA ADA accessible. Switch to non-fossil fuel transportation. Expand public transportation to appropriately cover the whole city. Make public transportation free. STOP ADDING TO THE NORTH SIDE RED LINE THEY DON'T NEED IT Y'ALL DIDN'T EVEN ADD AN ELEVATOR
TI	We should have a priority toward action, Chicagoans are hurt by the status quo and we can't let some harms prevent us from delivering benefits to those in the city and those who wish to live here but currently can't.

TI	Please create a hard protected bicycle grid so that all persons biking around the city can safely and comfortably get anywhere they need to go.
TI	TOD zoning around Metra stations is absurd. Metra trains do not provide regular, round the clock service. Similarly, zoning streets like Clark St as TOD eligible based on the pathetic performance of the # 22 bus is an insult. It crowds our communities with oversized, overpriced mixed use buildings that are not adequately served by public transit and where the ground floor retail is too expensive for small businesses to make a go of it.
TI	The biggest priority in the city should be two items. 1. Is better connecting the south and west side of the city which has been disenfranchised in previous decades. This can include extending the Orange Line, extending the Red Line to 130th st, and converting the south shore line to CTA or providing the service at 15 minute incrementals at reduced pricing. 2. Providing better connectivity on the outer rings of the neighborhoods. Either through BRT, Tram service, or the circle line. These are all topics that were discussed in previous decades, but failed to proceed. The City should be preparing for a future in which the CBD is no longer the focus of the city. I think one thing to consider when car infrastructure at the forefront of these conversations is the amount of public land and subsidies that are dedicated to providing this infrastructure. We as people who under utilize cars are not requesting cars go out of existence, but that we may get the projects that are needed for a better future at the slight sacrifice of some parking in the city. Lets build a future that our children can be proud of.
TI	More trains, buses and bike lanes! The CTA is Chicago's greatest asset
TI	Most of these goals can be combined in many project's so should definety look into overlapping ways these goals can be used in projects.
TI	Car-centric transportation models quickly fall apart when stress-tested. Urbanization requires more efficient modes of transport, such as transit, cycling, walking, scootering, etc. It's import that we reduce the amount of traffic, increase safety and offer alternative transportation modes. It's also vital that we connect other neighborhoods without transporting through the loop. Think: Lincoln Park to Wicker Park to Pilsen to South Loop. Neighborhoods with walkable areas easily accessible by transit are better for business, bringing more money to neighborhoods. Neighborhoods should not be merely amongst roadways that people just drive through.
TI	People who store/park their cars on the street place a burden on pedestrians and cyclists. They also make removing snow problematic.
TI	NASCAR - make it an EV only race! Also, band fossil fuel burning cars on DLSD. Seize the opportunity to make a statement about Chicago's place in the future of transportation.
AC	AC Goal 1 revision: Support the sustainability of the creative sector—its workers, organizations, and businesses—for a healthy and vibrant city.
AC	AC new Obj for goal 3 Consider adding an objective that focuses on transportation access and removing the barrier of physical access to the arts.
AC	AC new proposed Obj 5.1 Consider adding an objective on the a need to continue to promote the value of arts and culture from an economic development perspective.
AC	Objective 5.1: In partnership with the community, change the narrative about Chicago's South and West Side neighborhoods.
LL	Objective LL.2.3: Remove barriers and constraints, including but not limited to financial, to participating in the workforce and accessing good quality jobs.
LL	Objective LL.2.2: Strengthen the capacity of workforce training programs and partnerships for people negatively affected by the criminal-legal system, including those currently incarcerated.
TI	TI Goal 5: Consider adding an objective that addresses community engagement and education on matter of transportation funding, resilience, and usage, with a focus on non-auto modes.
TI	No
TI	I love all the talk about expanding the networks and everything. But I believe in order to get public support for building more transit infrastructure, the CTA needs to seriously revamp the existing systems to make it most importantly safer, but also cleaner. I think that will help get ridership back to Pre-COVID levels and give it the support it needs to grow. Thank you for the survey.
TI	Traffic calming should be a high priority. Limiting driving speeds is crucial to the safety of all. For too long we have entitled drivers to exceed safe speeds by law. Vehicles already have convenience, speed and access built into the system. It is time to rethink how much we have given away to moving cars rapidly at the cost of human lives. Reduce vehicle speeds and enforce by license plate readers. This will pay for alternative infrastructure on its own.
TI	Easy access to transit on the north side is one of the many reasons I live where I do. RELIABLE transit should be available to all across the city making it easy to get to work or go out with friends. Funding for these projects should be carefully considered to not pull funds from other neighborhoods or strictly rely on TIF for the main funding source.
TI	We need more reliable public transit. If Chicago continues to sell itself as a world class city, we need to make sure our public transportation is world class as well. Trains need to run far more frequently, bus routes need reliable and steady service throughout the day. We need to move on and stop using Covid as an excuse as to why CTA is becoming so unreliable.
TI	We should have a network of protected bike lanes blanketing the city.

TI	Yes, please prioritize all transportation that isn't cars. Make bike paths. Make bike paths that are protected. Make bike paths that are separate from the road cars use. Why can't there be more bike paths or have all bike paths be next to the sidewalk and have parked cars in the other side with a concrete barrier in between? Completely separate from the road. It would make biking infinitely more safe and result in less death and less motorists killing those commuting by bike. Please make bike lanes so plentiful that it is easier and quicker to commute by bike than it is to drive. More people off the roads will help with pollution, make roads less congested for those who want to or need to drive cars, etc. Making transport that isn't cars the priority like separate bike lanes everywhere, public transit that is effective like train lines that connect not just at the loop and more of them, and sidewalks that are nice to walk on everywhere (some roads still don't have sidewalks which is ridiculous) will improve so many subjects in regards to the life of Chicagoans. It will be better for everyone in so many ways including the budget of city since less money would be spent on road construction. I want to take transit and bike all the time for everything. It's cost effective, better for the environment, better health wise, more enjoyable, and is better for everyone. Me not being on the road in a car is better for me and better for everyone else. I don't want to be on the road in a car. Please make our city better for everyone in literally almost every way.
TI	Improve Bike Path network
TI	I don't see any sign from the survey that action will be taken to reduce the impact of big roads and car traffic on communities. Support walking and biking!
TI	Parking should be deprioritized around the city. No new buildings should require parking.
AC	1.4.A: Increase efforts with educational entities and institutions to help creative workers acquire the necessary skills, partnerships and relationships to access quality jobs. 1.4.B: Increase resources for collaborations that support creative workers' entrepreneurial and artistic pursuits. 1.4.C: Identify and promote creative transferable skills and increase job opportunities for creative workers in other sectors. 1.4.D: Connect creative workers to resources, such as housing and health care, to enable individuals to sustain and grow careers in Chicago. Consider adding a new policy or revising existing policy: Policy 1.4.A-D: Consider a focus on youth ages 18–30 who struggle the most to find resources upon entry into the arts world.
