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COMMUNITY FIRST**



10TH WARD COMMITTEES: TACKLING COMMUNITY CHALLENGES TOGETHER

Effective committees can be one of the most important working forces at the heart of an organization, and an extremely rewarding experience for all those involved. Soon after we were elected, we have collaborated with local organizations and community representatives to establish committees on Housing, Environment, Seniors, and Women empowerment. The purpose of our committees is to empower and organize community members around issues that we face in the 10th Ward. Our Housing Committee meets monthly in efforts to tackle the vacant home and vacant lot epidemic, strategize ways to stabilize the housing stock, and help foster a robust, sustainable housing market in the 10th Ward. The Senior Committee serves to promote involvement of seniors in community affairs and to bring resources from around the city to serve our elders. Lastly, our Women's Committee, also known as Woman in Action is an advocacy group that was established to empower women around civic engagement and meets on the third Wednesday of every other month (upcoming meeting on Feb. 17th) at the 10th Ward Public Service Office. For more information on how to get involved in your community or for regular updates, please contact the 10th Ward office and speak with any of the staff members.

LETTER FROM BUSH RESIDENTS

The Bush Community appreciates and thanks Alderwoman Garza for the generosity, time, and attention she has given this community. In her time in office, she has attended the End of the Year Celebration at New Sullivan School, Garden Work Days, two Back to School rallies, The Harvest Fest, and held Participatory Budget and Women In Action meetings in the Bush Community. She has supported our efforts and heard our cries for City services. Together we are educating our residents in using their voices to report problems in the Bush, she says, "If I don't know it's broken, I can't fix it." There is a lot of work that needs to be done, but she has kept her promise to include the entire 10th Ward, from Hegewisch to The Bush. We look forward to 2016, to continue working with Alderwoman Garza to give to the Bush residents the quality of life they deserve. Together we can create positive change!

Sylvia Ortega - Bush Resident

NEW SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

Chicago Public Schools and the Public Building Commission of Chicago have been on track to complete the construction of a new public elementary school on 104th Street and Indianapolis Boulevard by the summer of 2016. The school is temporarily named Southeast Area Elementary School. Our office will be convening a community meeting in the upcoming weeks to discuss the boundaries for student attendance. Contact us for more information.



Proposed rendering of the Southeast Area Elementary School. Source: Public Building Commission of Chicago



LETTER FROM YOUR ALDERWOMAN

I am proud to look back on 2015, my first nine months as your Alderwoman and reflect on what we have accomplished together. With your support we were able to successfully bring back the historic Labor Day parade and host the Intelligentsia Cup where 12 countries competed in a world class cycling race at Steelworkers park. We also provided more than 500 free flu vaccinations to our constituents; and established committees on housing, seniors, women, resources, and health. We collaborated with Finkl Steel to donate over

150 turkey and hams to families during the holiday season. We continue to hold workshops and programming in collaboration with local elected officials, community organizations, and businesses to provide families with employment opportunities, property tax information, health care insurance, mental health resources, high school enrollment, and activities for our youth.

As your Alderwoman, my staff and I will continue to organize our events and policy around four key principals: community engagement, environmental protection, economic growth, and government transparency. To our volunteers, event sponsors, and participants: Thank you for giving so generously, your passion, attention, and time this year. We couldn't have done it without the great support we have received from our 10th Ward community. Thank you for making our events memorable, our community better, and contributing to a successful year thus far. As always, our community first now!

We are proud of what we have accomplished together, let's look to the future and make 2016 a great year for the 10th Ward!

WHY CALL 311 AND HOW DO WE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE THIS CITY SERVICE?

The City of Chicago uses 311 as an easy-to-remember telephone number that connects you with constituent service representatives who are ready to assist with non-emergency City Services and information. The 311 Constituent Service Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. 311 represents the first line of communication between constituents and city services. It is important that 'we' as constituents contact 311 when non-emergencies are identified, so that our city services can address them in a timely manner. Always ask the call taker for the "CSR" number; this will be your reference number to follow up on your concern. It will also confirm your information has been put into the 311 system. Keep calling!

311 Tip: 311 requests are addressed by call volume. A heightened call volume signals the 311's tracking system, thus making that request priority.



