

# Election 2015 - Runoffs

**WCT** - In this election cycle, **Windy City Times** mailed questionnaires to every registered citywide and aldermanic candidate, to their address on file with the board of elections.

The questions were about a wide range of issues, LGBT, HIV/AIDS, minimum wage, crime, youth experiencing homelessness, and more. Some questions did not have a yes/or no or "correct" answer, but involved more nuance and detailed narrative answers. Therefore, this cycle we are rating candidates on an A-F scale, not by numbers. Readers will note not very many were below a "C" because those candidates likely did not even bother to respond to a survey from an LGBT newspaper.

Also this year, we are doing something different, since some candidates really took the time to explain their positions in detail. We have posted all surveys, as turned in by candidates, on our website. Look for a link under the Politics button at the top of our website, or search for the headline "2015 Election Survey Responses."

Windy City Times does not endorse in any elections, but we hope our survey educates readers who are making tough choices for citywide and aldermanic races Tuesday, April 7. Unfortunately, no local LGBT political organizations are significantly engaged in this election cycle, despite the important decisions ahead for LGBT Chicagoans and our allies. However, there are endorsements from organizations this publication deems to be relevant.

In addition, readers are urged to check out the mayoral and aldermanic candidates' responses to questionnaires from the Active Transportation Alliance (<http://www.activetransportation.org/blog/kwhitehead/where-do-chicago-candidates-stand-active-transportation-check-out-our-2015-voter-gui>) and Organization Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside, or ONE: Northside (<http://onenorthside.org/aldermanic-candidate-questionnaire-responses/>).

Also, responses to Access Living's questionnaire are at <https://www.accessliving.org/1410ga87>. Access Living is committed to fostering an inclusive society that enables Chicagoans with disabilities to live fully engaged and self-directed lives.

**IVI** - Independent Voters of Illinois Independent Precinct Organization

**CAI** - Citizen Action Illinois

**GIA** - Grassroots Illinois Action

**SEIU** - Service Employees International Union

**CTU** - Chicago Teachers' Union

**PP** - Planned Parenthood Illinois Action

**EIP** - Equality IL PAC

In addition, the **Victory Fund** has endorsed the following candidates for Chicago City Council: Raymond Lopez (15th); and James Cappleman (46th).

## CHICAGO MAYOR

Rahm Emanuel (incumbent)

Jesus "Chuy" Garcia

## CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL

### ALDERMAN - 2nd WARD

Brian Hopkins

Alyx S. Pattison

### ALDERMAN - 7th WARD

Gregory L. Mitchell

Natashia L. Holmes (incumbent)

### ALDERMAN - 10th WARD

John A. Pope (incumbent)

Susan Sadlowski-Garza

### ALDERMAN - 11th WARD

John K. Kozlar

Patrick Daley Thompson

### ALDERMAN - 15th WARD

Raymond A. Lopez

Rafael Yañez

### ALDERMAN - 16th WARD

Toni L. Foulkes (incumbent)

Stephanie Coleman

	WCT	IVI	CAI	GIA	SEIU	CTU	PP	EIP
Rahm Emanuel (incumbent)	A-						Y	Y
Jesus "Chuy" Garcia	A+	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Brian Hopkins	A							
Alyx S. Pattison	A-		Y		Y		Y	
Gregory L. Mitchell	B						Y	
Natashia L. Holmes (incumbent)								
John A. Pope (incumbent)		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	
Susan Sadlowski-Garza								
John K. Kozlar					Y			
Patrick Daley Thompson								
Raymond A. Lopez	A	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Rafael Yañez								
Toni L. Foulkes (incumbent)			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Stephanie Coleman								

### ALDERMAN - 18th WARD

Lona Lane (incumbent)

Derrick G. Curtis

### ALDERMAN - 19th WARD

Matthew J. O'Shea (incumbent)

Anne Schaible

### ALDERMAN - 20th WARD

Willie B. Cochran (incumbent)

Kevin Bailey

### ALDERMAN - 21st WARD

Marvin McNeil

Howard B. Brookins, Jr. (incumbent)

### ALDERMAN - 24th WARD

Vetress Boyce

Michael Scott, Jr.

### ALDERMAN - 29th WARD

Deborah L. Graham (incumbent)

Chris Taliaferro

### ALDERMAN - 31st WARD

Milagros "Milly" Santiago

Regner "Ray" Suarez (incumbent)

### ALDERMAN - 36th WARD

Omar Aquino

Gilbert Villegas

### ALDERMAN - 37th WARD

Emma M. Mitts (incumbent)

Tara Stamps

### ALDERMAN - 41st WARD

Mary O'Connor (incumbent)

Anthony V. Napolitano

### ALDERMAN - 43rd WARD

Caroline Vickrey

Michelle Smith (incumbent)

### ALDERMAN - 45th WARD

John Garrido

John S. Arena (incumbent)

### ALDERMAN - 46th WARD

James Cappleman (incumbent)

Amy Crawford

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Lona Lane (incumbent)								
Derrick G. Curtis								
Matthew J. O'Shea (incumbent)		Y	Y		Y		Y	
Anne Schaible	C							
Willie B. Cochran (incumbent)								
Kevin Bailey								
Marvin McNeil	B				Y		Y	
Howard B. Brookins, Jr. (incumbent)								
Vetress Boyce								Y
Michael Scott, Jr.								
Deborah L. Graham (incumbent)								Y
Chris Taliaferro		Y						
Milagros "Milly" Santiago								
Regner "Ray" Suarez (incumbent)								
Omar Aquino	A-							Y
Gilbert Villegas								
Emma M. Mitts (incumbent)			Y	Y		Y		Y
Tara Stamps								
Mary O'Connor (incumbent)								
Anthony V. Napolitano								
Caroline Vickrey		Y						
Michelle Smith (incumbent)	B							Y
John Garrido								
John S. Arena (incumbent)	A+		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
James Cappleman (incumbent)	A		Y					Y
Amy Crawford	A+	Y		Y				Y

## Early voting info for runoffs

Early voting for the April 7 municipal runoff elections will take place through Saturday, April 4.

Voters registered in the City of Chicago may use any early voting site in the city, regardless of where they live.

Voters don't need a reason or excuse to use early voting; however, voters do need to present government-issued photo identification.

Ballots cast in early voting are final. After casting ballots in early voting, voters may not return to amend, change or undo a ballot for any reason. It is a felony to vote more than once—or to attempt to vote more than once—in the same election.

All 51 early voting sites will be open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. To get a list of sites, visit [www.chicagoelections.com/page.php](http://www.chicagoelections.com/page.php).

See how all the candidates responded to our 2015 election survey

<http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/lgbt/2015-Election-Survey-Responses/50447.html>