ECE	Under Objective 1.2: Consider adding a policy that addresses support for low-income communities during extreme weather events, such as heat waves which are a result of climate change. This could include housing, cooling centers, and flood remediation. Note: Cross-Pillar Opportunity with Public, Health & Safety Pillar
ED	Under Objective 1.3: Consider a new policy under Objective 1.3 Grow individual and household wealth through asset ownership to prioritize opportunities to acquire vacant land to families impacted by housing discrimination.
CCE	Under Objective 2.2: Consider a new policy to maintain strong implementation and enforcement of legislation designed to protect workers' rights, including the Fair Workweek Ordinance and protections related to organizing.
ECE	Under Objective 4.1: Consider a new policy around prioritizing beautification of the built environment, especially in communities most affected by environmental degradation. Emphasize the connection between what your surroundings look like and how they make you people feel.
AC	4.1: Expand the focus of the City's marketing efforts to highlight the cultural assets and programming of all community areas. Proposed new policy: Under Objective 4.1: Consider adding a policy that focuses on promoting local assets (stories and narratives) through an arts curriculum. NOTE: Cross-pillar opportunity with Lifelong Learning.
ECE	Under Objective 4.6: Consider a new policy around engaging youth in decision-making and workforce development programs that have an impact on environmental change.
CCE	Under objective 5.1: Consider a new policy that calls for explicitly including community engagement in the City's budget-
TI	One note: I am not keen on fully battery operated buses. Having enough buses to have frequent and reliable service should take precedence over electrifying the fleet with primarily battery-run buses. In my ideal world we would bring back the trolleybuses which ran off of catenary wires. Buses could still have batteries but would only require enough to fill gaps in the system (e.g. batteries for 30 minutes max operation), reducing weight and increasing efficiency.
TI	I think the focus on allowing people not to have to use a car by offering quick, frequent (Less than 5 min headways on trains during peak times), and safe public transport is imperative!
TI	It doesn't seem like trade-offs are being framed well; most of the goals sound good, but hard to imagine how they will all be achieved without significant disruption to the status quo, e.g., expectation of cheap gas, free and plentiful parking, and allocating road capacity for cars.
TI	Expand the CTA to vulnerable areas and opportune areas to increase flow of people and vibrancy across the city, and to decrease gridlock
TI	Public transit should operate longer hours on weekends.
TI	There are many healthcare deserts in Chicago and more often than not access to transportation is limited. We need to focus on a system that allows our pregnant and parenting families easy access to transportation to help positively impact the infant and maternal mortality rates in Chicago.
TI	Make transit safety, reliability, and cleanliness the number one priority, because all other goals will be pointless if people do not feel transit is clean, safe, and reliable. Spoiler alert: Chicago public transit is not currently clean, safe, and reliable.
TI	The city must provide safe sidewalks and bike lanes. It is not enough to call a road a bike corridor and put a sharrow on it. I would love to bike to and from work, but I do not feel safe biking home at night because I am afraid that a car or truck will run me over in the places where there is no barrier separated bike lane. You cannot plan future mobility projects based on current mobility trends. There is a latency of people who would bike around the city or take the bus or take the train instead of driving if the infrastructure was more accessible and more safe. To that end, the city must prioritize bus service on major corridors through BRT and dedicated bus lanes. On street parking for private cars should not be prioritized over the transportation needs of hundreds of thousands of city residents.

TI	Please consider gender-based violence in the design of new transit infrastructure. Design for high visibility in public spaces and significant and consistent lighting at night--particularly in areas with high foot traffic on routes frequently taken by women and female identifying residents. Make sure there is a strategy in place to prevent AND RESPOND TO instances of GBV (particularly sexual violence) within our transit network. If someone is, for example, masterbating in front of female passengers on the bus or train at night, or groping female passengers during peak transit times--the general public does not know what to do about this or who to contact. We know that: 1. Women represent the largest share of public transport users globally 2. Sexual violence absolutely happens to users of our transit network during commutes 3. It's a serious hinderance to women's mobility/freedom of movement, access to opportunities, and overall safety You (the person reading this survey response!) can play a role in thoughtfully planning for the prevention of adverse incidents of this nature. Please let me know there is any information I can share (lists of best practices/evidence-based interventions from peer cities, data on GBV in transit settings, etc.) to help on the policy planning side of this issue. Seriously--you can email me anytime. I have files on files on files of relevant information on exactly this topic. It's taken years to source and I'm happy to share if it helps save you time. -Jackie Genova Former director with UN Women USA Former president of the United Nations Association of Chicago Current PhD candidate in Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy (studying GBV and transport in cities). My email is jgenova@unachicago.org
TI	Yeah, I think there needs to be more investments in the safety and reliability of public transit to make sure everyone continues to feel comfortable using it as a primary option. I also feel there should be a section on TOD's and the need to add incentives to developers to create developments near public transit Finally, it would be great to add a section on the need for more recreational paths in the city (i.e. 606 trail) as a way for all areas of Chicago to recreate and enjoy the outdoors.
TI	Increased funding to ensure reliable arrival of transit is needed. Increased funding to address real public safety issues on transit for users, as well as perceived public safety issues for potential users, is necessary now.
TI	There is a huge need for more, better connections outside of just downtown. Increased North-South and East-West transit corridors (outside those that lead downtown) would be incredibly helpful in connecting the city and strengthening the transit network. Both new and existing transit needs to be reliable and fast, preferably with dedicated infrastructure, however.
TI	STOP THE BS ABOUT EQUITY. I TAKE THE CTA & I AM A FEMALE-HIRE MORE POLICE ON THE CTA & LET THEM DO THEIR JOBS SO CRIME STOPS>
TI	Safe bike lanes are necessary, especially on the south/SW side! Additionally, the CTA should increase reliability. Intersections with crosswalks need to be evaluated to ensure safety. The crossing at 75th & Pulaski, where Daley College is, is unsafe as cars blow the stop light regularly. It's hard to take public transportation to College if I'm risking my life crossing the street.
TI	Under Goal 5, I think a specific subpoint addressing electric infrastructure should be added. Policy and funding to support EVs will fall flat if our electrical infrastructure isn't suitable to take on increased load.
TI	Goals are nice, but I'm very concerned about the follow through. What are the actionable steps for any given neighborhood? How can interested residents get involved?
TI	Consider the arts sector in public transportation planning and operating--can we get around the city in the evenings to get to events in various neighborhoods?