Make your 311 request online:

<http://servicetracker.cityofchicago.org/>

http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/311/supp_info/request_service.html

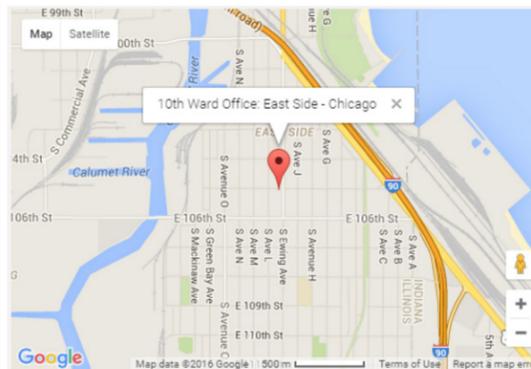


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10TH WARD PUBLIC
SERVICE OFFICE

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Chicago, IL 60617

Mon, Wed, & Fri: 9AM - 5PM
Tuesday: 9AM - 6PM
Ward Night: 4:30PM - 6PM
(by appointment or walk-in upon availability)



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CITY COUNCIL?

It has been an interesting time in City Council, where I am continuing to fight for a Chicago that works for all of us. As part of my commitment for a fairer Chicago, on January 13th, I stood up with other members of the Council's Progressive Caucus to oppose borrowing \$200 million to terminate a hedge on variable-rate water bonds. My colleagues and I were only given one day to review the Mayor's borrowing proposal. I could not in good conscience vote for additional borrowing without further time to review the Mayor's proposal. We cannot balance the budget on the backs of our working families.

We are also working to restore oversight to Chicago's City Council. We support expanding the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to provide oversight of the City Council. A measure is currently in the Committee on Workforce Development and Audit to make this expansion to the OIG's office.

Strengthening the Chicago Public Schools is another priority. As part of the collective efforts to secure our students' futures, we are working to transfer surplus funds from Chicago's TIF districts to CPS to help close the budget deficit and protect our students. While CPS's budget problems will ultimately require action from Springfield, as well as the dedicated attention of all of us here in Chicago, we are working diligently to preserve public education.

SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

During early December 2015, we hosted a Holiday Luncheon for 300 seniors at the American Legion Post on 105th Street and Ewing. Seniors from across the ward gathered around for a delicious meal catered by the 10th Ward's very own Steve's Lounge. Our 10th Ward seniors played bingo, participated in raffles, and everyone went home with a gift. We would like to thank JenCare Medical Center, 10th Ward staff, and volunteers for their time, donations, and contributing to this event's success. We will definitely look forward to celebrating with you next year!



HISTORIC LABOR DAY PARADE RETURNS!

The 10th Ward Labor Day Parade was a success! It would not have been possible without the help of all of our volunteers and the great support we received from the 10th Ward community. Ald. Sadlowski Garza would like to thank all of the unions, businesses, schools, organizations and people who marched on Sunday afternoon. We even made the "Chicago" Snapchat story.

SAVE THE DATE
Monday, September 3, 2016
12pm on Ewing Avenue

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEGEWISCH LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

Hegewisch Little League is already preparing for the 2016 season, are you? Registration is kicking off at the Library every Saturday between 9:30am to 12pm. Don't wait to register your child, there's no such thing as too early! Early registration costs \$225.00, regular registration price is \$250.00, and don't be late because late registration goes up to \$275.00. Don't worry though, if you sell all of your raffle tickets your child plays for free! There is also Winter Camp going on at Mann Park and you can look on our website for the dates and registration! We are very excited to be... [See page 4 to read the rest of this story]

