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Memorandum

To: Suburban Municipal Candidates
From: Ron Burke, Executive Director, Active Transportation Alliance
Re: Candidate and Voter Education Questionnaire

The Active Transportation Alliance is a non-profit organization working in Metropolitan Chicago to promote better biking, walking and transit. On behalf our more than 7,000 members and tens of thousands of supporters, we encourage you to complete the following questionnaire. In order to educate voters, we will share your answers via our web site.

Please answer the questions below and email or fax your responses to the following address by March 17, 2017.

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If you have any questions, please contact Advocacy Manager Jackie Blair at 312-216-0489, or Jackie@activetrans.org. Thank you.

2017 Active Trans Suburban Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Municipality:

1. We live in an era when more people from the ages of 8 to 80 are choosing to walk, bike and ride public transit. How do you incorporate walking, biking and public transit into your everyday life? **Do you, or a family member, routinely walk, bicycle or use transit for any of the trips listed below? If so, please circle.**

Walk: Go to work Bring child to school Errands Recreation Other

Bike: Go to work Bring child to school Errands Recreation Other

Transit: Go to work Bring child to school Errands Recreation Other

Comments:

2. For too long, our streets have been built with only one goal in mind: move as many cars as possible. Dozens of suburban communities have already embraced a vision for Complete Streets, a policy that balances the needs and safety of people walking, biking, using transit, or driving. We need to build upon these success to encourage Complete Streets everywhere. **Do you support establishing a new Complete Streets policy or implementing an existing Complete Streets policy in your city or village?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

3. Many people in suburban Chicago communities would like to ride bicycles for transportation, but do not feel safe or comfortable doing so. In order to address the perceived lack of safety, more and better on-and off-street bike facilities are needed in suburban communities. **Do you support the development and implementation of bike network that makes biking safer and more comfortable for all?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

4. Funding remains one of the biggest barriers in moving suburban municipalities forward on biking and walking improvements. **If elected, will you dedicate a minimum amount of funding toward biking and walking priorities? Will you pursue funding opportunities from the federal, state and regional levels?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

5. Our streets should be safe to cross for people of all ages and abilities, including our most vulnerable populations such as children, seniors and handicapped residents. But in many parts of the suburbs, unsafe intersections and a lack of sidewalks discourage people from walking and lead to serious injuries and fatalities. No loss of life is acceptable and traffic crashes are preventable incidents that can be reduced and eventually eliminated with systemic changes. **If elected, will you commit to prioritizing pedestrian safety improvements at the most dangerous intersections and crossings?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

6. Large parts of the suburbs are poorly served by transit and existing services often fail to connect people to jobs and educational opportunities. Local elected officials can be powerful advocates calling for new funding solutions to maintain and expand regional public transportation. **Do you support regional efforts to identify new revenue sources to support maintenance and expansion of public transit?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

7. Whether you walk, bike, or drive, you should follow the rules of the road. Too often, people on the street choose to ignore our traffic laws, leading to dangerous situations. Expanded efforts to educate members of the community and increase enforcement of existing laws are powerful ways to encourage better behavior on our streets. **Do you support increased educational efforts as well as improved police enforcement of traffic laws?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

The space below has been left blank for your constituents to ask further questions that are specific to biking, walking and transit projects in your community.