Idea #  List of Ideas In Vote Equity Ballot (Alphabetical Order)
  1 Abolish zoning restrictions that make it illegal to build anything besides single-family homes.
  2 Additional public safety funds should be invested in mental health, after school programs, and job training.
  3 Adopt a more equitable school funding formula that better accounts for differences in student and neighborhood needs and resources.
  4 Adopt rank or positional voting for local elections, allowing voters rank candidates as 1, 2, 3, etc.
  5 Align local elections with state and federal elections.
  6 Align school board districts to Local School Council boundaries. Groups of LSCs will then appoint board members from their elected members.
  7 Allow everyone in the gang database to challenge the designation that they are gang-affiliated, and eliminate harmful false accusations.
  8 Automatic voter registration.
  9 Automatically dismiss or divert cases involving non-violent juvenile misdemeanors that disproportionately impact young black and brown men.
 10 Balance central city investments with equitable investments in neighborhoods and to community organizations.
 11 Build affordable housing in the far Northwest Side communities that currently have little or no affordable housing options.
 12 Build hospitals and community health centers on south and west sides, and work toward a universal system of care that covers all people.
 13 Change election day to be during the summer to increase turnout.
 14 Change TIF regulations to allow TIF funds to be used for support services in schools like counselors, social workers, nurses and librarians.
 15 Chicago should impose a cap on the police budget so that new dollars go to preventative investments like mental health, after school programs, job training.
 16 Chicago should not require two forms of identification to register to vote.
 17 Consolidate all of Cook County into one unified school district, with equalized funding.
 18 Consolidate Metra, RTA, and CTA into one unified transit agency to eliminate waste and limit the effect of opposition to transit.
 19 Consolidate school campuses where inequities exist between proximate neighborhood schools, as was done with Ogden and Jenner schools.
 20 Consolidate wards to create a smaller City Council that will be better able to legislate.
 21 Coordinate Office of Labor Standards and Department of Public Health labor and safety law enforcement, to protect worker wages and safety.
 22 CPS should prioritize and reinvest in neighborhood public high schools, particularly those serving LatinX and African-American communities.
 23 Create a financial inclusion office to enforce consumer protections, reform inequitable taxes/fees, and ensure access to financial support.
 24 Create a municipal public works jobs program focused on investment and job creation in neighborhoods most harmed by racial injustice.
 25 Create a progressive sliding scale for fee-based services, such as transit, sewage, garbage removal, and water.
 26 Create a publicly-owned bank to ensure that money circulates within the city for the benefit of the public.
 27 Create a Senior Housing Bill of Rights with protections for our aging populations regardless of the type of building they live in.
 28 Create a Senior Housing Bureau, a city office that ensures that protective policies are upheld by building owners and management companies.
 29 Create a statutory waiver for the imposition of criminal court fees and costs on the poor.
 30 Create a transparent development and planning process that evaluates proposals based on equity and inclusion.
 31 Create an elected citizen oversight boards for the CTA.
 32 Create an elected city-wide Civilian Police Accountability Council.
 33 Create an Equitable Development Implementation Plan that pairs development near transit with strategies to reduce displacement.
 34 Create an income tax for Chicago residents with incomes over $1 million/yr (millionaire’s tax), to fund community investment.
 35 Create an independent board to evaluate and propose new attendance boundaries for CPS schools to decrease segregation.
 36 Create an independent policy review office to publish public evaluations of proposed ordinances before any City Council vote.
 37 Create an independent redistricting commission to draw ward maps.
 38 Create an instant runoff voting system, to enable voters to select the candidate they prefer instead of the *most viable* one.
