

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. **Please see website for requested information!**
- B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. **Please see website for requested information!**
- C) Principal business, education, professional and civic activities of the past ten years.
- D) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?
- E) Activities for other candidates. Please be specific.
- F) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.
- 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?
- H) Please outline the place of patronage, personnel codes, race, gender, and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees.
- I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?
- J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

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Elections & Ethics

1. Do you support:
 - a. moving the primary election date? Maybe If so, to what month? June
 - b. keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret? No
 - c. reestablishing straight party voting in general elections? No
 - d. any other changes in Illinois' election laws? Yes, redistricting by computer, 4-4-2 terms for state reps; 6-4 for senators in 10 year
2.
 - a. Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives? I'm thinking about it. If so, please describe the plan you support.
 - b. Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting? No
3. Do you support changes in the way judges are selected? If so, please give a brief description of the system you support. Elect at first, the retention by non-partisan board
4. Do you believe that appointments to judicial vacancies should be based on nominations from local review panels? Yes If not, would you recommend any changes in the current system?
5. Do you favor legislation mandating uniform voting procedures and equipment throughout Illinois? Only if dollars are available
6. Do you support:
 - a. public financing of election campaigns? No
 - b. limits on campaign contributions and political committee transfers? No
 - c. restricting campaign fundraising during legislative sessions? Yes
 - d. limiting contributions to political campaigns by dollar amount or source? No
 - e. extending the same campaign disclosure requirements for ward and township committeemen throughout the state rather than just in Cook County? ??
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? YES!
8. Do you support permitting state employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently? ??

Taxes and Economic Policy

9. Do you support:
 - a. instituting a graduated income tax? No
 - b. maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio? Not sure
 - c. increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes? No
10. Do you support amending the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act to
 - a. prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts? Don't know
 - b. allow expanded private rights of action? Don't know

- c. allow expanded rights of litigation? Don't know
- d. mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs? Don't know
- e. provide for any other changes? Please specify. Don't know

11. Do you support

- a. casino gambling in Cook County? I'd have to see legislation
- b. placement of slot machines at racetracks in Illinois? I'd have to see legislation

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? I'd have to see legislation

13. Do you support legislation

- a. banning Pay Day loans? Depends on legislation
- b. banning or restricting ATM fees? Depends on legislation
- c. capping credit card interest rates? Depends on legislation

Education

14. Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs? Depends on bill

15. Do you support the proposed Taxpayer Action Amendment? Don't know

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? No

18. Should certification be required for a teacher to have sole responsibility in the classroom? If possible, but we are facing an impending teacher shortage

Civil Rights & Civil Liberties

19. Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment? Yes

20. Do you favor

- a. adding sexual orientation to the Human Rights Act? Yes
- b. legislation providing legal recognition of domestic partnerships? No
- c. legislation prohibiting discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together? No

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?

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? No

25. Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees?

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? Yes If so, do you support the provisions outlined in the Illinois Comprehensive Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001? Yes

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? Some If so, which services? Corrections
31. Do you support the right of public employees to strike? ??
32. Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment? No
33. Do you support family leave legislation for private employment? If so, for which employers? Depends on the legislation
34. Do you support
- a. raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers? No
 - b. establishing a lower minimum wage for minors? Not sure
 - c. including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws? No

Health & Human Services

35. Will you support a single-payer health plan for Illinois? No If so, how would Medicaid be incorporated into the program you support?
36. Will you support sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients? If state budget will allow
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? Yes, provided other relatives are possible: grandparents OR aunt OR uncle
 - d. banning so-called partial-birth abortions? Yes, if life and health prtotected
 - e. any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify.
38. Do you support increasing appropriations to the Department of Children and Family Services to increase the number of caseworkers? If state budget allows
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? Food stamps, employment counseling, child care availability

Housing

40. Do you favor legislation banning discrimination in housing based on source of income? No
41. Would you support
- a. "repair and deduct" legislation, which would allow tenants to withhold rent to make repairs to correct substandard housing conditions? No
 - b. legislation mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units? ?
 - c. legislation assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions? ?

Energy & Environment

42. Please assess the benefits and drawbacks of deregulation of utilities in Illinois.
43. Do you support an elected ICC? No, but changes need to be made to make this more responsive
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.

Transportation

45. Do you support
- a. expansion of O'Hare airport? Yes If so, how? Reconfiguration
 - b. expansion of other regional airports? If so, which?
 - c. building a new airport in Peotone? Not unless airlines pay for it
46. Do you support
- a. inter-city high speed rail? Yes
 - b. the current formula for allocation of funds to CTA, Metra and PACE? Yes

Criminal Justice

47. Do you support:
- a. capital punishment? Yes
 - b. criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? Sometimes
 - c. mandatory sentencing? Sometimes
 - d. work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing? ?
 - e. admissibility of illegally obtained evidence? ?
 - f. electronic eavesdropping? ?
 - g. roving wiretaps? ?
48. Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
- a. handguns? No
 - b. assault weapons? For whom?
 - c. ammunition for handguns and assault weapons? No
49. Do you support
- a. 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? Not sure

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