



49th Ward Policy and Programs Committee

Town Hall Report - 10/6/2021

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Budget Recommendations - Affordable Housing

Revenue Sources - “Shovel Ready”

- **Bring Chicago Home - Progressive Real Estate Transfer Tax**
 - \$167 Million annually for Housing First Programs
- **Just Cause for Evictions - Rental Registry**
 - \$47 Million annually for Healthy Homes Program, Accessibility, and Small Landlord Assistance
- **Current Revenue Source Expansions**
 - Housesharing Tax Expansion - Homeless Services Fund and Domestic Violence Fund
 - Deconversion Fee Expansion - Affordable Housing Preservation
- **CPD Budget Reduction**
 - Uses the Divest/Invest framework
 - Investing in Treatment Not Trauma, Housing First, and other community services replaces the need for the response of armed officers

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Revenue Sources - New Sources

- Anti-Speculation Taxes
 - Vacancy Tax
 - Flipping Tax
 - Out-of-City Landlord Tax

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Programs - “Shovel Ready”

- **Housing First Expansion**
 - \$375 Million over 3 years - 5,000 unhoused families housed permanently
 - Mandate Housing First methodology for all homelessness programs
 - Housing First not only is the most effective program to end homelessness, proven worldwide, but save municipalities $\frac{2}{3}$ of costs of leaving people unhoused
 - End “carryover” year to year in Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund, mandate full spenddown on Housing First services, and replace with additional annual contribution from Corporate Fund of \$10 Million
- **Social Housing Acquisition Fund**
 - \$200 Million to seed fund that will prevent corporations from consolidating housing stock
 - Expands TOPA (first right of refusal) program from Woodlawn Obama Center Ordinance
 - Makes housing permanently affordable via the Chicago Community Land Trust
 - Gives tenants democratic control over their own housing as in co-ops

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Programs - “Shovel Ready” continued

- **Healthy Homes Program**
 - \$100 Million for city-wide Proactive Rental Inspection regime
 - Licensing of landlords and online city database of inspection results
 - Fines and fees for delinquent landlords, up to and including de-certifying license
- **Affordable Housing Preservation Fund**
 - \$200 Million for preservation of current affordable housing stock
 - \$130 Million for 2-4 Flat Preservation
 - \$70 Million for SRO Preservation
 - Funds will be available for owners that agree to tenant protection provisions

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Programs - New Program

- **Accessibility Mandate**

- Affordable, accessible units remain at less than 1% of total housing throughout Chicago more than three decades after the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Direction given to Department of Housing and Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to conduct rigorous surveys of various people with disabilities, including but not limited to people with mobility disabilities, people with sensory disabilities, people with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, people with mental health disabilities, non-apparent disabilities, etc.
- Consideration must be made for all people to be able to live and visit others in community as being part of a community means having full access at all times
- Recommendations to be made for the mandate to begin no later than January 2023 with a constant vision towards as close to universal accessibility as possible in current units, new construction, and rehabs

Future Projects - Affordable Housing

Current Legislation

- Just Cause for Eviction
- Treatment Not Trauma
- Universal Basic Income/Guaranteed Income Pilot
- Rent Control (state legislature currently)
- Statewide Source of Income Discrimination (state legislature)

New Legislation

- Right to Rest Ordinance/Unhoused Persons Bill of Rights
 - Outlaw unhoused encampment sweeps by police and park officials, affirm right to exist in public spaces, ensure rights for those without housing
- Decriminalization of poverty

Future Projects - Affordable Housing

New Legislation continued

- Moratorium on construction and rehab permits for luxury-rate/market-rate housing until affordable housing need is met
- Chicago Jobs Guarantee Program
- Ward-wide/City-wide Wifi
- Free CTA
- Ensuring lead abatement in Chicago parks
- State-wide Single Payer Healthcare

Future Projects - Affordable Housing

New Programs

- Ward 49 Crisis Intervention Van
- Clothing Drive
- Unhoused Persons Supply Packs (similar to Back-to-School Packs)
- Weekly laundry pick-up/drop-off at encampments
- Narcan and safe use kit pick-up/drop-off at encampments
- Monthly community outreach drive with intake for services, health, dental, vision, vaccination checkups

Future Projects - Affordable Housing

New Participatory Budgeting Projects

- 24-hour bathrooms in all parks for unhoused people, people with disabilities/chronic conditions, and all other citizens
- Drinking fountain/water bottle refill stations for parks
- Hand wash/sanitation stations for parks
- Electronics charging stations for parks

Future Projects - Alternatives to Policing

Current Legislation/Budget

- Treatment Not Trauma
- End Shotspotter Program
- Gang Leader Prosecution - OPPOSED
- Chicago 400 (state legislature)

New Legislation/Programs

- End Qualified Immunity for Police
- Decriminalization of all substance use

Future Projects - Alternatives to Policing

New Legislation/Programs continued

- Community Courts as diversion program
- Training and apprenticeship jobs program with wraparound services to formerly incarcerated
- Mandate policing performance of community service and safety tied to compensation
- Mandate city divestiture from all companies using prison labor

Citations and Links

Affordable Housing

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Just Cause for Evictions campaign - <https://www.justcausechicago.org/>

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Anti-Speculation Taxes - <https://belonging.berkeley.edu/anti-speculation-tax>

Housing First - <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first/>

Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (Berkeley) - <https://yes2topa.org/>

Chicago Community Land Trust - <https://www.metroplanning.org/homegrown/case.aspx?case=cclt>

Healthy Homes Program - <https://www.tenants-rights.org/programs/advocacy/chhip/>

Affordable Housing Preservation (Communities United) - <https://communitiesunited.org/issues/affordable-housing>

SRO Preservation (ONE Northside) - <http://onenorthside.org/single-room-occupancy-sro-preservation-initiative/>

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Treatment Not Trauma campaign - <https://www.collaborativeforcommunitywellness.org/treatmentnottrauma>

Universal Basic Income/Guaranteed Income Program - <https://www.povertylaw.org/article/guaranteed-income/>

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Decriminalization of poverty - https://nlchp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/No_Safe_Place.pdf

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CESSA Act - <https://www.repcassidy.com/kelly-in-the-news/2021/9/1/breaking-illinois-overhauls-mental-health-care-and-9-1-1-policy-what-does-it-mean-for-you>