

2019 IVI-IPO CHICAGO ALDERMAN QUESTIONNAIRE

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From within your Word processor, please answer all questions in Part I (Instructions and Candidate Details) and Part II (Issue Questionnaire). This questionnaire uses special formatting features: please see the specific instructions below for each type of question.

Question Type: Yes/No and Short Answer

- Please click within the appropriate box to mark your answer for each yes/no question.
- If you wish to add comments to a yes/no question, or if elaboration is requested, you may click within the gray rectangle directly below the question text (next line, flush-left) to type your answer. The rectangle will expand to accommodate the length of your entry.
- by adding a paragraph return at the end of the question and typing your comments in the same cell as the question. Use such comments only when clarification is necessary.

Question Type: Select Choice(s), rank choices, etc.

- These begin with a prompt (e.g., “I am a member of the following groups:”) then ask you variously to “select one” or “select all that apply” or “rank from 1 highest to 4 lowest”). If you wish to elaborate, you may click within the gray rectangle directly below the question text (next line, flush-left) to add text.

Question Type: Essay

- Click within the gray rectangle directly below the question text (next line, flush-left) to type your answer. The rectangle will expand to accommodate the length of your entry. Please answer the questions at the length you deem sufficient. It is OK if your comments cause tables, etc., to shift pages.

Saving and Naming Your Questionnaire

Please follow the form detailed below exactly. Your questionnaire was downloaded to your computer as a Microsoft Word file (docx) with a generic name that identifies the office for which you are running. After you complete your questionnaire, but before submitting, you must save your questionnaire as a PDF file and give it a new name to which you will append your personal name and the election year as specified below.

General Form:

- If you were running for a suburban mayor’s office, your downloaded file (doc) name would be: Mayor_SUB_f
- You must save-as a PDF file (.pdf) and replace the “f” part of the downloaded file name with your last and first name and add the election year.
- Use capitals for the first letter of your last and first name and lowercase for the rest.

Specific Example:

- Suburban Mayor candidate Elizabeth Rias would rename the Mayor_SUB_f file to: Mayor_SUB_RiasElizabeth2019

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If you are familiar with file saving routines, you may skip the step-by-step instructions below.

Step-by-Step Instructions for saving as a PDF file and personalizing your questionnaire file name:

1. Open your completed questionnaire in your word processor.
2. From the FILE menu, select "Save a Copy" (or "Save As").
 - 2.1. In the dialogue box that appears, find the pull-down list that shows the file type. It will show .doc or .docx.
 - 2.2. Click on the small triangle within the file-type box and select the "PDF" (.pdf) option from the menu.
 - 2.3. BEFORE selecting the "save" or "export as" option (varies depending on your computer platform set-up), rename your file.
 - 2.4. You will see the generic questionnaire title in a fill-in box (e.g. Mayor_SUB_f) with the first word identifying the office for which you are a candidate and the second indicating the jurisdiction (in the example, Mayor, suburban) followed by an underscore and the letter "f."
 - 2.5. Click on the generic name field to highlight the name.
 - 2.6. Then, click just after the END of the generic title (so that the entire file title is no longer highlighted but the field is active).
 - 2.7. Backspace once to eliminate the "f."
 - 2.8. Type your last name then first name, using appropriate capitals and lower-case letters (no space necessary: e.g., JohnsonJuan).
 - 2.9. Add 2019 (the election year).
 - 2.10. **Your file name should look like this (but with your specific office and name):**
Mayor_SUB_JohnsonJuan2019
3. BEFORE SELECTING "Save" look to be sure you are saving the file to the location you want (if you need to change the location, click on the file path and navigate to the location you wish to save the file (e.g., your desktop, a specific folder, etc.))
4. Make sure you remember this location: this is the location you must navigate to when you attach your file to an e-mail and submit to the IVI-IPO.

Submitting Your Completed Questionnaire to the IVI-IPO

- Your properly named PDF file (see above) completed questionnaire should be attached to an e-mail and sent to : iviipopac@gmail.com.