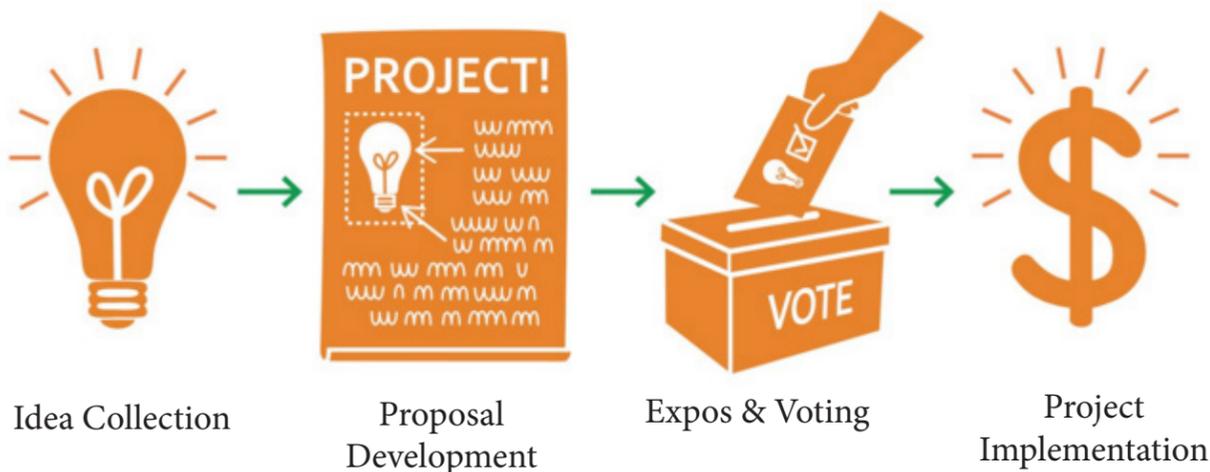
10TH WARD: PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROJECT

Equity, Inclusion, Community, Coalition Building, & Sustainability: How \$1 million is spent in your ward.

Want to have a say in spending \$1 million? We want YOU to join us! Ald. Garza is delivering on her campaign promise to introduce Participatory Budgeting to the 10th Ward.

Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend the Aldermanic “Menu” Infrastructure Budget. PB gives ordinary people real decision-making power over real money! Through a participatory budgeting (PB) process, discretionary capital funds controlled by Aldermen (“menu money”) are allocated by the community.

Aldermen annually receive approximately \$1 million of earmarked funds for infrastructure improvements such as: paving streets, upgrading traffic signals, replacing street lights, speed bumps, etc. Historically aldermen have directed the spending themselves, but in recent years a number of City Council members have begun soliciting project ideas from their constituents and putting them to a community vote.



PB TIMELINE:

Project Expos: late February 2016 **Voting: early March 2016**

For more information on the Participatory Budget project in your ward and in Chicago, visit <http://www.pbchicago.org/> or contact the 10th Ward Office to become a community representative.



2016: HEGEWISCH LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM, CONT.

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...getting up to the ballpark in April and about our park improvements, like a new scoreboard this season! Dates will soon be announced for opening day festivities and tryouts. On February 13th between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m, come out and show your support for HLL at the Rowan Ice Skating Rink! For every person that skates between those hours, HLL receives \$1.00. Bring your family and friends out to the rink for a day of skating and fun!

Jessica Gottardo, Director of Ways and Means

PARTICIPATORY BUDGET GOALS

What do we want to accomplish with PB?

Equity:

We aim for the process to be fair and just, both in distribution of funds to areas of most need as well as the participation of community members. A focus on equitable participation, working smarter to engage most marginalized populations, will lead to a more diverse and representative process.

Inclusion:

We strive to include the entire community- especially those who are often excluded from the political process, who face obstacles to participating, or who feel disillusioned with politics. By making every effort to actively engage these communities and reduce obstacles to participation, we hope to reduce the influence of groups with more resources from dominating the decision making process, and generate spending decisions that better reflect the needs of the community.

Community & Coalition Building:

We work to strengthen our communities and the individuals within them through outreach, education, dialogue, and civic engage, engagement. This process is designed to bring us together to make better budget decisions.

Sustainability:

We aim to maintain sustainability. Healthy democratic processes require renewal and support for the individuals participating. Through training and workshops, as well as expert support, we provide tools and space that allows communities to develop sustainable projects and leaders.

CHANGES TO BLUE CART RECYCLING!

Chicago Goes Bagless with New Recycling Policy

The Chicago Blue Cart Recycling Program is going bagless. Starting on January 1, 2016 the City of Chicago is requiring all recyclables be placed in your blue cart loosely without a bag.

We know that everyone wants to do their part to protect the environment, but when you place the wrong items in a blue cart you contaminate not only your cart but a whole stream of otherwise useful materials.