 39 Create and implement a plan to replace or repair the infrastructure that is adding lead to the drinking water in our homes and our schools.
40. Create at least 40,000 youth jobs, summer and year-round jobs.
41. Create better online tools that show indicators of need, available public resources, and how city officials allocate those resources.
42. Create city wage boards to increase wages by industry.
43. Create civilian crisis-intervention teams to support people with behavioral health issues or who are in crisis.
44. Create committees made up of Local School Council members in each ward to advise aldermen and conduct annual racial equity audits.
45. Create community-based mediation/restorative-justice programs that will allow communities to defuse conflict and maintain peace.
46. Create elected Chicago Plan and TIF Commissions, to create more accountability in major planning projects.
47. Create elected Zoning Advisory Councils in all wards.
48. Create green jobs for Black and Brown communities building sustainable city infrastructure on the South and West sides.
49. Create green jobs for Black and Brown communities including the immediate remediation of lead contamination in Chicago’s water supply.
50. Create housing stability for renters, require landlords to provide a "just cause" for evictions.
51. Create more affordable and mixed-income housing that includes Chicago Housing Authority vouchers for families in all neighborhoods.
52. Create more transparency and accountability to the voters for mayoral appointments.
53. Create public platforms for discussion and collaboration between racial equity reform efforts.
54. Defend workers’ rights to organize and join a union.
55. Defund the police.
56. Develop an assessment tool to help communities understand and address adverse impacts of new development.
57. Dissolve CPD’s $4 million/day budget to fund domestic violence, homeless, and mental health services, schools, and local food systems.
58. Distribute all citywide TIF revenue equitably to neighborhoods based on factors like area unemployment, income, and past investment.
59. Divert Funds from High Stakes Testing, Police in Schools and Charter School Expansion to create more Sustainable Community Schools in CPS.
60. Divert funds from the City of Chicago’s $4 million/day Policing Budget and invest in mental health services and youth jobs and recreation.
61. Divest from policing and surveillance in schools, invest in restorative justice programs, mental health and supportive services in schools.
62. Do not open any new charter schools, instead, fully fund our neighborhood public schools.
63. Don’t invest $95 million in building a new police training facility.
64. Each candidate can only run for one office per election cycle.
65. Eliminate incentives for police officers to arrest, ticket, and escalate encounters with community members.
66. Eliminate loopholes in the Welcoming City Ordinance which allow Chicago Police to cooperate with ICE to terrorize and deport Chicagoans.
67. Eliminate wealth-based pretrial detention by prohibiting the use of secured money bail.
68. Enable more voucher-holders to rent in higher-opportunity areas by increasing rents to 200% of Fair Market Rent in such areas.
69. End tax breaks and subsidies for wealthy corporations like Amazon and private development projects like Lincoln Yards.
70. End the practice of honoring aldermanic prerogative in zoning decisions.
71. End the suspension of driver’s licenses for simple non-payment of tickets, fines, or other debt.
72. End the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) system.
73. Ensure affordable housing is available in all Chicago neighborhoods.
74. Ensure all CPS schools have access to wraparound services (counseling, social services, after school programs, etc.).
75. Ensure equitable access to early childhood education by streamlining the application and enrollment process.
76. Ensure neighborhood public schools are fully funded, so that they have up-to-date, culturally informed curriculum and ethnic studies.
77. Ensure open forums for candidates for all elections.
78. Ensure that tax revenue for legalized marijuana is reinvested in the communities most harmed by the War on Drugs.
79. Ensure there is transparency on how candidates get on the ballot.
Equip all neighborhood public schools with trauma-informed services and restorative justice practices.

