

Election 2015

WCT - In this election cycle, **Windy City Times** mailed questionnaires to every registered citywide and aldermanic candidate, to their address on file with the board of elections.

The questions were about a wide range of issues, LGBT, HIV/AIDS, minimum wage, crime, youth experiencing homelessness, and more. Some questions did not have a yes/or no or “correct” answer, but involved more nuance and detailed narrative answers. Therefore, this cycle we are rating candidates on an A-F scale, not by numbers. Readers will note not very many were below a “C” because those candidates likely did not even bother to respond to a survey from an LGBT newspaper. One surprising “C” was 3rd Ward Ald. Pat Dowell, who noted her opposition to marriage equality, despite being progressive on most other questions.

Also this year, we are doing something different, since some candidates really took the time to explain their positions in detail. We will be posting all surveys, as turned in by candidates, on our website. Look for a link under the Politics button at the top of our website, or search for the headline “2015 Election Survey Responses.”

Windy City Times does not endorse in any elections, but we hope our survey educates readers who are making tough choices for citywide and aldermanic races Tuesday, Feb. 24. Unfortunately, no local LGBT political organizations are significantly engaged in this election cycle, despite the important decisions ahead for LGBT Chicagoans and our allies. However, there are endorsements from organizations this publication deems to be relevant.

In addition, readers are urged to check out the mayoral and aldermanic candidates’ responses to questionnaires from the Active Transportation Alliance (<http://www.activetransportation.org/blog/kwhitehead/where-do-chicago-candidates-stand-active-transportation-check-out-our-2015-voter-gui>) and Organization Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside, or ONE: Northside (<http://onenorthside.org/aldermanic-candidate-questionnaire-responses/>).

Also, responses to Access Living’s questionnaire are at <https://www.accessliving.org/1410ga87>. Access Living is committed to fostering an inclusive society that enables Chicagoans with disabilities to live fully engaged and self-directed lives.

IVI - Independent Voters of Illinois Independent Precinct Organization

CAI - Citizen Action Illinois

GIA - Grassroots Illinois Action

SEIU - Service Employees International Union

CTU - Chicago Teachers’ Union

PP - Planned Parenthood Illinois Action

EIP - Equality IL PAC

In addition, the **Victory Fund** has endorsed the following candidates for Chicago City Council: Raymond Lopez (15th); Deb Mell (33rd); Tom Tunney (44th); and James Cappleman (46th).

	WCT	IVI	CAI	GIA	SEIU	CTU	PP	EIP
CHICAGO MAYOR								
Rahm Emanuel (incumbent)	A-						Y	Y
Willie Wilson	A-							
Robert W. “Bob” Fioretti	A+	Y	Y	Y		Y		
Jesus “Chuy” Garcia								
William “Dock” Walls, III								
CHICAGO CITY CLERK								
Susana A. Mendoza (incumbent)							Y	
CHICAGO CITY TREASURER								
Kurt A. Summers (incumbent)								
CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL								
ALDERMAN - 1st WARD								
Proco “Joe” Moreno (incumbent)	A-				Y		Y	
Anne Shaw	B	Y						
Andrew Hamilton	B-							
Ronda Locke	B							
ALDERMAN - 2nd WARD								
Stephen Niketopoulos								
Bitá Buenrostro	A							
Brian Hopkins	A							
Alyx S. Pattison	A-		Y		Y		Y	
Cornell Wilson	A	Y						
Stacey Pfingsten	A							
ALDERMAN - 3rd WARD								
Pat Dowell (incumbent)	C	Y	Y		Y			
Patricia Horton								
ALDERMAN - 4th WARD								
Tracey Y. Bey								
William D. “Will” Burns (incumbent)	A-	Y			Y		Y	
Norman H. Bolden								
ALDERMAN - 5th WARD								
Leslie A. Hairston (incumbent)	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Tiffany N. Brooks								
Jocelyn Hare	A+							
Robin Boyd Clark								
Jedidiah L. Brown								
Anne Marie Miles								
ALDERMAN - 6th WARD								
Roderick T. Sawyer (incumbent)		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Richard A. Wooten								
Brian T. Garner	B+							
ALDERMAN - 7th WARD								
Joseph J. Moseley, II								
Gregory L. Mitchell	B-							
Lashonda “Shonnie” Curry				Y				
Keiana Barrett	B							
Flora “Flo” Digby		Y						
Natashia L. Holmes (incumbent)	B						Y	
Bernie Riley								
Margie Reid								
ALDERMAN - 8th WARD								
Michelle A. Harris (incumbent)							Y	
Faheem Shabazz								
Tara F. Baldrige	B+		Y	Y				

ALDERMAN - 9th WARD

Anthony A. Beale (incumbent)
Michael E. Lafargue
Harold “Noonie” Ward
Theodore “Ted” Williams

ALDERMAN - 10th WARD

John A. Pope (incumbent)
Susan Sadlowski-Garza
Richard L. Martinez, Jr.
Frank J. Corona
Samantha M. Webb
Olga Bautista
Juan B. Huizar

ALDERMAN - 11th WARD

John K. Kozlar
Patrick Daley Thompson
Maureen F. Sullivan

ALDERMAN - 12th WARD

George Cardenas (incumbent)

ALDERMAN - 13th WARD

Marty Quinn (incumbent)

ALDERMAN - 14th WARD

Edward M. Burke (incumbent)

ALDERMAN - 15th WARD

Adolfo Mondragon
Raymond A. Lopez
Rafael Yañez
Eddie L. Daniels
Otis Davis, Jr.
Raul O. Reyes

ALDERMAN - 16th WARD

JoAnn Thompson (incumbent, deceased)
Cynthia Lomax
Toni L. Foulkes (incumbent)
Jose A. Garcia
Stephanie Coleman

ALDERMAN - 17th WARD

Glenda Franklin
David H. Moore
James E. Dukes

ALDERMAN - 18th WARD

Lona Lane (incumbent)
Derrick G. Curtis
Michael A. Davis
Chuks Onyezia
Consandra Harris
Brandon Loggins

ALDERMAN - 19th WARD

Matthew J. O’Shea (incumbent)
Anne Schaible

ALDERMAN - 20th WARD

Willie Ray, Jr.
Andre Smith
Willie B. Cochran (incumbent)
Kevin Bailey
Ernest Radcliffe, Jr.

