

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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DISTRICT: 21st

PARTY: Democratic

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 1498

NUMBER REQUIRED: Min. 500- Max.1500

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

None.

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

Ran for State Representative 21st House in 2010

C) What is your primary occupation?

Community Organizer

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

- **Executive member of the Independent Political Organization of the 22nd Ward (President since May 2011)**
- **Precinct Captain-23rd Precinct, 22 Ward**
- **Area Coordinator, 22nd Ward**
- **Local School Council member of World Language H.S.**
- **Advisory Council member of the Alivio School-Based Health Clinic at the Little Village Lawndale H.S. Campus**
- **Community Activist**
- **Worked in not-for-profit community based organizations including Enlace Chicago, Instituto del Progreso Latino, Association House of Chicago among others.**
- **Class of 2011, Leadership Greater Chicago**

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

**Bachelor of Arts, Community & Youth Organizing, Northeastern Illinois University
Master of Arts, Educational Leadership, University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC)**

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

Jesse Iniguez for City of Chicago 12th Ward Alderman (endorsed for 2011)

Cook County Commissioner Jesus G. Garcia (running mate in 2010)

Alderman Rick Munoz for City of Chicago 22nd Ward Alderman (Campaign Manager 2011, Precinct Captain & Area Coordinator)

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

Teamsters Joint Council 25

Northside DFA (Democracy For America)

Chicago Teachers Union

Chicago and Midwest Regional Joint Board- Workers United

UE Western Region

SEIU Healthcare Illinois Indiana

SEIU Local 73

SEIU Local 1

UNITE-HERE Local 1

State Senator Iris Y. Martinez, 20th District

State Representative Art L. Turner Jr., 9th District

State Representative Cynthia Soto, 4th District

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

Cook County Commissioner Edwin Reyes, 8th District

Cook County Commissioner Robert Steele, 2nd District

Cook County Commissioner Jesus G. Garcia, 7th District

Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez, 4th District

Alderman Ricardo Munoz, 22nd Ward

Alderman Joe Moore, 49th Ward

Alderman Roberto Maldonado, 26th Ward

Summit Park Commissioner Oscar Ponce

H) 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?

I should be endorsed by the IVI-IPO because of my track record as an independent and progressive member of my community. Organizing, advocacy, and engagement have been the corner stones of my work. I believe in community empowerment and action as tools to make lasting changes in our neighborhood. I have fought for working families, advocated for job-training programs for displaced workers and stood alongside union members fighting for pensions and health insurance. I have also organized with families around safe passages to and from school, after-school programs to enrich education, and anti-violence initiatives that kept many young people in school and out of gangs. I am also currently President of the Independent Political Organization of the 22 Ward of Chicago and have been an active member for many years.

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

Campaign Budget: \$150,000 To Date: \$60,199

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

3 Campaign Staff; 200-300 hundred volunteers

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Elections & Ethics			
	YES	NO	
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support moving the primary election date?
	ESSAY		If so, to what month? To a month during the spring so that weather does not limit turnout.
			Do you support
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret?
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reestablishing straight party voting in general elections?
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	establishing a signature requirement for independent candidates and new parties equal to the requirement for the major party candidates for the same office?
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should there be a photo ID requirement to cast a ballot?
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation granting County Clerks jurisdiction over municipalities in their county regarding filing for municipal office and hearing objections to petitions?
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives?
	ESSAY		If so, please describe the plan you support.
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting?
			Do you support
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	holding a special primary to fill a vacancy caused by the nominee withdrawing from the ballot before the general elections?
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	holding a special election to fill vacancies for U.S. Senate and state constitutional officers?
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support changes in the way judges are selected?
	ESSAY		If so, please give a brief description of the system you support. I believe there should be strict regulations on how much can be spent on a judicial campaign.
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If judges continue to be elected, should judicial elections be non-partisan?
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support popular election of University of Illinois trustees?
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain. I support same day registration.
			Do you support:
15.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	dollar limits on campaign contributions?
16.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	dollar limits on political committee transfers?
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the same limits on leadership PACs as on candidate PACs?
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	dollar limits on campaign expenditures?
19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of election campaigns?
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you accept or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees, or outside contractors?