Establish a City Earned Income Tax Credit for working households to augment the pre-existing federal and state EITCs.

Establish a formal "equity-focused quality control" process in Cook County's court-based criminal risk assessment tool.

Establish a public bank, owned by taxpayers and provides a range of services and capital for economic development and affordable housing.

Establish an elected council empowered to hold police accountable and hire the police superintendent, independent from City Hall and CPD.

Establish an Elected Representative School Board for Chicago City Colleges.

Establish an Elected Representative School Board for Chicago Public Schools.

Establish an Employer's Expense Tax, requiring companies with more than 50 employees to pay a monthly tax, to fund Chicago Public Schools.

Establish Community Benefit Agreements for all large-scale developments like the Obama Presidential Center to protect long-time residents.

Establish Community Benefit Agreements for large-scale developments to prioritize hiring from local communities and unemployed Chicagoans.

Establish Community Benefit Agreements for large-scale developments, to preserve and add new affordable housing.

Establish CPS's Universal Trauma Screening project, to more effectively support Chicago students.

Expand train service in the city's transit deserts, including extending the Red Line to 130th street.

Facilitate an open forum between candidates and affected CPS students and their parents, allowing for stakeholder input.

Fix the broken property tax system and raise revenue from previously under-taxed downtown commercial and luxury real estate.

Free, universal public childcare and early education for all families, regardless of income or immigration status.

Fully fund and staff the Chicago City Colleges system and offer a full range of programs at each college.

Fully fund neighborhood public schools so that there is a librarian, a nurse and adequate social workers and counselors for every school.

Fully fund neighborhood public schools so they can provide the education and supports students need to thrive.

Fully fund special education and bilingual education programs in our neighborhood public schools.

Fund art and cultural organizations to support projects that dismantle segregation and create opportunities for dialogue and resources.

Get the police out of public schools

Identify and address causes of underrepresentation of certain groups in elected leadership.

Implement a progressive graduated city real estate transfer tax to generate additional revenue.

Implement a progressive income tax to proportionately tax people in different income brackets.

Implement citywide participatory budgeting so that residents of all wards can vote on menu money allocation for ward improvements.

Increase behavioral and mental health services in public schools and other public locations.

Increase community safety, by creating a pre-arrest diversion program that allows officers to address incidents without arrest.

Increase investment in community schools.

Increase the budget for the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

Institute checks and balances on aldermanic authority.

Institute public funding for campaigns

Introduce reformed models and visions for policing by reforming hiring and training standards for law enforcement officers.

Invest $25 million/year for 20 years to fund the preservation of Single Room Occupancy Hotels as affordable housing.

Invest in a public health approach to ending gun violence in all of our communities.

Invest in affordable housing for young adults.

Invest in block clubs on the South and West sides.

Invest in communities to fix food deserts in middle and lower income neighborhoods.

Invest in communities, deescalation training, and other public safety initiatives instead of a new Police Academy.

