

MISSION STATEMENT:

Homeowners, renters, small business owners and partners of the Pilsen community have developed this committee that has a [co-governance approach](#), to inform the alderman and advocate to the departments of Planning and Development (DPD) and the Dept. of Housing (DOH) regarding priorities for project selection within the Pilsen Industrial TIF to ensure they are in alignment with the committee's mission. These should include, but limited to:

1. **Keep and maintain** the cultural character of the community and our working class community that is not exclusive.
2. **Uphold values** residents to define how funds are to be spent - emphasizing low income, not just affordability
3. **Community benefit:** keeping in mind the local residents who live nearby, this should include local hiring, affordable housing, future land uses and assessment of the [Pilsen Quality of Life Reports](#)

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES:

1. Community power
2. Publish all meeting minutes, recordings and presentations
 - a. Provide public notices for all pre-scheduled meetings
3. Utilize the Pilsen Quality of Life Plan to guide future usage for green spaces, small businesses, housing developments, infrastructure projects and public spaces
4. No political donors of elected officials allowed on the committee
5. Include participation from 12th Ward and 11th Ward
6. Include workshops, education materials from expert resources from City Depts., local organizations, Universities, state and federal guidelines.

PRIORITIES TO CONSIDER FOR TIF FUND USAGE:

1. De-industrialization driven
 - a. Assessment of current land use in the industrial corridor and provide recommendations for future land use through a public health lens
 - b. Environmental Remediations on all public land
 - c. Education for usage of large diesel trucks along Blue Island Ave, Cermak Rd, S. Halsted Ave., S. Ashland Ave., S. Damen Ave and S. Western Ave.
 - d. Identify vacant land for future usage
2. Infrastructure that is tailored to pedestrian safety and vehicular safety around main corridors- especially schools
 - a. Recommendations should include arterial street traffic studies to review protective bike lanes, traffic patterns and increase pedestrian and public transportation access
 - b. Include detailed annual reports from The Dept. of Transportation regarding public way improvements (Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, Utility Projects)
3. CPS Capital Improvements
 - a. Identify all schools in the Industrial TIF and provide a total of capital funds needed for each school
4. Public Spaces that fall within the Pilsen Industrial TIF should have an updated assessment of capital improvement needs
 - a. Participants to also gather testimonies from residents and participants of park districts
5. Local hiring for development and programming
6. Housing Developments:
 - a. Prioritise affordable housing
 - b. Consider impacts of increasing density and affordability tailored to past displacement of low income families
 - c. Advocacy for transit oriented developements
7. Small Businesses
 - a. Include funding opportunities for small businesses, but not limited to rehabilitation costs
 - b. Encourage local hiring and programming incentives