Please go to the next page to begin your questionnaire.

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Part II: Candidate Contact Information

Answers to Part II questions with an asterisk will be redacted prior to public distribution.

1.	DATE:	12/10/2018
2.	NAME:	Daniel LaSpata
3.	WARD:	1st
4.	PARTY AFFILIATION:	Democrat
5.	VOTING ADDRESS*:	
6.	MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:	
7.	BUSINESS PHONE*:	
8.	CAMPAIGN PHONE	(847) 254-1242
9.	CAMPAIGN FAX:	N/A
10.	PERSONAL EMAIL*:	
11.	CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:	2704 W. Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL 60647
12.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	http://daniellaspata.com/
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Jeff Salvadore
14.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	847-254-1242
15.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	jeff.salvadore@gmail.com

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Part III: Candidate Background Information

16.	How many petition signatures were you required to file? 473
17.	How many petition signatures did you file? Just over 1,700
18.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>). None.
19.	Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. None
20.	What is your primary occupation? Currently full-time candidate. Most recently I was the Policy and Planning Associate for Friends of the Parks.
21.	<p>Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteering with homeless families at Cornerstone Community Outreach ● Worked with the Logan Square Neighborhood Association as a leader, housing committee co-chair, and board member. ● Helped create new affordable housing, fought to protect homeowners and renters dealing with foreclosures, protected our undocumented neighbors, and worked to ensure full funding for our neighborhood schools and social services. ● Worked for Jane Addams Senior Caucus as a housing organizer ● Worked at Friends of the Parks as a Policy and Planning Associate
22.	<p>What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?</p> <p>I believe my time Logan Square Neighborhood Association will be the most helpful. That experience allowed me come in contact and fight for the most vulnerable neighbors in my neighborhood and in my ward. It was formative in helping me build empathy and solidarity as well as understand how to build diverse coalitions to accomplish victories for the community.</p>
23.	<p>Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign.</p> <p>Supported Candidates: Delia Ramirez for state representative. Will Guzzardi for state representative. Carlos Rosa for alderman. Stephanie Miller for 6th sub-circuit judge. Charlie Beach for 6th sub-circuit judge. Daniel Biss for governor.</p> <p>For Carlos, Delia, and Will’s campaigns I was a volunteer on my own time, canvassing and phone-banking. For Judge Beach, Judge Miller, and Daniel Biss, I lead canvasses and phone-banks as part of the Northwest Side core team for Reclaim Chicago.</p>
24.	Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor? There are several intriguing candidates running, but frankly I have yet to make a personal or public decision.

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25.	Please list all endorsements you have received. Our only public endorsement as of today is United Neighbors of the 35th Ward, but we have several others close to public announcement
26.	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? Our top donors are Alicia Locher (my wife) at \$5000, Brian Strauss (former owner of the Double Door) and his sons at \$1500 each, my in-laws Larry and Kate Locher at \$3000, Reclaim Chicago leader Yali Amit at \$1000, former Logan Square Neighborhood Association staff John McDermott at \$1,350 in aggregate.
27.	Please concisely state (a) why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s) and (b) what goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally? Neither the incumbent nor my current opponents have proven a capacity or interest in providing transparent democratic government to the residents of the 1st Ward and for the city of Chicago. I am the only candidate in this race planning to use this movement to create a progressive and independent political organization and to pursue the transformative policies needed to create equity and justice for working families.
28.	What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date? We estimate a total campaign budget of around \$175,000, including \$100,000 on paid communications (mail and digital), \$45,000 on staffing, and \$30,000 on other costs (rentals, field supplies, legal fees, polling, etc.). So far, we have raised approximately \$40,000.
29.	How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign? There are currently two paid staffers. The campaign has been generating between 15-25 volunteer shifts on a weekly basis. We are moving to boost this number to 30 volunteer shifts as well as create a precinct captain program with committed volunteers covering all 43 precincts.

