



January 3, 2017

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 website.

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:

Greener commutes mean healthier citizenry and of course healthier citizens mean a cleaner, more productive Chicago. People do better when they feel better. Families go outside together. Seniors don't become prisoners in their own homes. Moving is essential – Walking & Bicycling are great as well as reducing our non-green footprint via Public Transit.

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 have found public transit in other parts of the world to be a great experience. We can do better in our country/city. As our love affair with cars begins to wane because of healthy transit and ride sharing etc., I believe the kinds of improvement mentioned will become standard.

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:

Access is the portal to opportunity. Riders would be able to make different decisions about their careers and relationships because of increased options.

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:

As we develop dedicated pathways I am highly confident that riders & walkers – citywide - will appreciate and use them.

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:

Funding, compassion and creative vision help create a safer, more progressive Chicago.