Invest in expanded and more frequent CTA bus service, including Bus Rapid Transit routes.
120 Invest in mental health resources and community mental health prevention plans, prioritizing communities with the greatest need.
121 Invest in the long-term retention of veteran teachers.
122 Invest in voter education, particularly on issues that disproportionately impact marginalized groups.
123 Invest more in transit and transit-serving infrastructure, particularly on the South and West sides.
124 Invest police resources in mental health services and school-based violence prevention programs.
125 Legalize and incentivize the creation of accessory dwelling units, small self-contained units on the same lot as a single-family home.
126 Make city-supported affordable housing - affordable. Cap those rents at $250-970 for a 3-bedroom apartment.
127 Make CPS a Sustainable Community School District with deep community/school partnerships & decision-making that includes all stakeholders.
128 Make expungement accessible by providing funds and support to people with arrests/convictions to clear their records.
129 Make information about water quality more transparent, and distribute resources to fix water infrastructure equitably.
130 Make public transportation free.
131 Metra Electric system should accept Ventra cards, match CTA fares, and offer low cost transfers between Metra Electric, CTA and Pace.
132 Pass Rent Control in Chicago to keep rents affordable and neighborhoods stable.
133 Phase CPD Out of schools - invest in counselors, social workers, and restorative justice to ensure real safety in Chicago Public Schools.
134 Place at least 20% of all new Public Housing units in high-wealth and high-opportunity neighborhoods.
135 Preserve ALL public housing units in any future CHA redevelopment and produce family-sized housing in all CHA rebuilding efforts.
136 Preserve and build affordable housing in communities experiencing acute gentrification caused by new amenities, like the 606 and El Paseo.
137 Prioritize jobs creation and placement for returning citizens and those who live in the highest-poverty neighborhoods in our city.
138 Prioritize resident-driven community and economic development in South and Westside neighborhoods.
139 Prioritize support for cooperative enterprises in economic development programs and financial assistance.
140 Provide free transportation for youth on all CTA services.
141 Provide job training to Chicago residents with previous marijuana convictions in the full range of cannabis industry positions.
142 Provide re-entry support services such as housing, job training, expungement services, and mental health support to returning residents.
143 Provide tuition-free education at Chicago's City Colleges for Chicago residents, regardless of income or immigration status.
144 Raise Chicago's minimum wage to $15 immediately, and index to keep up with inflation.
145 Raise revenue with a Financial Transaction Tax on all trades made through the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade.
146 Recruit and retain Black and Latinx teachers, clinicians and support staff.
147 Redistribute $1 billion from downtown (and nearby) TIF funds to the South and West sides.
148 Reduce incarceration by creating a citation program for minor offenses that allows officers to address incidents without arrest.
149 Reform Chicago Community Land Trust to have an elected board and a more aggressive strategy for developing permanent affordable housing.
150 Reform city contracting policies to ensure that significant money and jobs are awarded to minority and women owned businesses.
151 Reform the justice system to incorporate restorative justice and other healing practices instead of jail, especially for non-violent events.
152 Reform the police department to address issues concerning mental health, implicit bias, and the lack of transparency among the force.
153 Reinvest money generated from the legalization of marijuana in low-income and Black and Latinx communities.
154 Reopen the public Mental Health Clinics closed in 2011 and invest $25 million more in mental health services.
155 Repeal the provision in the Affordable Requirements Ordinance that allows developers to avoid including affordable units if they pay a fee.
156 Replace our mayorally-appointed school board with an elected one.
157 Replace student-based budgeting in CPS with evidence-based funding that guarantees needed resources to schools regardless of enrollment.
158 Require a community vote to set up new Tax-Increment Finance (TIF) districts.
159 Require a Racial Equity Impact Assessment of every budget before it is voted on by the City Council.
160 Require all development projects using city resources, e.g. TIF funds, to create living-wage jobs and hire from high poverty neighborhoods.
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162 Require Community Benefits Agreements for all new developments, to guarantee protections for our existing communities.
163 Require community-led Racial Equity Impact Assessments to be done before every school action decision.
164 Require developers building affordable housing to build family-sized units, not just studios.
165 Require developers to build affordable housing in all developments that receive city assistance, funding, or approval (upzoning).
166 Require developers to pay into a local affordable housing fund when they tear down affordable units near projects like the 606 and El Paseo.
167 Require employers to give employees at least two paid work hours to vote.
168 Require equitable distributions of salaries in CPS and other public agencies.
169 Require implicit bias and/or other anti-racism training for elected officials, public employees.
170 Require implicit bias training for judges, prosecutors, public defenders, pretrial services officers and all criminal court system staff.
171 Require meaningful community engagement, such as community assemblies, to include the most disadvantaged in developing policies and budgets.
172 Require resources allocation be based on community-led Community Needs and Assets assessments in each of Chicago's 77 defined communities.
173 Require that elected officials and public agencies use Racial Equity Impact Assessments and/or similar racial equity tools in decisionmaking.
174 Require the equitable distribution of tax revenue and other financial resources across the city.
175 Reserve seats on the school board for current teachers.
176 Return the TIF Surplus, all dollars that remain uncommitted in TIF funds, to our schools in years when CPS is financially distressed.
177 Set term limits for municipal elected officials, including aldermanic and mayoral positions.
178 Spend $150 million/year to prevent homelessness and help doubled-up families by raising the tax on luxury and commercial real estate deals.
179 Stop closing public schools and implement policies that ensure all schools are able to thrive.
180 Stop monitoring communities of color and erase the gang database which tags people as gang members and shares information with ICE.
181 Stop the privatization of our schools because it costs CPS more than it saves, and diverts public funds away from CPS into corporations.
182 Streamline approvals for residential developments that include affordable units in wards where less than 10% affordable housing.
183 Subsidize and incentivize the preservation and development of affordable single-room occupancy residences.
184 To address segregation, affordable housing siting decisions should be made at the city, not ward level.
185 Transform the 3 lines of the Metra Electric system (Main Line, South Chicago Branch, and Blue Island Branch) into a rapid transit system.
186 Use surplus public property, such as closed CPS buildings, for mixed-income co-operative housing.