Plastic bags damage equipment at sorting facilities and also keep workers from seeing whether other non-recyclables — like greasy pizza boxes or Styrofoam — have been placed in the cart. Going bagless not only helps our environment, but also reduces unnecessary costs incurred by the City as a result of contaminated blue carts. For more information, visit <http://www.recyclebycity.com/chicago>

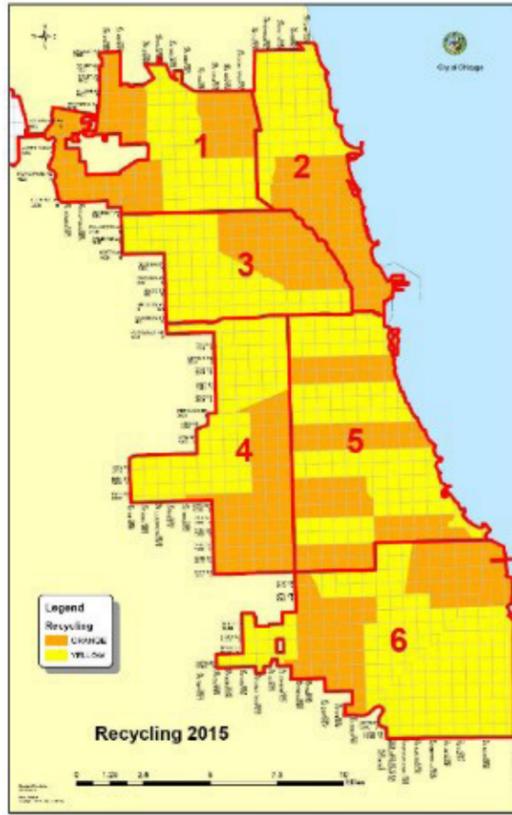
Loose the bag and keep the recycling!



BLUE CART RECYCLING

2016 Pick-Up Schedule

Beginning January 1, 2016, all recyclables must be placed in the blue cart loose without a bag.



Residents with alley service:
Put your blue cart out during your entire highlighted week.

Residents with curbside service:
Put your blue cart out on your garbage day during your highlighted week (unless otherwise notified).

PICK-UP WEEK

Month	Day	1	2	3	4	5
January 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
February 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
March 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
April 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
May 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
June 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
July 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
August 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
September 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
October 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
November 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6
December 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6

HOLIDAYS

Perhaps that fall on holidays will be picked up the following day.

- All areas will not be serviced due to holiday (January 1, May 30, July 4, September 5, November 24, December 25)
- Zone 2 and 4 will not be serviced due to holiday (January 14, March 7, October 10)

QUESTIONS OR SERVICE REQUESTS? Call 311 or visit ChicagoRecycles.org

CHICAGO POLICE



2016 BEAT MEETINGS

The highlighted BEATS are those in our ward!

Chicago Police Department 2016 Beat Meetings 004 th District – South Chicago Commander Noel Sanchez			
10 Sector	Beat 411 2 nd Wednesday @ 7pm	Beat 413	Beat 412 1 st Wednesday @ 7pm
	1/13	2/19	1/5
	3/9	4/13	3/2
	5/11	6/8	5/4
	7/13	8/19	7/5
9/14	10/12	9/7	
11/9	12/14	11/2	
St. Felicitas Church 1526 E. 84 th St	St. Albe Church 9937 S. Harper Ave	Zion Lutheran Church 8435 S. Stony Island Ave	New Original Church 1759 E 78 th St
20 Sector	Beat 421 2 nd Thursday @ 7pm	Beat 422	Beat 423 2 nd Tuesday @ 7pm
	1/14	2/11	1/12
	3/10	4/14	3/8
	5/12	6/9	5/10
	7/14	8/11	7/12
9/8	10/13	9/13	
11/19	12/8	11/8	
Labor Of Love Apostolic Church 2899 E 78 th St	Labor Of Love Apostolic Church 2899 E 79 th St	Bessmer Park Field House 8530 S. Muskegon Ave	Our Lady of Guadalupe 3200 E. 91 st St
30 Sector	Beat 431 1 st Thursday @ 7pm	Beat 434	Beat 432 1 st Tuesday @ 7pm
	1/7	2/4	1/5
	3/3	4/7	3/1
	5/5	6/2	5/3
	7/7	8/4	7/5
9/1	10/6	9/6	
11/3	12/1	11/1	
004 th District Station 2255 E. 163 rd St	St. Kevin's Church 10591 S. Torrence Ave	St. Francis de Sales School 18155 S. Ewing Ave	St. Columba 13323 S. Green Bay Ave
PHONE NUMBERS			
Emergency	311	Non-Emergency	311
004 th District DESK	(312) 747-8205	Domestic Violence	(377) 933-9338
004 th District CAPS	(312) 747-1708	Building Violations	311
004 th District TACT	(312) 747-8267	Graffiti Removal	311
004 th District FAX	(312) 747-8916	Landlord-Tenant Info	(312) 742-7358
		5 th Ward – Ald. Hairston	(773) 324-5555
		7 th Ward – Ald. Mitchell	(773) 731-7777
		8 th Ward – Ald. Harris	(773) 874-3369
		10 th Ward – Ald. Garza	(773) 758-9138
		Auto Pound	(773) 598-8495
SECTOR MEETINGS			
10 Sector (411, 412, 413, 414)		May 19, 2016	004 th District @ 7pm
20 Sector (421, 422, 423, 424)			
30 Sector (431, 432, 433, 434)			
www.chicagopolice.org			
* All dates, times, and locations are subject to change.			

