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Memorandum

To: City of Chicago 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 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 26th.

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If you have any questions, please contact Executive Director Ron Burke at 312-216-0482, or Ron@activetrans.org. Thank you.

2015 Active Trans Chicago 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.**

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. More than 3,000 people are hit at hundreds of intersections all across Chicago annually. In 2013, 124 people were killed in traffic crashes, including 29 pedestrians. Eighty percent of these fatal and serious injury crashes occur within 125 feet of an intersection. **Do you support establishing a sustainable funding source in the city's annual budget dedicated to pedestrian improvements, prioritizing projects that improve the most dangerous intersections/corridors in the city?**

- Yes
 No

Comments:

3. The city will surpass its goal of building 100 miles of advanced bike lanes in 2015, but there are many gaps in the existing network and neighborhood-to-neighborhood access is limited. **Do you support continuing to expand the city's network of protected bike lanes and neighborhood bike routes in your ward to fill in gaps and provide safe access to all parts of the city?**

- Yes
 No

Comments:

4. A recent survey found that most drivers in Chicago don't obey the "Must Stop for Pedestrians" law. Only 18 percent of drivers obeyed the law and stopped for people on foot attempting to cross a street in a traditionally painted crosswalk. When crashes occur, pedestrians are much more likely to be injured or killed when cars are travelling at speeds of 30mph, or faster. **Do you support increased enforcement of existing traffic laws in your ward, both in-person or using photo enforcement technology?**
- Increased in-person enforcement
 - Increased photo-enforcement
 - Both

Comments:

5. Chicago's 18-mile Lakefront Trail is the busiest trail in the United States, with peak daily usage exceeding 100,000 people per day, including 30,000 people per day in the busiest segments. As trail usage has spiked in recent years, many segments of the trail are often congested, putting all users at risk of conflict and injury. **Do you support creating separated trail space for bicyclists and pedestrians on the trail to improve the safety of all users?**
- Yes
 - No

Comments:

6. Chicago's hub-and-spoke transit system is drastically underfunded in comparison to our peer cities, serving certain parts of the city well but leaving many neighborhoods with trains that are difficult to reach and often don't go where the jobs are, or buses that are slow and require multiple transfers to get to jobs and other destinations. **Do you support increasing investment in transit locally and establishing a dedicated revenue stream at the county level to fund improvements and expansion?**
- Yes
 - No

Comments:

7. Participatory budgeting has proven to be a useful tool for aldermen to engage constituents in determining how to spend discretionary “menu money” to address local transportation and infrastructure needs. **Do you supporting bringing participatory budgeting to your ward?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

8. With nearly 5,000 bikes reported stolen annually in Chicago, many people limit their bicycling trips in the city or avoid riding all together. **Do you support Chicago adopting an ordinance requiring large office buildings to either provide secure bike parking or allow tenants to bring bicycles into their offices (with certain exemptions allowed), as was done in cities like New York and San Francisco?**

- Yes
- No

Comments: