

IVI-IPO 2004 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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Please use an additional sheet to complete the following background information:

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates. *See resume.*

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. *See resume.*

C) Principal business, education, professional and civic activities of the past ten years. *See resume.*

D) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

BA Political Science, JD, and Instructor of American Government.

E) Activities for other candidates. Please be specific. *Too numerous to count.*

F) Please list all endorsements you have received so far. *Too numerous to count.*

G) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally? *My resume speaks for itself.*

H) Please outline the place of patronage, personnel codes, race, gender, and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees. *None.*

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? *Will raise and spend whatever is necessary.*

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list? *As of 1/16/04, I will have two campaign workers. We have dozens of volunteers.*

IVI-IPO 2004 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

Elections & Ethics

1. Do you support:
 - a. moving the primary election date? If so, to what month? *Yes. June.*
 - b. keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret? *Yes.*
 - c. reestablishing straight party voting in general elections? *Yes.*
 - d. any other changes in Illinois' election laws? *Limits on spending.*
2.
 - a. Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives? If so, please describe the plan you support. *Yes.*
 - b. Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting? *Yes.*
3. Do you support changes in the way judges are selected? If so, please give a brief description of the system you support. *Yes, but no viable plan has yet been presented. I will support a workable plan when I see one.*
4. Do you believe that appointments to judicial vacancies should be based on nominations from local review panels? If not, would you recommend any changes in the current system? *Undecided, but willing to listen.*
5. Do you favor legislation mandating uniform voting procedures and equipment throughout Illinois?
6. Do you support:
 - a. public financing of election campaigns? *Yes.*
 - b. limits on campaign contributions and political committee transfers? *Yes.*
 - c. restricting campaign fundraising during legislative sessions? *Yes.*
 - d. limiting contributions to political campaigns by dollar amount or source? *Yes.*
 - e. extending the same campaign disclosure requirements for ward and township committeemen throughout the state rather than just in Cook County? *Yes.*
7. Do you support legislation to prohibit incumbency and political affiliation as criteria in the mapping process for Congressional, Legislative and local government electoral districts? Would you support the creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly? *Perhaps.*
8. Do you support permitting state employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently? *My support would depend on the language of the proposal.*

Taxes and Economic Policy

9. Do you support:
 - a. instituting a graduated income tax? *Yes.*
 - b. maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio? *Yes.*
 - c. increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes? *Yes.*
10. Do you support amending the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act to
 - a. prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts? *Yes.*
 - b. allow expanded private rights of action? *Yes.*
 - c. allow expanded rights of litigation? *Yes.*
 - d. mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs? *Yes.*
 - e. provide for any other changes? Please specify.

11. Do you support
- casino gambling in Cook County? *Yes.*
 - placement of slot machines at racetracks in Illinois? *Yes.*
12. Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded? If so, at which level and why? *No, the job of the General Assembly is to make the hard decisions about gambling, or abortion, or guns, etc. If we turn over all Constitutional decisions to referendums, then why do we even need a General Assembly?*
13. Do you support legislation
- banning Pay Day loans? *Banning no, regulating yes.*
 - banning or restricting ATM fees? *Yes.*
 - capping credit card interest rates? *My support would depend on the proposal.*

Education

14. Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs? *Yes.*
15. Do you support the proposed Taxpayer Action Amendment? *More information is needed.*
16. Do you support vouchers or other means of public funding for private or parochial schools? *No.*
17. Do you support increased training and testing for teacher certification? *Yes.*
18. Should certification be required for a teacher to have sole responsibility in the classroom? *Yes.*

Civil Rights & Civil Liberties

19. Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment? *I am the chief sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment Resolution that passed in May. I have continued to work on the resolution while it works its way through the Senate. Prior to this General Assembly, I'd introduced the ERA every session for the past eight years.*
20. Do you favor
- adding sexual orientation to the Human Rights Act? *Yes. I was the first Representative to pass the Human Rights Act.*
 - legislation providing legal recognition of domestic partnerships? *Yes.*
 - legislation prohibiting discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together? *Yes.*
21. Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment? *No.*
22. Do you support mandatory drug testing for public or private sector employees? Under what circumstances? *Undecided.*
23. Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause? *No.*
24. Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement? *Yes.*

25. Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees? *Yes.*
26. Do you support
- a. prior government restraint of the press? *No.*
 - b. State censorship of the arts? *No.*
27. Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause? *No.*
28. Should states enact anti-terrorism legislation? If so, do you support the provisions outlined in the Illinois Comprehensive Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001? *We should have uniform standards.*

Labor

29. Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of state employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth? *Yes.*
30. Do you support privatization of state services? If so, which services? *No.*
31. Do you support the right of public employees to strike? *Yes.*
32. Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment? *Yes.*
33. Do you support family leave legislation for private employment? If so, for which employers? *Yes.*
34. Do you support
- a. raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers? *Yes.*
 - b. establishing a lower minimum wage for minors? *No.*
 - c. including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws? *Yes.*

Health & Human Services

35. Will you support a single-payer health plan for Illinois? If so, how would Medicaid be incorporated into the program you support? *I would have to see the exact details of such a plan.*
36. Will you support sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients? *Yes.*
37. Do you support:
- a. Medicaid funding for abortions? *Yes.*
 - b. insurance coverage of abortions for state employees? *Yes.*
 - c. parental consent/notification for minors seeking abortions? *No.*
 - d. banning so-called partial-birth abortions? *No.*
 - e. any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify. *No.*
38. Do you support increasing appropriations to the Department of Children and Family Services to increase the number of caseworkers? *Yes.*
39. What services, if any, would you offer to those whose time on Welfare has run out and do not have adequate income to support themselves and their families? *There needs to be a safety net in place that includes*

job training, healthcare, and transportation.

Housing

40. Do you favor legislation banning discrimination in housing based on source of income? *Yes.*
41. Would you support
- “repair and deduct” legislation, which would allow tenants to withhold rent to make repairs to correct substandard housing conditions? *Yes.*
 - legislation mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units? *Yes.*
 - legislation assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions? *Yes.*

Energy & Environment

42. Please assess the benefits and drawbacks of deregulation of utilities in Illinois. *Still to be determined.*
43. Do you support an elected ICC? *Yes.*
44. How do we balance our need to protect our environment with our need for economic development? Your comments should include: enforcement of pollution statutes, recycling and waste management, state purchasing practices and economic development zones. *My answer to this question would be several pages long, please check my record.*

Transportation

45. Do you support
- expansion of O'Hare airport? If so, how? *Yes. Mayor Daley's plan for O'Hare expansion.*
 - expansion of other regional airports? If so, which? *Possibly Rockford.*
 - building a new airport in Peotone? *Not at this time.*
46. Do you support
- inter-city high speed rail? *Yes.*
 - the current formula for allocation of funds to CTA, Metra and PACE? *No.*

Criminal Justice

47. Do you support:
- capital punishment? *Only on occasion.*
 - criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? *No.*
 - mandatory sentencing? *No.*
 - work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing? *Yes.*
 - admissibility of illegally obtained evidence? *No.*
 - electronic eavesdropping? *No.*
 - roving wiretaps? *No.*
48. Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
- handguns? *Yes.*
 - assault weapons? *Yes.*
 - ammunition for handguns and assault weapons? *Yes.*
49. Do you support
- legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons? *Yes.*

- b. legislation permitting the licensing of concealed weapons? *No.*
- c. legislation mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements? *Yes.*

50. Do you favor continuation of the current moratorium on capital punishment in Illinois? If not, how would you address the inequities enumerated in the report of the Commission on the Death Penalty? *Yes.*