

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.

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Specific Example:

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

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

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

1.	DATE:	December 11, 2018
2.	NAME:	Felix Cardona, Jr.
3.	WARD:	31
4.	PARTY AFFILIATION:	Democrat
5.	VOTING ADDRESS*:	
6.	MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:	
7.	BUSINESS PHONE*:	
8.	CAMPAIGN PHONE	
9.	CAMPAIGN FAX:	
10.	PERSONAL EMAIL*:	
11.	CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:	5232 W. Diversey, Chicago, IL 60639
12.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	Felixcardona2019.org
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Edgar Lopez
14.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	773-616-9103
15.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	Felixcardona2019@gmail.com

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Part III: Candidate Background Information

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16.	How many petition signatures were you required to file?
17.	How many petition signatures did you file?
18.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>).
19.	Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.
20.	What is your primary occupation? County employee for the last 24 years.
21.	Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. Very active in 31 st Ward democratic party politics and supportive of labor unions.
22.	What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? Experienced in petitioning and in GOTV initiatives.
23.	Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign. Omar Aquino, Iris Marinez, Chuy Garcia and numerous judicial candidates.
24.	Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor? Toni Preckwinkle
25.	Please list all endorsements you have received. None yet. Just now answering numerous questionnaires.
26.	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? Myself, family members and friends.
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? Although I respect incumbent alderman, Millie Santiago, I believe she is seriously lacking in independence. She is beholden to her political sponser, St. Rep. Luis Arroyo, Sr. to such a degree that she cannot make decisions on her own. All zoning, liquor license and other important decisions are being made out of the 36 th Ward and not the 31 st . She also has a record of being in lock-step with the current mayor, Rahm Emanuel, in terms of her voting record. The 31st ward needs a strong independent voice. I will be that voice.
28.	What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date? \$150,000 and I have raised \$30,000 to date.
29.	How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign? I have an all volunteer campaign staff.

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City Council Reform and Ethics

Yes/No			
	YES	NO	
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
31.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you joined, or will you join the Progressive Reform Caucus?
37.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
38.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a limit of two 4-year terms for Mayor?
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward?

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Yes/No			
	YES	NO	

Select all that apply			
41.	Do you support an ordinance banning contributions in any amount from:		
41 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	city vendors and contractors? Yes. The same cannot be said about the incumbent.	
41 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	entities seeking licenses, permits or zoning changes? Yes. The same cannot be said about the incumbent.	
41 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	registered lobbyists? Yes. The same cannot be said about the incumbent.	

Essay:	
42.	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. That should actually be the true mission of that office. Since its creation it has been hand-cuffed by the city council in its ability to investigate their own. You cannot have a watch-dog and make claims that you are a "self-policing" body if you exempt yourself.
43.	Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position. Yes. It just makes sense that with public financing and limiting the amount of money that can be spent on elections, you not only remove special interest money from influencing campaigns but also level the playing field and expand the pool of candidates beyond the very wealthy.

Revenue and Budget

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

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Choose One		
48.	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated:	
48 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in equal amounts to each ward
48 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	based on the size of each ward
48 c.	<input 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? Those were the best years for the city. The mayor and his entire cabinet would tour the city and take questions from its citizens. The mayor would then hold those commissioners collective feet-to-the-fire regarding commitments made at those forums. I will fight to bring back that type of community interaction.

Essay	
50.	What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? I think the city should lobby the general assembly in Springfield to expand gaming in Illinois to include the City of Chicago. I would then urge the city council to earmark the proceeds of the new revenue stream to shore-up the pension plans.
51.	What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? I would put a stop to selling revenue generating city assets. No more parking meter type deals.

Planning, Zoning, Economic Development, and Privatization

Yes/No			
52.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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? I would vote to terminate TIFs immediately.

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Yes/No			
53.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?
54.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Fair Workweek Chicago Ordinance which would give employees greater control over their schedules?
57.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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?
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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:		
63.	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?	
63 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of the Area Median Income?
63 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?
63 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	shelters for the homeless?

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Select all that apply:

63.	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	This question does not identify "the following" part of the inquiry.

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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area Median Income of the Community Area

Essay

65.	<p>Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?</p> <p>I believe that the delivery of mental health services should be left to medical professionals and through not-for-profit organizations. One only has to look at the Veterans Administration to understand that if left in the hands of a public agency, the delivery of those services can be significantly delayed or not delivered at all.</p>
66.	<p>What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance?</p> <p>Whether or not it is in the best interests of the community involved and the environmental and traffic pattern impact in the surrounding areas.</p>
67.	<p>How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development?</p> <p>As I said in question # 52, I would urge my colleagues to get rid of TIFs a.s.a.p.</p>

Housing

Yes/No			
68.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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?

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Schools

Yes/No			
71.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
72.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	full-time nurse?
74 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	full-time social worker?
74 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	full-time librarian?

Choose one		
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?

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Yes/No			
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA? I do however support having the city's lobbyists both in Springfield and Washington, DC, fight for more mass transit dollars from the United States Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transit Administration.

Rank from 1st 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Line south to 130th Street	1
81 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange Line to Ford City Mall	2
81 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Downtown-O'Hare Express	4. This initiative would only benefit tourists and not enhance transportation for all.
81 d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – please specify	3. I believe many community areas are underserved by busses and would like to expand bus routes or at least increase bus frequency even if only during the winter.

Criminal Justice

Yes/No:			
82.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?

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Yes/No:			
			I support adequate policing services for ALL of our neighborhoods. Robbing Peter to pay Paul have left numerous neighborhoods throughout Chicago grossly underserved and under-protected. The current administration has failed in even keeping up with attrition within the Chicago Police Department.
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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. The response time is currently adequate in the 31 st Ward. However, given certain "hot spots" in the ward, it could always be better.

Civil Rights

Yes/No:			
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	What are your top priorities for the Ward? Crime. Insisting on proper levels of policing and police protection is the number one issue for our citizens, especially seniors. They are afraid to go out alone even in broad daylight. This is followed by improving the quality of the public schools in the ward.
91.	What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?

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Essay	
	Making the ward a safer place to live and improving the schools. I will work with labor unions to bring back apprenticeship programs that will prepare our youth for tomorrow's jobs. I will lead the charge to have surplus CPS building be leased out to the unions for a dollar-a-year to house those job training programs.
92.	How will you involve ward residents in planning? No planning unless the community is fully advised of projects and educated on their impacts.
93.	How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? Yes.
94.	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)? No. I will be a full-time alderman.
95.	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. I will look to have staff with some governmental or nonprofit experience and will expect that they will work full time. My district office will be open every week day from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Further, if my office budget will permit it, I will have my office open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in order to serve individuals that cannot take time off during the week to seek city services. Employees willing to work Saturdays will be given an equal amount of time off during the week to make up for the Saturday work hours.

Thank you for your participation!