TI	How are you rethinking our design manuals for roads so that moving cars quickly and allowing parking nearly everywhere becomes less of a priority?
TI	Emphasis should be put on the problem of gridlock. Gridlock amounts to a significant loss of productivity and a significant contributor to air pollution. It seems like a mile in Chicago is far greater than a mile elsewhere. Unfortunately, CDOT appears to ignore this problem. CDOT keeps decreasing the number and width of traffic lanes. Planters in the center of main streets should be eliminated. I have already been stuck in traffic, next to an ambulance, where, thanks to gridlock and planters, the ambulance could not move. A perfect example of the problem is the 18th Street bridge. Instead of two lanes in each direction, there is only one, plus bike lanes. The bike lanes have relatively little use, while the motorized traffic is backed up. There are also places, like on Milwaukee Ave. bridges, where there is only one lane in each direction for motorized vehicles, but TWO for bikes. The City is too interested in making the City a biker's paradise. Bikers, who get away with running stoplights in major intersections, are a well-organized vocal minority, so the more noise they make, the more politicians want to fulfill their demands. Their number could be increased ten fold, and their number still would not approach the number of motorized vehicles. I am tired of being stuck in traffic, while the bike lanes are empty. Drivers pay for annual city stickers, license plate stickers/registration, and many other fees and fines, while bikers pay nothing. They should get what they pay for.
TI	New El lines and prioritize the outer loop should be a major priority
LL	Suggested revision to policy 1.1.A: Create a City advisory committee of neighborhood organizations and local non-profit partners to enhance collaboration with places of learning and decision making within City government.
ECE	Policy 1.3.B: Partner with public and private sectors and universities to effectively manage, monitor, and communicate air, land, and water quality to protect human and ecosystem health (including digital and accessibility requirements). Suggested revision: Policy 1.3.B: Partner with public and private sectors and universities to effectively manage, monitor, and communicate air, land, and water quality to protect human and ecosystem health (including digital and accessibility requirements).
LL	Suggested revision to Policy 2.3.B: Provide additional funding and services to ensure equitable access to the workforce, regardless of ability, language, age, mental health and immigration status.
ED	4.3.D Explore the creation of new dedicated funding sources for economic development and housing targeted for investment in South and West Side neighborhoods. Consider revising policy 4.3.D: Explore the creation of new dedicated funding sources for economic development and housing targeted for investment that represents community priorities in South and West Side neighborhoods.
LL	Suggest revision to policy 5.3.A: Create a shared definition for a "community learning hub" and establish guidelines for access, services, and amenities (which could include additional community resources such as mental health services).
CCE	Suggested Policy revision to 1.2.A: Adopt guiding values and principles for City-led community engagement, including accountability structures, and support City staff in operationalizing them. (Example principles: Elevated Chicago Principles).
ED	Policy 2.2.B: Expand access to grant funding for small businesses citywide. Suggested revision to Policy 2.2.B: Expand access to consistent, sustainable grant funding for small businesses citywide.

AC	existing policy: 4.1.A: Improve availability of information about Chicago's creative sector to better communicate the breadth and richness of cultural offerings. existing policy: 4.1.C: Invest in long-term efforts to provide residents with information on the availability of arts and culture resources and how to access venues, programs and events citywide. Consider revision to policy or new policy: Policy 4.1.A and C: Consider a centralized database and asset mapping approach.
AC	Objective 2.2: Increase the number of creative businesses and cultural spaces in community areas that lack them. Under Objective 2.2: Consider a new policy to ensure neighborhood-based projects include neighborhood voices and are inspired by and build upon local culture.
AC	Policy 1.1.A: Collaborate with the creative sector to develop and distribute research that articulates its impact and identifies needs and current trends. Implementation Note: Continue to publish data around grant applications and awardee tracking race/ethnicity and geography.
AC	Policy 2.3.B: Increase the capacity of those in the creative sector to access financial resources, technical assistance, connections and opportunities available in the private sector. Implementation Note: Support ideas that bring resources to the community in different formats to increase availability of the arts.
AC	Consider revision to Policy Idea 3.2.A Increase funding to artists and arts organizations to deliver arts education across Chicago for learners of all ages and abilities, prioritizing communities with greatest need. Suggested revision 3.2.A: Support local organizations by expanding the marketing of existing arts programming.
AC	Current policy idea: 3.2.B Expand professional and technical support to artists, arts organizations, and community organizations providing out-of-school arts education in neighborhoods across Chicago. Consider revision: 3.2.B: Consider professional mentorship as an implementation strategy for providing professional or technical assistance to education programming.
CCE	Access to food (ex. lack of food deserts) came up as a service that participants expect the City to provide or ensure for residents. This topic intersects with Public Health & Safety.
CCE	Promoting digital literacy among older residents, perhaps through multigenerational learning, can help increase access to City services may overlap with Lifelong Learning.
ECE	Emphasize the connection between the ECE pillar and all other pillars. The environment has an impact on health; open space benefits mental health; and beautification has an impact on economic development and safety.
ECE	There is a cross-pillar opportunity with Transportation & Infrastructure and Public Health & Safety to address safety on transit for youth. If young people don't feel safe on transit, they turn to automobiles, which has an effect on public transit and air quality in the region.
ECE	There is an opportunity to coordinate with Public Health & Safety and directly link pollution from industry, including impact on air quality, water quality, and soil quality to health outcomes, especially in the communities most affected by environmental degradation.
HN	Review and update existing policy criteria. Increase funding to maintain/improve existing affordable housing; create grants for landowners; reassess the home value assessment programs; strengthen the housing voucher program.
ECE	All the studies you want to do are a waste of money, take too long and/or too much money is spent on them. Then nothing gets accomplished due to waiting for a "study".
HN	Under Objective 3.5: Create programming/funding that targets housing accessibility for young people and previously incarcerated people.
HN	Consider how the priority of upgrading schools impacts Housing & Neighborhoods, Economic Development, Lifelong Learning and Public Health & Safety.
HN	When developing programs, broaden the definition of eligibility for assistance. The City of Chicago could hire more staff in decision-making roles who have lived experience to help determine eligibility.
ECE	Scrape your current recycling plan. Everything in one bin MTA (NYC) style - recycle at sorting facility for higher recycling rate. OR just pick-up recycling more often - once a week for trash and every other week for recycling = you have it backwards.
ECE	Too many goals and objectives would require funds not available in order to implement. Too many goals are unrealistic and vague.
ECE	No more toxic and harmful industrial facilities on the South Side. Save & protect the South Shore sanctuary - we need more nature spaces on the South & West sides. Stop letting property owners from building up and out on their property with concrete that removes landscaping that helps prevent flooding.
