



Memorandum

To: [Suburban Municipal Candidate(s)]

From: [Your Name]

Re: Candidate and Voter Education Questionnaire

[Organization name or Bike Walk Every Town campaign name] is working in [city/village] to promote better biking, walking and transit. On behalf of our supporters and the community, we encourage you to complete the following questionnaire. In order to educate voters, we will share your answers publicly.

Please answer the questions below and email your responses to [your email address] by [desired date].

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and options on how to improve transportation options in our community.

Local Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate name:

Municipal position/role:

1. We live in an era when more people from the ages of 8 to 80 are choosing to walk, bike and ride public transit. How do you incorporate walking, biking and public transit into your everyday life? **Do you, or a family member, routinely walk, bicycle or use transit for any of the trips listed below? If so, please circle.**

Walk: Go to work Bring child to school Errands Recreation Other

Bike: Go to work Bring child to school Errands Recreation Other

Transit: Go to work Bring child to school Errands Recreation Other

Comments:

2. For too long, our streets have been built with only one goal in mind: move as many cars as possible. Dozens of suburban communities have already embraced a vision for Complete Streets, a policy that balances the needs and safety of people walking, biking, using transit, or driving. We need to build upon these successes to encourage Complete Streets everywhere. **Do you support establishing a new Complete Streets policy or implementing an existing Complete Streets policy in your city or village?**

- Yes
 No

Comments:

3. Many people in suburban Chicago communities would like to ride bicycles for transportation, but do not feel safe or comfortable doing so. In order to address the perceived lack of safety, more and better on-and off-street bike facilities are needed in suburban communities. An Active Transportation Plan can help map out a vision of a connected network of low-stress bikeways and trails, as well as sidewalks and transit access. **Do you support the development of an Active Transportation Plan and the implementation of bike and trail network that makes biking and walking safer and more comfortable for all?**

- Yes
 No

Comments:

4. Our streets should be safe to cross for people of all ages and abilities, including our most vulnerable populations such as children, seniors and handicapped residents. But in many parts of the suburbs, unsafe intersections and a lack of sidewalks discourage people from walking and lead to serious injuries and fatalities. No loss of life is acceptable and traffic crashes are preventable incidents that can be reduced and eventually eliminated with systemic changes. **If elected, will you commit to prioritizing and implementing pedestrian safety improvements at the most dangerous intersections and crossings?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

5. Funding remains one of the biggest barriers in moving suburban municipalities forward on biking and walking improvements. **If elected, will you dedicate a minimum amount of funding toward biking and walking priorities? Will you pursue funding opportunities from the federal, state and regional levels?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

6. Large parts of the suburbs are poorly served by transit and existing services often fail to connect people to jobs and educational opportunities. Local elected officials can be powerful advocates calling for new funding solutions to maintain and expand regional public transportation. **Do you support regional efforts to identify new revenue sources to support maintenance and expansion of public transit?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

7. Local officials are expected to manage a variety of complex and pressing issues and priorities. Municipalities can stay abreast of community transportation issues and needs through establishing a formal committee of resident advocates and public officials concerned about biking, walking, and transit. A Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council can help the municipality track progress on plans and policy goals, garner community input on projects, and help ensure active transportation commitments move forward. **Do you commit to establishing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council to help advise and advance the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian projects and policies?**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

The remainder of this page has been left blank for your constituents to ask further questions that are specific to biking, walking and transit projects in your community.