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Part IV: Issue Questions

City Council Reform and Ethics

Yes/No			
	YES	NO	
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
31.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you in favor of procedures to ensure that privatization arrangements are not being used to move patronage workers outside of the scope of anti-patronage rules or protocols?
32.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support an ordinance that bars city employees and elected and appointed officials from taking on any outside employment, or other responsibility for which they receive compensation, which conflicts with the city's interests?
33.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the City?
34.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for an ordinance mandating that the City contest unemployment claims by former employees who were fired for cause?
35.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for an ordinance forbidding the City to hire or contract the services of anyone previously fired for cause from the City or any other unit of government?
36.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you joined, or will you join the Progressive Reform Caucus?
37.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
38.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for an ordinance requiring redistricting of the wards to be based on non-partisan criteria and not to benefit any specific individual or political party?
39.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a limit of two 4-year terms for Mayor?
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward?

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41.	Do you support an ordinance banning contributions in any amount from:	
41 a.	X	city vendors and contractors?
41 b.	X	entities seeking licenses, permits or zoning changes?
41 c.	X	registered lobbyists?

Essay:	
42.	<p>Should the Inspector General be authorized to independently initiate his or her own investigations of Alderman, in the absence of a complaint from someone outside of the Inspector General's office. Please explain your position. Definitely, I believe that's a power that the IG needs to bring a high level of accountability to the Council and to proactively root out corruption.</p>
43.	<p>Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position.</p> <p>I do. I believe our current system prohibits many working class leaders from running for elected office. The costs of a modern-day campaign are daunting and keep many community leaders from pursuing this opportunity. An equitably funded public financing program could radically open up our democracy.</p>

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Revenue and Budget

Yes/No			
44.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a progressive City income tax for Chicago?
45.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward?
46.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support creation of a public bank for Chicago?
47.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to hire independent analysts to conduct a forensic audit of past City spending?

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48.	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated:	
48 a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	in equal amounts to each ward
48 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	based on the size of each ward
48 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	based on the needs of each ward
48 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other-please specify

Select all that apply		
49.	Will you vote for a budget ordinance which would require:	
49 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?
49 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
49 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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?

Essay	
50.	What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? The primary measure I would vote for is full-funding of the city's current and projected pension liabilities. We cannot reduce pension payments to any retirees. Pensions are a promise that must be met.
51.	What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? A head tax on larger employers, a vacancy fee on intentionally vacant commercial and residential spaces, a municipal income tax on high earners, a progressive real estate transfer tax, and/or an expansion of the sales tax to a variety of services (particularly professional services currently generating great un-taxed wealth in the city)

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Planning, Zoning, Economic Development, and Privatization

Yes/No			
52.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to terminate a TIF if the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before the 23-year period is ended?
53.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?
54.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
55.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
56.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Fair Workweek Chicago Ordinance which would give employees greater control over their schedules?
57.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Development for All Ordinance which would eliminate “in lieu of” fees and require developers to include 30% affordable units on site? Yes, assuming we find a new revenue source for the city’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which is providing crucial affordable housing options across the city.
58.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support guarantees that some of the foreclosed properties saved through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program are made affordable to families at 40% and 60% of the Area Median Income?
59.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support policies to ensure that there is an adequate supply of affordable family sized units available to families in the Section 8 program?
60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?
62.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Will you vote for an ordinance requiring independent analysis and evaluation of any lease or outsourcing arrangement at least 30 days prior to any City Council vote.

Select all that apply:

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63.	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?	
63 a.	X	low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of the Area Median Income?
63 b.	X	supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?
63 c.	X	shelters for the homeless?

Choose one		
64.	Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?	
64 a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Area Median Income of Chicago
64 b.	X	Area Median Income of the Community Area (or the AMI for Chicago, whichever is lower. Often times the Community's median income can mask great income inequalities which is the case in Logan Square)

Essay	
65.	Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria? I don't personally support privatization. I have yet to see broad evidence of benefit to either residents or workers in the short- or long-term.
66.	What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance? Zoning changes would be decided by instituting community led zoning measures that would initiate a public process, appeal and approval.
67.	How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development? Ideally, we are not creating any new TIFs that cause CPS revenue decreases. We need progressive revenue sources to properly fund our schools without asking working families to pay more.