LL	Objective 1.3: Consider micro-communities that may differ from neighborhood boundaries.
AC	Consider adding a transit arts pass policy
LL	When developing job training programs, educate members of the legal system (ex. judges, public defenders) about the opportunities. Create campaigns for promoting programs throughout all levels of the system.
CCE	Decision making power, accountability, and transparency: voucher holders do not have a say in the decisions that impact them. Unlike public housing residents, voucher holders do not have a formal outlet within the CHA to take part in the decision making. There have been several attempts throughout the years to create a forum for voucher holders to formally advise the CHA but these attempts have failed largely due to a lack of commitment, resources, and follow through from the CHA. Voucher holders need a seat at the table in influencing policies. Additionally, at the community level, certain wards have a better process for including community in decision making than others-all wards should have the same process for community participation in decision making. The City Council approves of the CHA Board, they should set standards for the dedication of seats for voucher holders. Additionally, there should be a more democratic election process with voucher holders involved in selected who represents them on the board. The CHA should also regularly report to the City Council and the City Council needs more oversight not just over the board but the actions and policies of the CHA. At the ward level, there needs to be more accountability to the community for how aldermen spend funds (aldermanic menu program) and where public dollars are allocated. We Will Policy Priorities: CCE.2.2.E(Community Engagement): Work with City departments and sister agencies to ensure and track that underrepresented residents and/or identities are included in decision making boards, like public commissions and governing boards (e.g. Housing Choice Voucher holders on CHA Board)

CE	CCE.5.1.C(Community Engagement): Explore alternative structures to equitably include neighborhood representatives in decision making processes. (i.e., Ward-based Community Development Advisory Councils, community tables, remapping processes, etc.)
ED	These goals seem like aspirational statements, and less like concrete objectives that can be funded and met. It would be more inspirational to see and provide feedback on concrete, large-scale and targeted investments, such as specific growth industries that will be targeted for equitable education, training, and development; specific capital and funding commitments to fund neighborhood and business development; ambitious asset-building programs such as savings, homebuying, and home repair programs.
LL	When designing programs, explore multiple uses and community resources within the community learning hubs with the support and knowledge of the local service providers and non-profit organizations.
LL	Consider hours of operations for community learning hubs should include programming into the evening for children and young adults.
PHS	Communication regarding public health resources should be done through local, trusted organizations.
PHS	When designing programs, it is important to provide neighborhood-based, localized care to improve access and ability to meet local needs.
PHS	In addition to strengthening public health systems for behavioral and mental health, implementation should focus on reducing the stigma for receiving care, which is a key component of improving outcomes.
PHS	Use community learning hubs identified in Lifelong Learning to offer mental and behavioral health services.
ED	Objective 1.4: Grow community wealth through local, democratic, shared ownership and control of neighborhood assets. Policy 1.4B: Technical support for CWB models will be incredibly helpful. In particular, training about the taxation, decisionmaking, and dispute resolution in these less common entities will be helpful, and training in Spanish is desperately needed. Policy 1.4D: We have grave reservations about the wording of this policy to provide Land Banks and Land Trusts with “first access” to off-market properties. Land banks and land trusts do not necessarily represent local, democratic, shared ownership and control in line with Objective 1.4. Indeed, that form of land ownership can put up screens and barriers for local people trying to develop property. Residents with business ideas sometimes have a difficult time navigating the acquisition process when land is in a land bank or land trust. If there are individuals with a vision for property being put to productive use in the neighborhood, they should have equal, streamlined access to acquire and develop it. The We Will Chicago plan provides for clearer guidance and better efficiency for the acquisition of vacant properties, and we caution that Policy 1.4D, as worded, could counteract those efforts. Objective 2.3: : Increase the availability of quality, affordable real estate in viable commercial and industrial areas. Policy 2.3A: It would be very helpful to simplify zoning requirements and eliminate categories from special use permits, including personal services businesses and fortune tellers. We understand small businesses pay upwards of \$10,000 to go through the special use permit process, not to mention their lost rent and income while waiting for a decision, and the standards for the zoning board of appeals are vague. Chicago should eliminate this inequitable, expensive system for getting city approval to open a business. Policy 2.3B: We too hope for more and more successful Black and Latino developers, but we recommend rewording this policy. The city itself does not increase their success – their success comes from their savvy and hard work when obstacles are removed. ADD Policy 2.3E: Eliminate steps in the development process that allow aldermen or other city officials to pick and choose businesses that will be “allowed” to use property based on their own preferences. When city officials get to reject proposals of business types or building plans based on their own personal aesthetics, entrepreneurs are held back from experimentation, the process is too slow, costly, and unpredictable, and land stays vacant.
PHS	There is an opportunity to develop a coordinated approach to the disposal of City-owned land that will strengthen neighborhoods and improve outcomes for Chicagoans.
TI	Some aspects of feedback are (or can be) addressed in the Connected Communities Ordinance and the ways it is implemented through DPD and DOH initiatives.
TI	The feedback presents an opportunity for Transportation and infrastructure to work with the Public Health & Safety and Lifelong Learning pillars, to influence how planning considers all life stages and abilitiespeople’s abilities at all stages of life, and how information is shared with the public.
TI	The feedback presents an opportunity for Transportation & Infrastructure to work with the Economic Development pillar to reinforce the connections among public transit, multimodal transportation options, and jobs. This pillar could also align with Economic Development on exploring clean and new energy alternatives, and with Public Health & Safety on impacts of and solutions to environmental issues.
TI	The feedback presents an opportunity for Transportation & Infrastructure to work with the Lifelong Learning pillar to develop and market model-making, to engage the public in culture-shifting actions, and to engage publics in shaping people-centric transportation planning.
CCE	Objective 4.1 Policy 4.1C and 4.1D are extremely important. We encourage the city to partner with community organizations that have expertise to produce transparent, easy to understand guidelines. We encourage the city to track frequently asked questions about city processes, so that the city can identify areas of confusion and share guidance with the public consistently and openly. We encourage the city to survey residents about the time it took to complete a process and what was confusing, so that the city can continuously improve and streamline processes based on the experiences of residents. ADD Policy 4.1E: Remove outdated guidance from city’s web sites. ADD Policy 4.1F: Remove debt checks from city processes wherever possible so that the inequities of indebtedness are not amplified by city processes, such as business license applications. Objective 5.1: Establish standards and structures for community-driven decision-making We have serious reservations about the policies listed under Objective 5.1. Efforts to engage the community in decisions about development can exacerbate tendencies toward protectionism, anti-competitive or exclusionary practices, or resistance to innovation or diversity. For example, a ward-based community development advisory council might include a vocal restaurant owner who is biased against a new restaurant arriving in the neighborhood. Neighborhood standards for signage and aesthetics may reject aesthetics that are valued by marginalized communities or reject anything new and innovative, simply because it is different. A small unelected group of community members should not have the power to decide the fate of another resident’s business dream.

