

IVI-IPO 2017 CHICAGO ALDERMANIC QUESTIONNAIRE - SECTION 1

DATE 1/20/2017 WARD 04 Ward

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED 6,000 NUMBER REQUIRED 473

Please provide the following background information:

A. Elective or appointive public and/or party offices previously held including dates.

None

B. Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

None

C. What is your primary occupation?

Educator and Community Activist

D. Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.

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F. What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.

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G. Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

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H. As concisely as possible, 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?

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I. What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?

250,000 with 185,000 raised to date

J. How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

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22.			making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
23.			restoring city-wide community group budget hearings several months prior to the publication of the budget, as were held under the Washington and Sawyer administrations?
24.	ESSAY		What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose?
25.			Do you support casino gambling for Chicago?
26.			Will you vote to require a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City?
27.			Will you vote to roll back Mayoral and Aldermanic salaries to pre-2007 levels?
28.			Will you vote for an ordinance limiting future Mayoral and Aldermanic salary increases to the same percentage as the lowest raise for any class of city employees?
29.			Do you agree with the criticism that City government is top heavy with management?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
30.	ESSAY		What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency?
31.	ESSAY		How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions?
32.	Choose One		Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated
			in equal amounts to each ward
			based on the size of each ward
			based on the needs of each ward
	YES	NO	
33.			Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward?
PRIVATIZATION			
34.	ESSAY		Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?
35.			Will you vote for an ordinance requiring an independent analysis of any lease or outsourcing arrangement?
36.			Will you vote for an ordinance requiring detailed analysis and evaluation of any lease or outsourcing arrangement at least 30 days prior to the City Council vote?
37.	ESSAY		Before voting on privatization contracts, what will you do to ensure that they deliver the maximum return and best service for city residents in the long term?
38.	ESSAY		What procedures will you implement to ensure that privatization arrangements are not being used to move patronage workers outside of the scope of the Rutan decision requirements or any other anti-patronage rules or protocols?
PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
39.	ESSAY		How will you involve ward residents in planning?
40.	ESSAY		What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?
41.	ESSAY		What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance?
42.	ESSAY		How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts?
43.			Will you vote to terminate a TIF if the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before the 23 year period is ended?
44.			Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?
45.	ESSAY		How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development?

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46.			Will you support a moratorium on creation of any new TIF districts until new funding sources are identified to replace the revenue diverted to the TIF?
47.			Will you vote for an ordinance requiring that large corporate entities receiving \$250,000 or more in public subsidies, and their tenants, must pay their workers a living wage (currently \$11/hour)?
48.			Will you vote to invest substantially more in job-training and the creation of transitional job programs in disadvantaged communities, including the formerly incarcerated, homeless, youth, and non-English speakers?
HOUSING			
49.			Will you vote to amend the Vacant Properties Ordinance to require mortgage servicers to register their properties?
50.			Do you support enacting an ordinance to preserve Single-Room Occupancy housing?
51.			Will you vote for an inclusionary zoning ordinance requiring developers to set aside 30% of residential new construction or renovation for the creation of affordable housing?
52.	ESSAY		What measures will you support to guarantee that some of the foreclosed properties saved through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program are made affordable to families at 40% and 60% of AMI?
53.	ESSAY		What procedures and safeguards would you put in place on conversion/demolition of SRO's and other low income housing to ensure that affordable housing will continue to be available for low income tenants who would otherwise be displaced?
54.	ESSAY		What measures will you support to ensure that there is an adequate supply of affordable family sized units available to families in the Section 8 program?
55.	ESSAY		What measures will you support to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals and families who are not served by any existing programs?
	YES	NO	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?
56.			low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of AMI?
57.			supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?
58.			shelters for the homeless?
59.			Do you favor a moratorium on the conversion or demolition of SRO's pending the development of protections and remedies to protect the displaced tenants from becoming homeless?
60.			Do you support allowing the demolition of existing public housing units without new or rehabilitated replacement housing on a one-for-one basis?
61.	Choose One		Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?
			AMI of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
			AMI of Cook County
			AMI of Chicago
			AMI of the Community Area
EDUCATION			
62.	Choose One		Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?
			Popular Election
			Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives
			Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment
			A mix of elected and appointed members
	YES	NO	
63.			Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?

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64.			Will you support LSCs in maintaining full powers, and support them through adequate funding levels that provide training and support for LSCs to do their jobs?
65.			Will you support a moratorium on school closings until a detailed analysis of the impacts of shuffling children is completed, and a real plan to address the quality of education and safety for every child is in place?
66.			Will you support development and implementation of a more comprehensive and accurate approach to evaluate student and teacher performance than reliance on the SAT and ACT tests?
67.			Would you favor repealing (or modifying) the 70% requirement for voting to authorize teacher strikes?
68.	ESSAY		What is your assessment of Renaissance 2010 and its implementation in your ward as well as the City as a whole? Please include in your assessment the role of charter schools as well as the power to reconstitute schools.
69.	ESSAY		What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools?
70.	ESSAY		What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward?
71.	ESSAY		How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension?
ENVIRONMENT			
72.			Will you vote for the Clean Power Ordinance?
73.			Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
74.			Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago public schools?
75.			Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago restaurants and food delivery services?
76.			Will you vote to adopt the water quality standards recommended by the Pollution Control Board?
77.	ESSAY		What should the City do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy?
78.	ESSAY		What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose?
PARKS			
79.			Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?
80.			Do you support increased privatization of park facilities and services?
	ESSAY		Why or why not?
81.			Do you support prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?
TRANSPORTATION			
82.			Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?
83.	Rank 1-5 or say no to any		Please indicate which CTA expansion plans, if any, you support and rank them in order of priority (1 highest)
	1		Red Line south to 130th Street
	2		Orange Line to Ford City Mall
			Downtown Circulator
			Downtown-O'Hare Express
	3		Other – please specify
	YES	NO	
84.			Do you support renegotiation of Chicago's parking meter privatization deal?
85.			Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?
86.			Do you support the O'Hare expansion plan?

