

City of Chicago 2020 Budget

United Working Families - Reimagine Chicago

BUDGETFORTHEMANY

How we win the city we deserve.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW:

Black, Brown and working families overpay through a discriminatory use of fines, fees, and property taxes. Corporate developers receive massive public handouts for projects that displace residents and gentrify our communities.



WHAT WE DESERVE:

The city's budget is an opportunity to chart a new path towards prosperity for all. A budget is a moral document, and we believe it must contain the funding for the resources that will make Chicago a safe, livable and thriving city for everyone.

WHAT WE WANT

INVEST

We must invest in the programs that create jobs, safety, and stability--like year-round youth jobs, childcare expansion, and re-opening public mental health clinics.

DIVEST

It's time to stop wasting public dollars on abusive police, corporate handouts, and costly privatization schemes. 41% of the city budget goes to the Chicago Police Department while only 8% goes to community services.

TAX THE RICH

The city isn't broke--our priorities are. Our package of progressive revenue will raise over \$770 million from the wealthiest few.

SOME IDEAS



Did you know?

Our #UWFSquad of champion Aldermen have already introduced a package of progressive revenue options designed to win a #BudgetForTheMany



Corporate Head Tax

Large corporations make use of our schools, streets, and city services. Before 2012, they paid for this infrastructure with a monthly fee for every employee. It's time to bring it back.



PILOT Program

Billions of dollars of valuable downtown property is exempted from property taxes every year--which means renters and property owners make up the difference. A PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program would ask the institutions that benefit from these exemptions to contribute back to their communities.



TIF Surplus

Money shouldn't be going to developers like Sterling Bay, it should be going to our communities and our schools. This legislation declares a surplus to return the money to our neighborhoods.



Real Estate Transfer Tax

Increasing the tax on highend properties over \$1M could bring in over \$100M a year to fund homelessness & affordable housing programs

HOW TO GET IT



Join the fight for a **#BudgetForTheMany**

Sign up to learn more at bit.ly/JoinUWF. Over the next month, we'll be doing teach-ins at City Hall, hosting townhalls all over the city, and talking to our neighbors about the city we want to see. Sign up and get regular updates on how to get involved.

Tell your Aldermen to sign on to the package of progressive revenue

Call your Alderman. Find them and their number at bit.ly/FindMyAlderman. Tell them you want them to sign on to the Corporate Head Tax, PILOT, and TIF Surplus ordinances.

(Did they say No? Call us and we can help you organize in your neighborhood!)

Call the Mayor

Let Mayor Lori Lightfoot know you want a city budget that divests from harmful policing and corporate developers, invests in mental health, housing, and schools, and taxes the rich to pay for it. You can reach her at (312) 744-3300.