HN	Under Objective 1.1: Consider a new policy to develop uniform, inclusive, community engagement standards for addressing neighborhood issues and ensure transparent decision-making and accountability to communities. Cross-pillar opportunity with Civic & Community Engagement
HN	Addressing discrimination: The City and CHA need to work together to aggressively target housing providers with an education and enforcement campaign on fair housing and other relevant laws and responsibilities and launch a public campaign to signal to landlords that the city takes a hardline stance against illegal discrimination in all its forms. •We Will Policy Priority:1.3.B (Housing): Ensure housing choice voucher holders can obtain housing by partnering with Chicago Housing Authority to educate housing providers, including providing technology upgrades, and increasing enforcement against discrimination.
HN	Housing conditions issues: Housing inspections are not catching health hazards. The power imbalance with landlords means landlords can threaten displacement or retaliate for making conditions issues complaints. Because landlords hold a disproportionate amount of power in the landlord/tenant relationship, particularly for voucher holders, voucher holders feel inhibited from reporting issues for fear of losing their homes, and with the lack of alternative housing options available due to discrimination, discrepancies in market cost and voucher value, and other factors, losing one's homes could mean losing long term housing stability.[The City must invest in better and proactive inspections for health and safety standards, better renter rights and protections against retaliation and displacement, and greater instruction and resources to landlords to follow and abide by renter protections, including the RLTO.]We Will Policy Priorities:HN.1.1.C (Housing): Establish and adequately resource predictive and proactive residential inspection programs using data from 311 calls, utility and property tax delinquencies, and other indicators to prevent housing from going into a state of disrepair, so that residents are protected from environmental health hazards and small housing owners are supported in making necessary upgrades.HN.2.3.C (Housing): Enact eviction protections to protect marginalized tenants from eviction without cause, especially Black and Latino tenants, who are at the highest risk of eviction. HN.2.3.D (Housing): Permanently increase resources for tenant supports, such as through an Office of Tenant Advocate or similar structure, to provide early assistance, and also legal aid through universal right to counsel or a dedicated City department providing legal counsel.
HN	HN Revision: Older adults should be explicitly targeted by the Affordable Requirements Ordinance (ARO) along with families with children and people with disabilities. According to the De Paul Institute for Housing Studies, more than one in four (27.3%) of senior households (aged 65 and older) are concentrated in the lowest cost neighborhoods, as of 2018. This is a 15% increase over 2010. From H.O.M.E.'s experience in providing repair services to low-income senior homeowners south of North Avenue (including as a Chicago contractor in the Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors, or SARFS, Program), a Shopping Bus for 30 seniors buildings include 10 Chicago Housing Authority buildings, and Moving Assistance for seniors who are moving within the City, this population is overwhelmingly Black. Housing older adults is integral to racial equity.
HN	Provide incentives and financing for intergenerational, communal housing.H.O.M.E. recommends incentives for intergenerational housing and models of communal or co-housing for older and younger adults. This would allow for integration at the level of the community as well as the building itself. It is a win-win model that not only provides affordable, safe, and accessible housing, but community for otherwise isolated younger and older adults, and –for the young adult –a job as a Resident Assistant too.
HN	Incorporate "Housing First" goals in the We Will Chicago plan. Too many Chicagoans experiencing homelessness are relegated to nursing homes even when they are not ill. We would urge that leasing and marketing of ARO units include individuals who are unstably housed. They need housing first and perhaps solely.
HN	We Will Policy Priorities: 1.3.C (Housing): Develop centralized, user-friendly public database and waitlist for publicly-funded affordable housing units, including units that are accessible to people with disabilities 1.4.B (Housing): Expand funding for lower-income renters and homeowners to make accessibility improvements to their units when needed. 1.4.D (Housing): Audit existing publicly-funded affordable housing and homeless shelters
HN	Ensure housing is available for families with children throughout the City.The ARO units in higher income areas should accommodate families, not "young professionals" and "empty nesters."
HN	Improve enforcement of fair housing and landlord/tenant laws. There's little point to having civil rights on the books if the City does not enforce these, or educate real estate professionals and the public.
HN	Make the expansion of "aging in community" programs and policies a top spending priority, especially in historically disinvested neighborhoods. Funding for home repairs to help seniors and people with disabilities remain in their homes such as SARFS is woefully inadequate. It covers too few repairs, and there's virtually no funding for ramps, roofs, porches, furnaces, and sewage systems to make a meaningful dent in the low quality of life too many people are living on a daily basis. Since the pandemic shut-down ended, seniors are even more setback in the need for repairs. This past year, H.O.M.E. has completed an average of 9 repairs per senior home (on the south and west sides exclusively), compared to a prior average of 6 repairs, a 67% increase. The City can also be incentivizing cross-systems collaboration between hospitals, housing groups, caregivers, and senior groups to make aging in community feasible. This will also address the "death gap," as Dr. David Ansell of Rush describes it, between the life expectancies between people in low-income and wealthy neighborhoods.
HN	Focus on increase public or communal spaces throughout the City to incentivize engagement and community. New buildings should have community rooms, patios, gardens, playgrounds and other spaces for people to gather across age, religious, income, race, LGBTQ+ and other groups. This is what Jane Jacobs called "social seams." For Chicago to thrive, it needs social seams for people to gather safely and eliminate social isolation.
HN	3.5.C (Housing): Ensure every community has accessible, safe and activated spaces to gather, including parks, community centers, libraries, youth centers, artist hubs, and health centers
CCE	What measures are being taken to address fraud and corruption in the Building Division in Chicago ?
ALL	1. The word "resiliency" is a <i>pretentious</i> synonym for "resilience" which itself is a pretentious stretch from its basic meaning in Physics. You're just using it to make people feel good.
ALL	2. "Utilize" is nothing but a wasteful synonym for "use." It wastes characters, syllables, and cyberspace. It's <i>pretentious</i> . Stop using it.

CCE, ALL	CCE data pg 37: You are not clear on the concept of Community Area. On p. 37, you speak of "77 communities" in Chicago. There are 77 <i>Community Areas</i> in Chicago. These are official, and the words should be capitalized. The word "community" is somewhat vague, which is okay. The concept of Community Area is well and explicitly defined for Chicago. On pp. 61, 72, and probably more, you failed to correctly capitalize Community Area(s) where you used this term.
