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Memorandum

To: 4th Ward Special Election Aldermanic 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 of 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 January 27th.

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If you have any questions, please contact Government Relations Director Kyle Whitehead at 312-216-0473, or kyle@activetrans.org. Thank you.
2017 Active Trans Chicago 4th Ward Aldermanic Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Ward:

1. We live in an era when more Chicagoans 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 or bold.

   **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. The #4 Cottage Grove bus route is one of the most popular routes in the city (7 million riders annually) but service is inconsistent due to congestion and a lack of investment in modern equipment. Do you support upgrading service on the #4 with improvements like faster boarding, traffic signal priority and dedicated lanes?

   - Yes
   - No

Comments: I believe access to public transportation opens up economic opportunities. I am committed to ensure that seniors and residents in my ward have access to reliable, safe and affordable public transportation. I will look to guidance from the community for changes that impact traffic and road safety.

3. Many South Lakefront communities lack access to rapid transit, with Metra Electric trains running only once per hour outside of the morning and evening rush. Do you support upgrading service on Metra Electric to every 10-15 minutes and integrating fares and schedules with CTA buses?

   - Yes
   - No
Comments: Yes, I support streamline access to public transportation in my ward.

4. The new 35th street bike and pedestrian bridge is a great boost to lakefront access but it’s still difficult for many people biking and walking to safely travel to the bridge. Do you support expanding the city’s network of protected bike lanes and enhanced crossings to fill in gaps in the 4th ward and provide safe access to all parts of the city?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments: I will look to guidance from the community for changes that impact traffic and road safety.

5. The city is developing a Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries within 10 years, yet in 2014 more than 150 were killed and nearly 24,000 people were injured in traffic crashes in the City of Chicago. Do you support establishing a funding source in the city’s annual budget dedicated to traffic safety improvements, prioritizing projects on the city’s highest crash corridors?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Comments: Yes, The safety of my residents is my top priority. I will fight to make sure that City of Chicago does everything to provide safe driving conditions for the residents of my ward.