

42 LISTINGS → 3 FINALISTS

Three strong options. One clear front-runner.

A two-bedroom search centered on natural light, quiet streets, a fast Blue Line commute, and a hard \$3,200 ceiling.

BEST FIT

The Robey Lofts · \$3,075/mo

South-facing corner light, quiet rear exposure, in-unit laundry, and a seven-minute walk to Damen.

01 · THE FINALISTS

The shortlist, without the tab chaos.

Each finalist clears the non-negotiables. The ranking reflects the user's stated priorities—not a generic amenity count.



The Robey Lofts

\$3,075 · Wicker Park

- South-facing
- In-unit laundry
- 7 min to Blue Line

Biggest usable windows and the strongest all-day light. The rear-facing corner avoids most Milwaukee Avenue noise.

Tradeoff: highest move-in fee of the three.



Damen Vintage

\$2,995 · Bucktown edge

- Bay windows
- Best value
- 6 min to Blue Line

Bright, warm, and \$80 below the front-runner. The plan is easy to furnish and the second bedroom fits a real desk.

Tradeoff: audible train rumble at rush hour.



Halsted Greystone

\$3,150 · Lincoln Park

- Quietest block
- Built-ins
- Tree view

Best storage and the calmest evening setting. Original millwork makes the smaller living room feel intentional.

Tradeoff: longer commute and softer daylight.

The tradeoffs are visible.

A five-bar score is only a summary. The notes show what the score actually means in the room.

PRIORITY	ROBEY LOFTS	DAMEN VINTAGE	HALSTED GREYSTONE
Natural light · 30%	Corner exposure; useful light past 3 p.m.	Bright bay; slightly less even across the plan.	Good windows; tree canopy softens afternoon light.
Quiet · 30%	Rear exposure; verify HVAC hum.	Train audible; bedroom is on the opposite side.	Residential block and mature trees.
Commute · 25%	Seven-minute walk to Damen.	Six-minute walk; quickest door to train.	Bus connection or a longer walk east.
Value · 15%	\$125 under ceiling before utilities.	Best cushion and lowest move-in fee.	Premium is mainly for calm and character.

RECOMMENDATION

Tour Robey and Damen in the same daylight window. Choose Robey if the rear exposure is genuinely quiet; choose Damen if the train reads as background rather than interruption.



“Tour the light and noise—
not just the finishes.”

One afternoon. A confident choice.

See the strongest two back-to-back under comparable conditions, then use the quietest option as the control.

10:00

The Robey Lofts

Stand silently for two minutes. Photograph window direction. Measure the sofa wall.

11:15

Damen Vintage

Wait for a train. Close the bedroom door. Test whether conversation still feels easy.

1:00

Halsted Greystone

Use the block as the quiet benchmark. Check how much task light the living room needs.

BRING AND VERIFY

- Photo ID
- Proof of income
- Pet policy
- Utility estimate
- Cell signal
- Water pressure
- Package handling
- Lease concessions

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