THE HEGEWISCH TIMES

The Hegewisch Times is a new Illinois not-for-profit organization dedicated to the publication of a local quarterly newspaper and online newsletter containing relevant information about the Hegewisch community. The newspaper was created to reconnect the community and to encourage more community involvement as well as support its businesses and schools.

The newspaper and newsletter will contain information on community events (including surrounding neighborhood events), local business news, school news, featured people around town, crime statistics and other useful information. By sharing such information, we feel that more residents will be connected and informed about the neighborhood they call home. Our first edition will be ready for distribution on April 1, 2016. For more information, please visit us at www.hegtimes.com or [facebook.com/hegtimes](https://www.facebook.com/hegtimes) or email us at hegtimes@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February- April 2016

2/5/2016, 2/19/2016 and 2/26/2016
Beginning Spanish Lessons
1-2:30 p.m. on.
South Chicago Community Service Center
8650 S. Commercial

3/24/16
Shred-a-Thon
10AM – 2PM
South Chicago Community Service Center
8650 S. Commercial
Chicago, IL 60617

2/19/2016
Tenants' Rights
11-12 PM English 12-1PM Spanish
South Chicago Community Service Center
8650 S. Commercial

3/24/16
Utility Bill Clinic
10AM – 2PM
South Chicago Community Service Center
8650 S. Commercial

2/25/2016
Take Charge of Your Health-Nutrition Program
11:30AM-1PM HIV Testing
South Chicago Community Service Center
8650 S. Commercial

3/24/16
Discount Cards for Veterans
10AM-1PM
South Chicago Community Service Center
8650 S. Commercial

2/28/2016
Fashion Show/Bridal Show
South Chicago Chamber of Commerce
9212 S. Commercial Ave.

3/26/2016
Indoor Garage Sale
South Chicago Chamber of Commerce
9212 S. Commercial Ave.



3/31/16
Take Charge of Your Health Nutrition Program for Adults
11:30AM-1PM
South Chicago Community Service Center
8650 S. Commercial

3/27/2016
Community Easter Dinner
11am-1pm
South Chicago Chamber of Commerce
9212 S. Commercial Ave.

4/13/2016
Spring Fling Networking Event
5:30pm-7:30pm
South Chicago Chamber of Commerce
9212 S. Commercial Ave.

4/21/16
Take Charge of Your Health Nutrition Program
11:30AM-1PM

METRA ON 93RD STREET

We have invited representatives from Metra and Metra Police Department to address constituents at the CPD Beat 424 meeting on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (3200 E 91st St) about the ongoing concerns of vandalism in the Metra parking lot adjacent to the 93rd Street Metra Station. Police officers from the 004th District have been very diligent in responding to the concerns and needs of constituents surrounding the vicinity of the 93rd Street station. Public safety is a top priority for the Alderwoman and is asking constituents to continue reporting any suspicious activity within the Metra station or the Metra parking lot to the Metra Police. You can reach the Metra Police at (312) 322-2800.

PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS: ALDERWOMEN VOTES NO AGAINST PROPERTY TAX HIKE

I kept true to my campaign promise and voted 'No' for the largest property tax increase in Chicago history. I voted against the Mayor's proposal because it would set a fiscally irresponsible precedent of balancing the city's finances on the backs of homeowners and working class families. I also voted against the city wide garbage tax. Instead the City Council's Progressive Caucus and I suggested some alternatives for generating revenue for the City in a fairer and more effective way. We proposed the following: creating an alternative minimum property tax for the downtown Central Business District to reduce the burden on homeowners; reforming the Tax Increment Financing system to ensure that needed funds aren't siphoned away from our communities; implementing a Stormwater Stress Tax on big box stores and other large stressors on our sewer system; regulating big rideshare corporations

Neighborhood Watch

WE CALL POLICE

Susan Sadlowski Garza
10th Ward Alderwoman

Request a "We Call Police" sign for your home or business. You can pick them up at the 10th Ward Office.

like Uber and Lyft to ensure transparent accounting and fair taxation; reducing the City's costly "true-up" payments on the parking meter deal; requiring substantive, regularly scheduled forensic and performance audits of every City department, along with many other suggestions. Mayor Rahm Emanuel's budget will hike property taxes over four years by \$543 million, which will go toward the city's underfunded police and fire pension funds. Under the plan, property taxes will increase by \$318 million this year, \$109 million in 2016, \$53 million in 2017 and \$63 million in 2018.

MARIANOS' UPDATES

There has been much speculation about the status of the proposed Mariano's grocery store on the former U.S. Steel South Works site near 87th and South Lake Shore Drive since the announcement of the project back in the summer of 2014. Mariano's Fresh Market and McCaffery Interests, stakeholders of the Lakeside Development, have notified our office that according to contractual agreements the construction of a Mariano's grocery store was contingent upon the establishment of additional retailers. As of February 2016, there has been no formal agreement on opening a Mariano's or a big-box store. Additionally, we continue to promote this lakefront site to retailers and corporations alike.

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT: NEW PLAYLOTS COMING

The Chicago Park District and Friends of the Park have been working with Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza to replace and install new playlots in Wesolek and Rowan Park. Recently, constituents had the opportunity to vote on the new playlot at Rowan Park. Residents had to vote on one playlot out of four renderings. Below is a picture of the winning playlot. Constituents should expect construction to finish by the end of 2016.

JOB RECRUITMENT IN THE 10TH WARD: LINKING RESIDENTS TO EMPLOYMENT

Since being elected into office we have worked tirelessly to provide 10th Ward residents with access to employment opportunities. Collaborating with the Calumet Area Industrial Commission (CAIC), Chicago Police Department, and Integrity Trade Services Inc., we were able to successfully host job recruitment fairs which linked residents to workforce training, education, and careers. One of our goals was to give community members better opportunities to participate actively in the labor market and another goal is placing an increased priority on helping get the unemployed individuals in the 10th ward back to work. If you or someone you know is looking for employment, please visit our office to take a look at our "Job Book" updated regularly by local employers. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend one of our recruitment fairs, we are working with 1000 Jobs, a pilot campaign developed by World Business Chicago's Advisory Council for Chicagoland Manufacturing and funded by approximately \$1 million in public and private contributions. They aim to employ individuals in more than 30,000 open advanced manufacturing jobs in the Chicagoland area. Be on the lookout for our next job recruitment fair!



ELECT ALDERWOMAN SUSAN SADLOWSKI GARZA FOR 10TH WARD DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEMAN

**PUNCH
#252**

AS COMMITTEEMAN ALD. SADLOWSKI GARZA WILL:

- BE AN INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR WORKING FAMILIES
- ENDORSE CANDIDATES FOR COOK COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICE
- HOST ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVERS TO ENCOURAGE CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND DEMOCRACY

**Vote
March 15**

Susan
**SADLOWSKI
GARZA**

10th Ward Alderwoman

Support 10th Ward Residents on the March 15th Ballot as
Delegates for the National Nominating Committee
representing the 2nd Congressional District
for U.S. Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders

- #68 – Carl Camacho
- #69 – Laura M. Ortega
- #70 – Susan Sadlowski Garza