HN	Homeownership: The City must work with the CHA to enhance, improve, and promote the CHA's Choose to Own Program for voucher holders. This can be accomplished through better and more accessible educational materials, better partnerships such as with Community Land Trusts, and public/private partnerships, need one-on-one navigators or mentors to help new HCV homeowners through the process. We Will Policy Priorities: 2.1.D (Housing): Support innovative models of homeownership such as limited equity housing cooperatives, community land trusts and the Chicago Housing Authority's Choose to Own program through subsidies, technical assistance and partnerships.
HN	Supportive Housing: Need to expand supportive housing programs for those most in need. Housing for the homeless, those with health and mental health needs, and others at higher risk of housing instability. Investing in rapid rehousing and case managers is key. One-on-one support through Housing Navigators is also essential. Also, expand low rate, single room rental housing. This can be done through City/state subsidies to refurbish homes, old motels or other unused buildings would create single rooms for rent at low rates. We Will Policy Priorities: 1.3F (Housing): Build on the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Preservation Ordinance and the 2022 SRO Loan Fund to preserve and rehabilitate SRO units, which are a critical housing option for low-income residents
PHS	I hope Mayor Lightfoot will dramatically reduce neighborhood crime ASAP.
HN	Ensure that affordable housing is affordable in perpetuity. Nowhere in the report is it mentioned that unless there is a deed restriction or the housing is part of a Community Land Trust, affordability periods generally expire in 15 to 30 years, based on the finance mechanism. That is unacceptable, given that this is about market-rate housing. We recommend either having a CLT own and manage the inclusionary units for the developer (as Community Partners for Affordable Housing does in Highland Park and other suburbs) or establish a deed restriction.
HN	As members of the AFH Advisory Committee, we strongly believe that this existing document (the Blueprint) must serve as a foundation underpinning the We Will Chicago Plan and providing direction for We Will's housing related goals and policy priorities. The draft We Will Chicago Plan landing page includes a Policy Ideas document that was developed through community engagement; this document contains many proposals that align with The Blueprint's existing goals and strategies. In the attached matrix, we identify these key areas of overlap. It is our intent to uplift policy areas that should be prioritized and memorialized within the final We Will Chicago Plan. The goals are pulled directly from The Blueprint and under each goal, we connect high priority Blueprint strategies to We Will policy ideas. We urge the City to incorporate these strategies into the final published and adopted We Will Chicago Plan.
PHS	Under Objective 5.1: Consider a policy to ensure safe access to and from transit centers and public spaces.
PHS	3.2.B (Health): Fund and support the establishment of health-centered community centers in high-need neighborhoods to link people to health-supporting government and community programs
ED	Pillar 3, Black and Latino business priorities may be different and should not be lumped together.
TI	2.3.A (Transportation) Work with the RTA, CTA, Pace, Metra, CMAP, and City Departments to develop and implement programs expanding transit access and affordability to more Chicagoans through coordination of projects, fare initiatives, schedules, and transfers
ED	The current section of We Will Chicago, mentions manufacturing once. We need a Goal 6 focused on re-building our manufacturing sector. Today, according to World Business Chicago, manufacturing represents 11% of GDP—about the same as the West Bank in Palestine. Beginning in the late 1970s and through the 1990s, Chicago lost 4,000 out of 7,000 companies and over 200,000 manufacturing jobs. Chicago's communities were devastated, and none have recovered to this day. Instead, we see high figures of unemployment, poverty, and incarceration—particularly on Chicago's West and South sides. We see a dramatic loss of tax revenue. Residents depend on a weak social safety net for medical services when once they benefited from health insurance paid by the company. Many of our children have no concept of what manufacturing is much less how they might secure a career in this sector. Many think that manufacturing is dead. Nothing could be further from the truth. It's changed as it has shifted to the use of more advanced technologies requiring a more highly skilled workforce. It has challenges that our City can convert to opportunities. We must retain, redesign, and rebuild our manufacturing sector. Why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing wages--when you include benefits—are on average, \$85,000 a year. It is the foundation for a broad-based middle class. • High wages contribute to re-building our city's tax base; • Each manufacturing job generates 6 other jobs in the economy on average; and • Work in manufacturing requires skill and knowledge in technology, depends on working effectively in teams, and encourages innovation. Manufacturing builds social capital—essential for our future. We will advance and embrace a new industrial policy: Inclusion & Industry 4.0. "Industry 4.0" is the international standard for business that welcomes the use of new technologies like robotics, digitalization, and artificial intelligence among others. "
ALL	Generally, are there measurable outcomes to accompany our objectives, pillars?

ALL	<p>Policy ideas:</p> <p>Real Estate Tax Abatement for homeowners and potential buyers</p> <p>Vacant Lots Held by the COC to be given back to the citizens of the community</p> <p>Cease selling real estate taxes in these communities</p> <p>[Reparations for those living in the community and other Black Chicagoans that have been displaced due to the dismantling of public housing]</p> <p>Low Income Housing</p> <p>Affordable Housing</p> <p>Access to Technology and free WiFi</p> <p>Access to Fresh Food (Grocery Stores - Seasonal Farmers Markets)</p> <p>Mental Health Centers with office hours</p> <p>[Access to restorative justice metrix and a rubrik that supports the prevention of prison sentencing]</p> <p>Green Spaces</p> <p>Senior Housing starting at age 55</p> <p>Healthcare Clinic Public Health Centers with Wellness and Preventive Wellness Checks</p> <p>Access to meditation, breath work, and yoga</p> <p>[A Board and Community Advisory Board of Black and Brown (BIPOC) Chicagoans to be of service to committees to be present and active with each program or plan.]</p>
TI	<p>Goal 1.1.C (Transportation): Formalize a program of data metrics and performance standards for use by all City departments, wards, and partner agencies to evaluate, implement, and monitor transportation and infrastructure projects prioritizing equity, safety, accessibility, and sustainability</p>
ED	<p>4. On p. 52, you say you will "Identify and remove barriers to job participation." Like the age discrimination which nixed my expected interview with The Home Depot this spring? How about all kinds of job discrimination? Will your plan commit to helping all Chicago residents who want/need a job, secure true full employment, per my attached article? Will it include ME? Will Mayor Lightfoot and all the honchos of this plan sign my petition to prove their support?</p>
PHS	<p>We are writing to express our support of Policy Idea #3.5.C – in which a stipend of \$500 would be given to all new parents when they have a baby. LIFT is a nonprofit in Chicago that works with parents and strongly believes in the power of cash for parents in need. We would like to see this idea implemented in the upcoming year and would be happy to help provide an strategic insights from our work into the design and implementation.</p>
ALL	<p>Unfortunately, outside of some data and vague goals, most of the 600 policy recommendations made by leaders from across the city were not included in the draft plan that was released in mid July 2022 . In contrast, many pages of the City of Chicago 1966 Comprehensive Plan, have very specific recommendations that often name specific infrastructure and institutions that are to be built and often with specific funding sources named. I believe that the 600+ policy recommendations should be integrated into the plan and not listed separately.</p>