ALDERMAN - 21st WARD

Marvin McNeil
Jeffrey Baker
Howard B. Brookins, Jr. (incumbent)
Joseph C. Ziegler, Jr.
Doris Lewis Brooks
Patricia A. Foster
Ken Lewis

ALDERMAN - 22nd WARD

Ricardo Muñoz (incumbent)
Neftalie Gonzalez
Raul Montes, Jr.
Robert Martinez

ALDERMAN - 23rd WARD

Michael R. Zalewski (incumbent)
Martin Arteaga
Anna Goral

ALDERMAN - 24th WARD

Frank M. Bass
Regina D. Lewis
Wallace E. “Mickey” Johnson
Sherita Ann Harris
Roger L. Washington
Vetress Boyce
LaDarius R. Curtis
Darren Tillis
Larry G. Nelson
Michael Scott, Jr.

ALDERMAN - 25th WARD

Ed Hershey
Daniel “Danny” Solis (incumbent)
Jorge Mujica
Roberto “Beto” Montano
Byron Sigcho

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	A	Y					Y	
			Y	Y		Y	Y	
A+								
A+				Y	Y	Y		
							Y	
A	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
A-	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
		Y				Y		
C		Y	Y		Y		Y	
B		Y					Y	
					Y			
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
C		Y				Y		
			Y					Y
							Y	
A-				Y		Y	Y	
			Y					

ALDERMAN - 26th WARD

Roberto Maldonado (incumbent)
Adam Corona
Juanita Irizarry

ALDERMAN - 27th WARD

Gabe Beukinga
Walter Burnett, Jr. (incumbent)

ALDERMAN - 28th WARD

Jason C. Ervin (incumbent)

ALDERMAN - 29th WARD

Deborah L. Graham (incumbent)
Lawrence Andolino
Bob Galhotra
Chris Taliaferro
LaCoulton J. Walls
Zerlina A. Smith
Oddis “O.J.” Johnson
Stephen Robinson

ALDERMAN - 30th WARD

Ariel E. Reboyras (incumbent)

ALDERMAN - 31st WARD

Sean C. Starr
Irma Cornier
Milagros “Milly” Santiago
Regner “Ray” Suarez (incumbent)

ALDERMAN - 32nd WARD

Scott Waguespack (incumbent)
Elise Doody-Jones

ALDERMAN - 33rd WARD

Tim Meegan
Deborah L. Mell (incumbent)
Annisa Wanat

ALDERMAN - 34th WARD

Carrie M. Austin (incumbent)
Henry Moses
Shirley J. White
Charles R. Thomas, Sr.

ALDERMAN - 35th WARD

Rey Colón (incumbent)
Carlos Ramirez-Rosa

ALDERMAN - 36th WARD

Christopher M. Vittorio
Omar Aquino
Gilbert Villegas
Alonso Zaragoza

ALDERMAN - 37th WARD

Leroy Duncan
Emma M. Mitts (incumbent)
Maretta Brown-Miller
Tara Stamps

ALDERMAN - 38th WARD

Jerry Paszek
Tom Caravette
Heather Sattler
Nicholas Sposato (incumbent)
Michael C. Duda
Carmen Hernandez
Belinda Cadiz

ALDERMAN - 39th WARD

Margaret Laurino (incumbent)
Robert Murphy
Joseph “Joe” Laiacona

ALDERMAN - 40th WARD

Patrick J. O'Connor (incumbent)
Dianne Daleiden

ALDERMAN - 41st WARD

Mary O'Connor (incumbent)
Joe Lomanto
Anthony V. Napolitano

ALDERMAN - 42nd WARD

Brendan Reilly (incumbent)

ALDERMAN - 43rd WARD

Caroline Vickrey
Jennifer “Jen” Kramer
Michelle Smith (incumbent)
Jerry Quandt

ALDERMAN - 44th WARD

Mark Thomas
Tom Tunney (incumbent)
Scott Davis

ALDERMAN - 45th WARD

John Garrido
John S. Arena (incumbent)
Michelle R. Baert
Michael S. Diaz

ALDERMAN - 46th WARD

James Cappleman (incumbent)
Amy Crawford
Denice L. Davis

ALDERMAN - 47th WARD

Ameya Pawar (incumbent)
Rory A. Fiedler

ALDERMAN - 48th WARD

Harry Osterman (incumbent)

ALDERMAN - 49th WARD

Joe Moore (incumbent)
Don Gordon

ALDERMAN - 50th WARD

Debra L. Silverstein (incumbent)
Shajan M. Kuriakose
Zehra Quadri

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A-						Y	
A-	Y	Y	Y		Y		
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						Y	
A	Y	Y	Y		Y		
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B	Y					Y Y	
A B		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
A+ B	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y
						Y	
A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
A-						Y	
A	Y					Y	
		Y	Y		Y	Y	

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	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
A- A- A	Y						
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	Y						
						Y	
C B						Y	
B+ A		Y				Y	Y
A+ B		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
A A+ B	Y Y	Y	Y Y		Y	Y	Y
						Y	
A B	Y					Y	
		Y				Y	