



Logan Square Neighborhood Association

REIMAGINE Logan Square,
Avondale, and Hermosa

ALDERMANIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Education



Economic Development



Housing



Health and Wellness



Immigration



30th Ward

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1. What resources or relationships do you uniquely have to support our economic development strategies?

As a community organizer, I've developed relationships with organizations and leaders across the city and country. I know how to mobilize around important issues. I'll lean heavily on my experience and network to create impactful ways that help stimulate growth and economic development in the 30th Ward.

2. How would you encourage local hiring and adopt anti-displacement standards we set?

Through city ordinances. By working with my colleagues in City Hall, we can put policies in place to ensure when these projects are being discussed and developed, they benefit our neighborhood or they don't happen at all.

3. LSNA's immigration proposal is to beautify a corridor along Armitage Ave. in Hermosa. Our project will uplift and celebrate our immigrant community. What are specific ways you will support this project?

I will work to help secure funding and publicize it. As a long-term advocate for immigrant rights, I understand the unique challenges this group faces, and the importance of making them feel welcome.

4. How will you strengthen the city's Welcoming City Ordinance, particularly in regards to the gang database?

I will work with the next mayor and City Council to eliminate the gang database, and support keeping Chicago a sanctuary city.

5. How will you get the funding to make CPS High Schools a viable option in our neighborhood?

It's important for the next City Council to remember who they represent. As a former educator, I understand first hand the importance of having the proper funding for our schools. I'll work with the City Council and next mayor to make sure education is a priority, and city budgets reflect the need to make sure we have viable CPS. I'll work to ensure the children in CPS are set-up for success: from cradle to the start of their careers.

6. Schools and housing are inextricably connected. As an alderman, how are you going to influence city council to push forward community-driven initiatives such as the 606 Ordinance and the Emmett Street Affordable Housing Project both of which will create greater equity in our gentrifying communities and increase student enrollment in our neighborhood schools?

These kinds of ordinances are exactly why I'm running: to bring greater equity to our gentrifying community. I'll fight and support ordinances like this.

7. Juan has schizophrenia and he has an altercation with the police – he's visibly agitated. It doesn't end well. What is your response from a public health perspective?

The first thing to do is re-open the mental health clinics the former alderman closed, to support people like Juan. Second we need to make sure our police are equipped for situations like this. That's exactly why I'm for more police training. With the proper training and support, we can strengthen our community.

8. With the closure of the 6 mental health clinics, our communities have experienced instability. What funds and resources are you planning to invest in mental health?

As alderman I will work with the City Council and the next mayor to secure funds to help re-establish these clinics. I'm committed to providing the community with this support and will also look into private partnerships to help fund this initiative.

9. 20,000 Latinx have been displaced in Logan square since 2000. How do you plan to prevent further displacement in Logan Square, Hermosa and Avondale?

Maintaining opportunities here in our ward are crucial to stemming community displacement. That's why I'm for a property tax freeze. It helps people stay in their homes, and the ward. Better job training is also necessary and it's something I plan to invest resources in.

10. What will you do to support and champion a strong ARO that has a higher percentage of affordable units, requires more family size units and builds in more monitoring?

A lot of this can be done through city ordinances. I look forward to working with LSNA to develop the kind of strategies that accomplish this.