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Housing

Yes/No			
68.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support guarantees that some of the foreclosed properties saved through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program are made affordable to families at 40% and 60% of Area Median Income?
69.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the General Assembly repeals the pre-emption of rent control consideration by local government, would you support some form of rent control for covered units of rental housing in Chicago?
70.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Homes for All Ordinance which would establish an automatic approval process for affordable housing applications if not acted upon within 90 days?

Schools

Yes/No			
71.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
72.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support Local School Councils (LSCs) in maintaining full powers, and support them through adequate funding levels that provide training and support for LSCs to do their jobs?
73.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?

Select all that apply		
74.	Will you support an ordinance requiring every school to have a:	
74 a.	X	full-time nurse?
74 b.	X	full-time social worker?
74 c.	X	full-time librarian?

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75.	Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?	
75 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Popular Election
75 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives
75 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment
75 d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A mix of elected and appointed members

Environment

Yes/No			
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you oppose disposal of contaminated dredging sediment from the Cal-Sag Channel within Chicago city limits?
77.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you consult with neighborhood residents before approving permits that could affect air or water quality?

Parks

Yes/No			
78.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support park prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?
79.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?

Transportation

Yes/No			
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?

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Rank from 1 st to last preference (1, first – 4, last)		
81.	Please indicate which CTA expansion plans, if any, you support and rank them in order of priority.	
81 a.	1	Red Line south to 130th Street
81 b.	2	Orange Line to Ford City Mall
81 c.	4	Downtown-O'Hare Express
81 d.	3	Other – Improving bus access across the city, especially 66-Chicago, 73-Armitage and 49-Western

Criminal Justice

Yes/No:			
82.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?
83.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
84.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support an ordinance codifying the provisions of the Consent Decree regarding the duties and accountability of school resource officers?
85.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the proposed Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) Ordinance?

Essay	
86.	Please discuss 911 service in your ward: are there inequities, is response time adequate. If so, how the service be improved. Generally, our ward has quick response times for 911.

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Civil Rights

Yes/No:			
87.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?
88.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?
89.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?

Aldermanic Priorities

Essay	
90.	<p>What are your top priorities for the Ward?</p> <p>I am running so that the low-income people and working families in the City of Chicago and in the 1st Ward can participate in the political processes that affect them most vulnerably. My priorities include a radical anti-displacement affordable housing plan, properly funding our neighborhood public schools, and ensuring a transparent and inclusive, democratic government in our ward that listens to the people who live here first and foremost.</p>
91.	<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?</p> <p>The long-range planning of the ward will require anti-displacement strategies, increased small business along commercial corridors like Armitage Avenue, instituting the community mental health center and other prioritizes outlined in the Quality of Life Planning accomplished by LSNA last year.</p>
92.	<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning?</p> <p>Participatory budgeting and community led zoning measures, as well as democratic processes around aldermanic menu money, will help community members and residents decide what the future of the first ward looks like.</p>
93.	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters?</p> <p>We will work with community groups and residents through our ward IPO, continued relations with nonprofits, ward night, by instituting community led zoning process and participatory budgeting measures as well as digital, social media and print communication about upcoming events, resources and city procedures.</p>

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94.	<p>Do you intend to hold employment other than alderman? If so, what employment do you intend to hold and how will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation (please note the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties)?</p> <p>No, I don't intend to hold employment other than alderman.</p>
95.	<p>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.</p> <p>Our service office staffing plan would include four full time staff in addition to the alderman: Chief of Staff, Policy Director, Constituent Service Coordinator, Community Engagement Manager and a part-time Office Clerk and part-time paid Intern. The staff will be paid through the alderman allocation for staff fund. The service office will be open 9-8 on Monday for office hours and ward night, 9-5 Tuesday through Thursday, 9-3 on Fridays, and additionally open for ward events, meetings, and periodic weekend open hours.</p>

Thank you for your participation!