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## **Sam Royko Announces Candidacy for Alderman of Chicago's 1st Ward**

“Last year, my girlfriend was carjacked. It was a traumatic experience. We decided to turn this difficult event into an opportunity to use our voices to improve the community. Working together with our neighbors and community organizations, we created the [Greater West Town Community Coalition](#).”

“Today, we take the next step in our campaign as members of the community, for the community, and with the community to improve public safety, address violent crime, and build a better 1st Ward.”

“Our work has been with our neighbors to keep the community together and ensure that all voices are heard. Along this journey, we have already created some positive change, but there is still much more to be done.”

“Today, we take the next step for a safer 1st Ward that offers improved communications, better constituent services, and gets back to the basics with community-based leadership.”

“The 1st Ward is a vibrant and engaged community. My father is from here; he grew up above the tavern his family operated at 2122 North Milwaukee Ave.; I have lived in the community since 2015 in Noble Square and now West Town. The 1st Ward is more than just my home, though, it is part of my history, and we want to make it the best Ward for future generations.”

“Now, today, after talking with my neighbors, friends, and my family, I am humbly announcing my candidacy for Alderman of Chicago’s 1st Ward, where we will seek to run an office for the community and with the community.” - [Sam Royko](#), Candidate for Alderman of Chicago’s 1st Ward

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### **Background**

Sam Royko is an attorney, advocate, community organizer, and proud Chicagoan.

After his girlfriend was a victim of a carjacking in Wicker Park, Sam spearheaded a community effort to draw attention to the unprecedented increase in violent crime throughout West Town. Sam is dedicated to finding solutions that tackle violent crime, improve public safety both in the short-term and long-term, and build safer, stronger neighborhoods. Through this experience, Sam recognized a need for stronger leadership in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward and was inspired to run for alderman.

As alderman, Sam will always listen to the needs of residents and provide efficient and responsive constituent services while helping Logan Square, Wicker Park, and West Town continue to grow into the best neighborhoods in Chicago. He will advocate for residents and work diligently to make our community safer and a better place to live, work and raise a family.

The son of Pulitzer Prize-winning Chicago columnist Mike Royko, Sam continues to be inspired and motivated by his dad's impact on the city. Sam and his girlfriend Erin live in West Town with their two cats, Mika and Alta.

He is currently a partner at L&G Law Group. Prior to joining L&G, Sam founded and managed The Royko Group. As an attorney, Sam represents clients in matters including complex litigation, class actions, employment, and entertainment. He also provides outside counsel services for corporations and small businesses.