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Dear Friends,

Every year every alderman is allocated \$1.2 million to spend on local infrastructure improvements. The aldermen can pick from a "menu" of repairs, including street resurfacing, sidewalk replacement, street light painting and repair, or even bike lanes.

Fullerton Bridge Meeting

Come and learn more about the Fullerton Bridge Project.

*Wednesday, March 14,
6:30 p.m., South Gallery
the Peggy Notebaert
Nature Museum
2430 N. Cannon Dr.*

To prepare for our submission to the City, and to help develop a multi-year plan of improvements, **we want your input. We're going to walk every block and alley of the 43rd Ward - come with us!**

Our office is coordinating with our 43rd Ward community groups to schedule walkabouts. Here's what's planned so far:

Congratulations Spelling Bee Winners!

This past Friday, March 9 I was honored to judge the Chicago Private School Collaborative Spelling Bee. Congratulations to 43rd Ward residents Simon Ricci and Jonathan Ashbeck for being the first and second place winners! Simon will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Scripps competition in May.

Cultural Plan Reminder

- **Gold Coast:**
 - *Saturday, March 17, 9:00 a.m. at Goudy Park, the corner of Astor and Goethe*
- **Old Town Triangle:**
 - *Saturday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. at the Triangle Center, 1763 N. North Park*
- **Park West:**
 - *Saturday, March 24, 10:00 a.m. at corner of Fullerton and Lakeview*
- **Mid-North:**
 - *Saturday, March 24, 9:30 a.m. at Starbucks on the corner of Lincoln and Belden*
- **Old Town Triangle Merchants and Residents (for south of North Avenue residents):**
 - *Saturday, March 31, 10:00a.m. at the Burton Pl., Pavillion, 1447 N. Wells*
- **RANCH Triangle:**

o **Saturday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. location TBD**

Please join us at this "Community Conversation" for students and residents of Lincoln Park about the new 2012 Chicago Cultural Plan.

We will provide clipboards and a brief training before we go out and about in the Ward.

Wednesday, March 14
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
-Students
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.-
Community
DePaul University
Student Center
Room 120 B.
2250 Sheffield Ave.

The remaining walkabouts will be announced as soon as they are scheduled. To participate, contact our office or your community group. Click [here](#) to find out which community group represents your neighborhood. I'll see you out there!

And in City Council News...

Early Voting Ends
Thursday, March 15

With a valid government-issue ID you can vote at any site in the City from 9am-5pm.

In 2010, President Obama signed into law the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act empowering states and municipalities to take an increased role in divesting from Iran's energy sector. Already twenty-four states, including Illinois, and thirteen metropolitan governments have enacted divestment legislation or policies.

REMINDER

March 20, 2012 is the Primary Election Day

On February 15th I introduced a resolution calling upon the City of Chicago to responsibly divest the Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago from all investments in the Iranian energy sector.

Click [here](#) for more information including sample ballots and your polling location.

The Fund contains over 4 billion dollars and the investments in Iran only account for as much as \$35 million. Nonetheless, divestment would ensure that the City of Chicago would have no part, even unwittingly, in helping Iran get a nuclear bomb.



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Since introducing the resolution, I am honored to have been joined by over a third of City Council, including Human Relations Committee Chairman Alderman Joe Moore, 49th, as well as City Treasurer Stephanie Neely in calling for this divestment.

Please join us at the Human Relations Committee Hearing:

Monday, March 19
10:00a.m.
City Hall, Room 201A
121 N. LaSalle
Chicago, IL 60602

I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

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43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith

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