THE 2015 CHICAGO CITY ELECTION

VOTER GUIDE

BE SURE TO VOTE BY FEBRUARY 24

Your ballot is secret, and your choices are 100% yours. But hopefully this independent, locally-prepared guide helps you make an informed decision

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ABOUT US

Chicago Votes Action Fund is an independent, nonpartisan civic organization created for and led by a diverse coalition of Millennial Generation leaders, aiming to engage young Chicagoans in the political process. We train and educate new organizers and help pass laws that expand voting access and protect voting rights, all while registering thousands of new voters each year. Find out more about us at ChicagoVotes.com.

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MAYOR OF CHICAGO

WHAT SHE OR HE DOES IN 12 WORDS

CITY'S CEO. PROPOSES THE BUDGET, APPOINTS & SUPERVISES CITY OFFICIALS. IN CHARGE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & IS BOTTOM LINE ON CITY LAWS.

BOB FIORETTI

endorsed by...
- Chicago Police Sergeants Association
- Green Party of Chicago
- Southside Democracy for America

JESUS "CHUY" GARICIA

endorsed by...
- The Chicago Teachers Union and President Karen Lewis
- Service Employees International Union Healthcare Illinois
- United Working Families

RAHM EMANUEL

endorsed by...
- President Barack Obama
- Chicago Firefighters Union
- Chicago Sierra Club

WILLIAM DOCK WALLS

endorsed by...
- None provided at time of printing

WILLIE WILSON

endorsed by...
- Danny K. Davis
- Rev. Stephen Thurston
- Dr. Marshall Hatch

candidates

MAYOR OF CHICAGO

WHAT'S THEIR STANCE ON...?	BOB FIORETTI	JESUS "CHUY" GARCIA	RAHM EMANUEL	WILLIAM DOCK WALLS	WILLIE WILSON
Immediately freeze all school closings?	Yes	Yes	No	N/A	Yes
Should Chicago voters elect their entire school board?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Open an adult trauma center on the South Side?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Continue Chicago's red traffic light program?	No	No	Yes	No	No
Increasing police presence in neighborhoods?	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No

all the info you need

HOW TO VOTE

WHAT YOU'VE GOTTA BRING

To avoid issues on Election Day, or if you are a first time voter, we recommend you bring some identification: Illinois driver's license/state ID, utility bill, bank statement, or current college ID card.

If you are not already registered to vote, you may use Grace Period Voter Registration at early voting sites Feb. 9-21.
Go to **chicagoelections.com** to find a location near you.

WHERE & WHEN YOU'VE GOTTA GO

Early voting is Feb. 9-21, and **Election Day is Feb. 24**. To find polling locations for Election Day or early voting go to **chicagoelections.com**

FIND OUT MORE

This independent voter guide is designed to give you the quickest, most essential information for E-Day. To find information about aldermanic races and ballot initiatives go to chicagoelections.com. We encourage checking out our more detailed, online guide: **chicagovoterguide.org**
Ballot Ready - Contact: alex@ballotready.org

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ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD

WHAT IT DOES

Advises lawmakers as to whether Chicagoans want the Chicago Public Schools to have an elected, representative school board.

A **YES** VOTE MEANS...

Lawmakers would know that Chicagoans **support** an elected, representative school board, which could replace the current system of a mayoral-appointed school board.

*who says **YES**...*

- Chicago Teachers Union,
- United Working Families
- Grassroots Education Movement

A **NO** VOTE MEANS...

Lawmakers would know that Chicagoans **oppose** an Elected School Board; they prefer that the Mayor appoint the school board.

*who says **NO**...*

- Governor Bruce Rauner
- Mayor Rahm Emanuel
- Crain's Chicago Business

RECOMMENDED: **YES**

***Note, these ballot measures are non-binding, advisory referenda**

*ballot measures**

PAID LEAVE FOR EMERGENCIES

WHAT IT DOES

Advises lawmakers about whether Chicagoans want to require employers in Chicago to provide employees with paid leave for personal or public emergencies.

A **YES** VOTE MEANS...

The City Council would know that Chicagoans **support** requiring employers to provide employees with paid leave for personal or family issues, incidents of domestic or sexual violence, or school/building closures due to public health emergencies.

*who says **YES**...*

- Chicago Foundation for Women,
- Planned Parenthood of Illinois
- Jobs with Justice
- Mujeres Latinas en Accion

A **NO** VOTE MEANS...

The City Council would know that Chicagoans **oppose** requiring employers to provide employees with paid leave for personal or family issues, an incident of domestic or sexual violence, or school/building closures due to public health emergencies.

*who says **NO**...*

- National Restaurant Association
- Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
- Illinois Review

RECOMMENDED: **YES**

***Note, these ballot measures are non-binding, advisory referenda**

*ballot measures**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

WHAT IT DOES

Advises lawmakers as to whether Chicagoans think City employees convicted of domestic violence should be required to attend a treatment session to keep their jobs.

A **YES** VOTE MEANS...

Advises lawmakers as to whether Chicagoans **think** City employees convicted of domestic violence should be required to attend a treatment session to keep their jobs.

*who says **YES**...*

- No organized support or opposition at time of printing

A **NO** VOTE MEANS...

Lawmakers would know that Chicagoans **do not think** City of Chicago employees should be required to attend treatment sessions if convicted of domestic violence.

*who says **NO**...*

- No organized support or opposition at time of printing

RECOMMENDED: **YES**

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

WHAT IT DOES

Advises lawmakers as to whether Chicagoans want to reduce the influence of big money in politics by allowing campaigns to be funded with smaller individual donations and limited public funds.

A **YES** VOTE MEANS...

Lawmakers would know that Chicagoans **support** reducing big money in politics through a voluntary system in which small donations to candidates are matched with public funds, thereby increasing the importance of smaller donations from voters and enabling more candidates to compete with those who are financially backed by large special interests.

*who says **YES**...*

- Action Now
- Asian-Americans Advancing Justice
- Common Cause Illinois

A **NO** VOTE MEANS...

Lawmakers would know that Chicagoans **do not want** an alternative to the current system that allows big money and powerful special interests extra influence over politicians who must rely on big donors.

*who says **NO**...*

- The Cato Institute

RECOMMENDED: **YES**

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