ALL	<p>Dear Developers, I have read and tried to respond to the plan through the Surveys without success. Using a different browser and information from tech support, I will work on the survey again before the deadline. It appears that the survey is a series of Likert scales regarding the goals of each Pillar; perhaps there is room for further comment at the end of the survey as a whole, but in case there is not, I'd like to provide the following feedback.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Congratulations not only undertaking the task, but on completing the Plan in the timeframe you have. It represents mammoth amounts of work and coordination. 2.) Speaking of coordination, I hope that the Chicago Plan Commission is able to improve interagency efforts once the Plan is adopted. Looking at the list of subplans at the end of the document, it is clear that coordination is needed. 3.) The terminology equity and resiliency seems to me to be spot-on as to what's needed in Chicago at this time. 4.) That said, the page 14 definition of Historical Reckoning, reckoning being a term that appears several places in the document, is problematic to me. Is a reckoning an accounting? I am certain that plan coordinators chose wording very deliberately, but that word has some religious overtones that I don't find appropriate and that could be off-putting. I would like to stress that the "How Did We Get Here?" section and all of the very difficult truths elaborated therein, as hard as they are, is something I know not only from research, but observation. Would "accounting" fulfill the intent of the term? 5.) I assume that the Pillars are not in any order of importance. 6.) Regarding Pillar 3, I am happy to have seen that the Invest South/West initiative is based on and working to fulfill many of the goals elaborated therein. Good for Mayor Lightfoot and Commissioner Cox for pushing that priority. 7.) Also in Pillar 3, Black and Latino business priorities may be different and should not be lumped together. 8.) Also in Pillar 3: One of the only mentions that ALL OF US IN CHICAGO should feel a part of one another's neighborhoods in Goal 5. Segregation is the result of all of the historic sins denoted throughout the document, and until we experience one another, we will not be unified. 9.) Try as I might, I can't figure out what "Hardships" are included in the "Hardship Index" denoted in Pillars 4 and 5. There are many, and their effects are different in different areas of concern.10.) I am glad that access to broadband internet is included in Goal 8. When COVID hit and classes were conducted remotely, I immediately knew from experience working with middle-graders in 20 CPS schools that inequities were about to get worse. I know that internet access is CRITICAL for the adult population as well, especially in the area of Civic Engagement and access to employment. 11.) I find the lack of emphasis on the importance of CPS in the Lifelong Learning Pillar disappointing. Having had the privilege of working in research projects in many underserved schools as well as having been a lifelong middle-grades educator, including the principalship, in a middle-class suburb, I know what more could be done for the youngsters of our city, and I know the good that staff there is doing. I didn't see many educators included in the list of researchers on that Pillar, although I can imagine a couple of reasons which could include that they denoted themselves as volunteers first or that the schools did not wish them to identify specific locations. And--Bring on the arts in CPS as noted in Pillar 1. I hope to complete the survey as such this coming week, and I hope you will
ALL	<p>Unfortunately, outside of some data and vague goals, most of the 600 policy recommendations made by leaders from across the city were not included in the draft plan that was released in mid July 2022 . In contrast, many pages of the City of Chicago 1966 Comprehensive Plan, have very specific recommendations that often name specific infrastructure and institutions that are to be built and often with specific funding sources named. I believe that the 600+ policy recommendations should be integrated into the plan and not listed separately.</p>

TI HN	In general, I found the plan incredibly depressing and disappointing. So much of the justification for the goals and objectives was inadequate or entirely lacking. Citing national statistics was not helpful. Some of the survey questions did not accurately represent the portion of the plan about which they were asking questions. Instead of asking questions that would elicit meaningful responses, the questions were often phrased in a way that steered the participant in one particular direction. Due to that kind of dishonest survey structure, the results of the survey cannot be fairly said to support the elements of the plan. Actual and perceived social and economic inequities are not a good starting point for developing what should have been a comprehensive plan to provide Chicago with a path forward. I found the acknowledgement of systemic inequities especially flawed and irrelevant. It was not necessary, and it did nothing to advance the plan. At best, it cited a few factors that contributed to the situation we find ourselves in today. However, by selectively citing a limited variety of factors it fails to adequately capture most or many of the reasons Chicago is the way it is today. The information on the web site indicates that equity and resiliency were fundamental guiding principles. I found that while the plan did define equity and resiliency, many of the goals and objectives of the plan did not adhere to those definitions. For example, the plan defines equity as: Equity is both an outcome and a process that results in fair and just access to opportunity and resources that provide everyone the ability to thrive. However, in many places in the plan it is made very clear that objective is not to provide fair and just access to opportunity and resources to everyone. Instead, the plan often focuses on limiting its efforts to select communities and people based on color rather than income or need. Such a foundation is racist to the core and not fair or just. And in some areas, the goals and objectives seem to seek to punish certain people or activities while unjustly favoring others. That is especially the case in the transportation area where bike riders and walkers are greatly favored over the many people who must use gasoline powered vehicles. No consideration is given to those who must drive. Instead, those who bike or walk are automatically assumed to be a higher priority than drivers. That is not fair or equitable. A huge flaw in the plan is the lack of any focus on asking the hard questions about whether or not the public investment in achieving the goals and objectives is fiscally responsible or will have any real chance of achieving the desired results. The plan often fails to define success for each goal and objective. When do the efforts under the plan end? When does the plan get reexamined to verify that the steps being taken are actually working? What does success look like for each goal and objective and how will the efforts to achieve each goal and objective be measure and evaluated? Possibly the biggest flaw in the plan is the total failure to place some responsibility on individuals for taking steps to help the goals and objectives be achieved. There is way too much focus on government providing all the solutions, answers, funding and results. If such plans are to succeed individuals must have some ownership and responsibility for taking part in the effort and doing their part. Another major flaw in the plan is its total failure to take into account the significant changes in the way people work and the impacts of Covid. The plan also ignores declining mass transit usage and the ongoing decline in population in some communities. Another major flaw is the failure to recognize that the housing stock in Chicago is aging across the entire city and a huge investment is needed to update, upgrade and improve that housing stock. Instead, the plan focuses too heavily on affordable housing without explaining who bears the ongoing costs to keep housing affordable.
TI	Thank you as well for your great presentation yesterday. We love Chicago. Jay (American-born kid who ran for non-profits; enclosed please find a photo) walks 40 minutes, one way, to school, every school day. If we can be of assistance to you or your team, please feel free to let us know. When you have a chance, could you please let me know if you will have trees planted on the South side of LaSalle Street?