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE		
87.		Is 911 response time adequate?
	ESSAY	If not, how can it be improved?
88.		Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward?
	ESSAY	If so, what can be done to redress them?
89.		Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?
90.	ESSAY	What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program?
91.		Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
92.	ESSAY	What measures will you support to stop the schools to prison pipeline?
93.		Do you support gun control?
94.	ESSAY	What measures, if any, should the City Council adopt in response to recent court decisions striking down Chicago's handgun ban?
95.		Will you vote to order the City to stop paying legal fees and attempt to recover past legal costs of city employees implicated in the Police Board findings of misconduct related to the Burge case?
96.	ESSAY	Please share your views regarding the functioning of the Independent Police Review Authority and whether it should operate more independently of the Police Department.
CIVIL RIGHTS		
97.		Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?
98.		Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?
99.	ESSAY	Please comment on current participation of individuals with disabilities in city hiring and contracts.
100.	ESSAY	Please comment on current women and minority participation in city hiring and contracts. Be sure your comments include firefighter and police officer recruitment and promotion.
101.		Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
102.		Will you vote to require all City vendors and contractors to provide spousal benefits for same-sex partners of their employees?
103.		Will you vote for the Municipal ID ordinance?
	ESSAY	Why or why not?
ALDERMANIC PRIORITIES		
104.	ESSAY	What employment, if any, other than alderman, do you intend to hold?
105.	ESSAY	How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation?
106.	ESSAY	Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties.
107.	ESSAY	Please describe your service office staffing plan, including the number of staff, full and part time, how you will pay for them, and the number of hours per week that your service office will be open.
108.	ESSAY	What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this?
109.	ESSAY	What are your top priorities for the Ward?
110.	ESSAY	How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters?

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Essay Answers

1. I would combine Transportation and the Public Way with Traffic Control and Safety committees.
2. I think the City Council should take a stronger role in committee assignments and chairmanships. I also support reforms to make it easier to bring bills to the floor from committee.
17. I support public financing of campaigns as long as there are guidelines, we should not waste tax payer money on frivolous campaigns but we should work to reduce the effect of outside money in Politics.
18. My Top Contributors are listed on the Illinois State of Board of Elections Website.
24. I will press the state and federal government for additional revenue. I support a progressive income tax for the state. Further I think that by supporting development in underserved communities we can increase tax revenue to the state.
29. I think that we need a full audit to determine the government we need instead of political posturing.
30. I support additional revenues to ensure that we keep our promise to the working men and women of this city.
31. We need to have a conversation with labor about what is workable for our working people and retirees. They system needs to be solvent but we can't break our promises when it is convenient.
34. I believe that the numbers have to make sense and workers need to be protected. If we consider a deal that displaces workers and doesn't save money, we are making a mistake,
37. I support the provisions in Alderman Sawyer's privatization Ordinance.
38. I will support the current rules.
39. I have an open and transparent process to hear resident feedback in development decisions. I listen to communities and plan public meetings to get input.
40. We have had good development in the 4th ward, however we must remain affordable and livable for the long time residents. I want to ensure that we keep the ward livable with jobs and income for the foreseeable future.
41. I will use zoning studies and community input as well as my judgment.

42. I have community meetings to receive input from my residents.
45. I support a progressive income tax at the state level which would help fund CPS. We need a dedicated stream of revenue.
52. I will push for the provisions in the ordinance for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The ordinance requires the city to reinvest where it matters the most and ensure that we maintain affordability.
53. I support the SRO Preservation ordinance.
54. I support the equitable distribution of affordable housing. In my time as Alderman I have already forced new developments to keep the promise of affordable housing.
55. My office works with residents to see which programs they qualify for and help them apply.
68. I believe that we need to fully assess the program and how it worked for our children in every neighborhood.
69. We need to improve funding and increase local control in our schools.
70. I have a long history of working with local schools, I want to learn the needs of my principals and work with them to achieve goals. I have already delivered TIF money for certain priorities and I plan to be inventive in ensuring that we meet the school's needs.
71. I believe that that issues should be negotiated between the pensions and CPS
77. When prudent in the budget we should expand incentives for alternative energy.
78. We need to look at ways to make our communities reduce less energy.
80. I do not generally support the privatization of public services.
87. We need to ensure that 911 only responds to violent crimes and when a resident is in danger to reduce paper work and increase response time.
90. I support the CAPS officers in the 4th Ward. I will take guidance from the Department of Justice Report if their need to be adjustments.
92. We need to allow people with non violent drug crimes to be able to be active citizens again. We need wrap around services to help children in bad situations get the support they need. We need restorative justice programs in Chicago public Schools, and we need less restrictions on ex-felons finding employment.

94. We need to license gun stores at a State level.

98. I am committed to ensuring the reforms being put in place create transparency and accountability for police.

99. My door is always open to advocates.

100. I helped co-found Harriet's Daughters with a mission towards improving these numbers, we have seen improvement but I will not be satisfied until we see full parity.

104. I will be a full time Alderman

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106. See above

107. INSERT OFFICE STAFF INFO

108. We are working to be as responsive and transparent as possible with all of the change in our ward. We are focused on equitable development.

109. Safety, Job development, Economics and Education

110. I seek to be transparent and open with the community. I have an open door policy and work with my residents.