



HYDE PARK-KENWOOD COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

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Dear xxx

The Hyde Park Kenwood Community Conference would like to hear from you concerning your views on several issues that we believe are important for the xxx ward.

The HPKCC is a community organization established in 1949. For the last 60 years, it has worked to enhance the attractive, secure, diverse, and caring community that is Hyde Park and Kenwood in Chicago. The HPKCC does not endorse candidates in political races. But the Conference can help to see that our community has an informed electorate. If you care to respond to some, or all, of the questions presented below, we will make your responses available to the voters of your ward, without HPKCC endorsement or commentary.

Space permitting, we will publish the responses of all candidates in the HPKCC *Reporter*. We will make the responses available to the local newsletters and newspapers that may have an interest in publishing candidates' views on these issues.

We will be sending you a copy of this request by both email and U.S. mail. Please send your responses to my office address given below. Given the short time remaining before the February election, we would like to have your responses by December 10th. The HPKCC Reporter is a small publication, and we ask you to try to keep responses to each question under 200 words.

The HPKCC thanks you for your commitment to our community.

Jack Snapper
For the Board

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1. What are your three highest priorities for your ward? What do you regard as the most critical issues facing the ward? If elected, how would you go about addressing them? If the most critical issues are not the same as your highest priorities, why not?

2. Is there a need for a reconfiguration of the transportation system for the ward? Do you have suggestions for changes to the public transportation system? Do you have suggestions for changes that will make the ward more friendly for pedestrian traffic, or for automobile use?

3. Are there significantly underdeveloped areas (or empty spaces) in your ward? Do you have suggestions for the uses of such spaces? Are there specific areas that can be developed to encourage retail, provide green space, or increase the availability of affordable housing?

4. What is the proper procedure for the management of TIFs. Should the ward have more or fewer TIFs? What is your view of the value of the TIFs that are now in place in the ward?

5. What problems do you see in the present level of public services (e.g. garbage and litter pickup, street maintenance, park maintenance, police presence) in the ward? What can the alderman do to address those problems?

6. Do you see any significant problems with real estate zoning in the ward? Do you believe that upcoming issues can be effectively resolved through individual variances, or is there a need for zoning review or for zoning revisions in any specific areas of the ward?

7. What is the alderman's role in addressing the popularly perceived inadequacies in the public schools? Do you have proposals for additional youth-oriented programs in your ward?