PHS	Hoping the "WeWill" Team considers creating pocket healing gardens throughout Chicago, a city in pain.
ED	A Proposed Goal 6 for Economic Development: Implementing a New Industrial Policy for Chicago: Inclusion & Industry 4.0 Chicago's was known as the City of Big Shoulders referencing its concentration of manufacturing companies that provided good wages and benefits, and sustained communities in every section of the City. It was this sector that attracted hundreds of thousands of Black workers in the Great Migration. Of course, there was a negative aspect of manufacturing in companies that polluted the air and the land, in companies that pursued anti-labor strategies in the pursuit of profits, and in discrimination against immigrants and communities of color. But overall, residents of Chicago enjoyed a stable and secure livelihood. In the 1960s, manufacturing represented over 25% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). See Letters and Statements Tab for full letter.
TI	2.3.A (Transportation)Work with the RTA, CTA, Pace, Metra, CMAP, and City Departments to develop and implement programs expanding transit access and affordability to more Chicagoans through coordination of projects, fare initiatives, schedules, and transfers
TI	Under the Transportation Pillar, Metra recommends a policy concerning an effort to reduce on-street car parking in order to maximize curb space. The repurposed curb space can be repurposed for bike and transit lanes that will encourage alternative modes to driving.
AC	Comments collected from two convenings and website analysis
AC	Calls to acknowledge Chicago Cultural Planning processes and how this initiative aligns with those efforts.
TI	Page 2: Transportation impacts & gaps - I do not think impacts due to construction should be considered a gap, as it is a temporary impact and may be occurring to eliminate a gap in the infrastructure.
TI	Page 4: Goal 1 - None of the goals state anything about the impact the public transportation system has on the economy of the region. Investment in public transit infrastructure supports the economic sustainability and growth of the region. Consider adding an objective or policy in the Transportation or Economic Development pillar that identifies and strengthens the relationship(s) between transportation and economic development.
TI	Page 4: Goal 1 / Objectives - Consider adding here (or in the previous pillar on safety) an objective about increasing safety on transit and in neighborhoods where people are accessing transit. While safety concerns on transit are mostly related to CTA, in public meetings, Metra has heard that residents in communities/neighborhoods most impacted by violence feel unsafe walking to access Metra stations and other transit services, and therefore choose to drive to the station or not take transit at all
TI	Page 5: Supporting Data - Consider adding a map of accessible public transit facilities (with a 1/4 mile buffer?)
TI	Page 7: Bike Network Growth - Please break out what the 2010 baseline is comprised of (low-stress or other bikeways). Also consider adding a footnote defining what constitutes low-stress bikeways and other bikeways.
TI	Page 13: Vehicles miles and emissions for passenger and commercial vehicles - This Chart does not make sense to me. I do not understand the story it is trying to tell. Can you clarify its intent or re-do?
TI	Page 1 - Global comment from Metra: Please define 'transit' in this plan to include all services from CTA, Metra, and Pace, and include Metra in objectives and policies that should involve all of the transit agencies providing service within the city. Nearly a third of all Metra stations are within the city of Chicago, and we have an opportunity to be part of the solution to improve transit in the city.

ECE	Page 34: Objective ECE.5.3 - Consider including policies to expand bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure under this objective.
TI	Page 66: Goal TI.1 - Consider including affordable as a part of this goal. Affordability is a component of equity and access.
TI	Page 68: Objective TI.1.5 - This objective is an important component of neighborhoods or economic development, as it enables work (and education) from home options that currently may not be available. Consider also including broadband internet network policies in the neighborhood or economic development pillars.
TI	Page 68: Policy TI.2.1.A - Please add "Advance CTA and Metra public transit projects, such as CTA's Red Line Extension..." or other language that includes Metra in this policy. BRT routes and infill stations are also types of projects that should be advanced to expand public transit options.
TI	Page 69: Policy TI.2.2.C - Please add Metra to this policy
TI	Page 70: Objective TI.2.5 - Consider including a policy about supporting land uses and TOD developments that facilitate active transportation uses and public transportation -- or would that be redundant with Pillar 5: Environment, Climate, & Energy, Objective 5.3 and Community and Neighborhoods, Objective 3.2?
TI	Page 70: Objective TI.2.5 - I recommend a specific policy here or elsewhere in the transportation section about on-street car parking and working within the constraints of the parking meter deal and pricing un-metered parking spaces appropriately. This will help maximize curb space and encourage transit use and alternative modes to driving. 2.5.A and 2.5.D get at this but it should be more explicit given the extraordinary circumstances of Chicago's curb space and on-street parking.
TI	Page 70: Policy TI.2.5.D - Innovative strategies should be implemented not just evaluated - consider adding "Evaluate and implement innovative strategies..."
TI	Page 70: Objective TI.3.1 - Consider a policy under Objective 3.1 about implementation of CREATE, or ways to improve freight rail operation to improve safety and reduce pollution and traffic impacts to adjacent neighborhoods. I noticed that Policy 3.3.A mentions CREATE impacts on pedestrian crossings, but it does not support projects that reduce conflicts between freight and passenger rail service.
TI	Page 74: Policy TI.4.2.C - 4.2.C should state "...transit and rail stations." There are 77 Metra Stations in Chicago and language should be examined in goals and objectives to not just specify "transit stations" unless those include Metra Stations. Transit is not really defined in this document and we'd hate to think that people just consider "transit" to be "CTA".
TI	Page 75: Policy TI.5.1.D - Battery powered locomotives are difficult to acquire. In the short run, Metra is rehabilitating locomotives with engines that meet higher emission standards.
TI	Page 75: Policy TI.5.1.F - Pricing policies for what? Please clarify.
ECE	Objective ECE.2.1 - Consider including transportation planning as part of this
ECE	Page 12: Goal ECE.5 - Add here that not only housing should be advanced near transit, but transit, biking, and walking have to be made as competitive to driving for short trips to encourage mode shift and reduce car trips and associated emissions. Increased access to transit won't alone lower emissions from car trips, mode shift has to occur. Consider rewording.
ECE	ECE Objective .5.3 - Specifically add "Expand transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure to reduce single occupant vehicle trips as a climate mitigation strategy..."
ECE	Page 12: Goal ECE.5 - Consider adding here (or under goal 2 in the transportation section) an objective about specific targets for mode share by 2035/2040 in order to reduce emissions. This would make this section a lot stronger.
ECE	ECE goal 5: Supporting Data - Consider adding data on emissions from different modes of transportation to support the transit objective