21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a ban on hiring, firing and promotion based on political considerations for non policy making positions?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. The current system is susceptible to corruption and abuse. Hiring, firing and promotion decisions should be based on qualifications and an individual's ability to increase the effectiveness of their position.
Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who			
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the state?
Do you support			
24.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation to prohibit incumbency and political affiliation as criteria in the mapping process for Congressional, Legislative and local government electoral districts?
25.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly?
26.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support term limits for legislative leaders?
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support term limits for members of the General Assembly
Taxes and Economic Policy			
Do you support amending the constitution to			
27.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	institute a graduated income tax?
28.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow the legislature to change the corporate/individual ratio in income taxes?
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding of education?
Do you favor:			
30.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stricter definitions of blight required for TIF creation?
31.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater legislative oversight of TIFs to ensure they are meeting their purpose?
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requiring itemization on property tax bills of funds diverted to TIFs?
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Restriction of fund transfers between TIF districts?
34.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent of affected taxing bodies before TIF creation?
35.	<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
36.	<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?
37.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public disclosure of each TIF district's funds and expenditures?
38.	ESSAY		How would you fully fund the state pension systems?
I would support a constitutional amendment to allow a truly progressive income tax. I would increase corporate taxes and review existing tax exemptions and subsidies for private and non-profit entities to ensure the public good is greater than their fiscal cost. I would prioritize fully funding the pension system over time. And I would support pension reform that protects existing employees and continues to ensure new employees will have the ability to retire with dignity.			
Consumer Protection			
Do you support legislation to			
39.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase electric rates outside of the ICC to build a Smart Grid?

40.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	ban Pay Day loans?
41.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
42.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	cap interest rates on credit cards and other consumer loans?
			Do you support legislation to
43.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
44.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs?
47.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded?
Education			
48.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs?
49.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support vouchers or other means of public funding for private or parochial schools?
50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. I believe public funding should prioritize public schools that serve all of our children. I do not believe in the privatization of schools or public support of entities that limit labor rights of teachers or other workers.
51.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. I believe the General Assembly Scholarship is an important resource for exceptional students who intend to pursue postsecondary education in our State's public institutions. However, the current selection process is vulnerable to preferential treatment of candidates due to political influence, power and patronage. I support transparency and oversight of the selection process to insure that scholarships are awarded to deserving students through a fair and competitive process free of undue influence.
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties			
52.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action?
53.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
54.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor legislation legalizing civil marriage between two people of the same gender?
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
56.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to prohibit discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together?
57.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the decriminalization of Marijuana?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
58.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	for public sector employees?

59.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		If so, under what circumstances? I may support this for specific occupations that would endanger the public safety like bus drivers, etc. In most cases, I would also support treatment programs to help rehabilitate workers.
60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause?
61.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation to include data on pedestrian, as well as motor vehicle, stops by police for the purpose of gathering statistics on racial profiling?
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees?
63.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
Labor			
64.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of state employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
65.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of state services? If so, which services?
66.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the right of public employees to strike?
67.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment?
68.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support family leave legislation for employees of private companies not currently covered by federal law?
			Do you support
69.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers?
70.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors?
71.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws?
Health & Human Services			
71.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support Single Payer or Extended Medicare healthcare plans?
	ESSAY		If not, what is your plan for providing health care for Illinois residents without insurance?
72.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Affordable Care Act?
	ESSAY		What are your priorities involving implementation in Illinois? Ensuring that health care remains truly affordable and accessible for low-income communities and communities of color. In the General Assembly, I work to ensure Illinois' programs reach all Illinoisans, and do not exclude anyone. Specifically, I will also work on the translation and interpretation standards to expand language access programs in immigrant communities throughout the state.
73.	ESSAY		What is your plan to provide sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients? I will support full funding for these programs. I have been a long time supporter of requiring increased charity care delivery for non profit

			hospitals. I believe many hospitals should lose their tax status, and that these millions of dollars in taxes can be used to help support public health and mental health programs.
			Do you support:
74.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repealing the Illinois Abortion Law of 1975 and replacing it with a law stating that decisions about reproductive matters are to be made privately between a woman and her doctor, without governmental interference?
75.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repealing the Illinois 1995 Parental Notice of Abortion Law?
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allowing the government to decide what medical care a physician may provide to patients during pregnancy?
77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allowing pharmacies or pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions based on their own conscientious objections and send customers away without being served?
78.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to authorize medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education in public schools?
79.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increasing appropriations to the Department of Children and Family Services to increase the number of caseworkers?
			Do you support
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	raising TANF benefits to at least equal the poverty level?
81.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	providing greater benefits to fund child care and transportation for TANF recipients?
83.	ESSAY		What are your proposals to help people who do not qualify for TANF or for unemployment benefits? I support extending and increasing unemployment benefits so fewer people fall in the gap. I will also support a broad set of safety net programs to support low-income individuals including food stamps, public and transitional housing, and job training programs that specifically target these populations.
Housing			
			Do you favor
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation banning housing discrimination against holders of Section 8 vouchers?
85.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units?
86.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions?
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation requiring mortgage holders to honor the terms of existing residential leases in effect when property is foreclosed upon?
88.	ESSAY		How do you solve the problem of vacant foreclosed housing? I will support legislation to promote proactive, fair and efficient loan modification programs to help prevent foreclosures and keeping their families in their homes. I will also help protect tenant rights through the entire foreclosure process as well as protect the status of affordable housing units being foreclosed.
Energy & Environment			
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support an elected ICC?
90.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation that would provide state technical assistance funds to local communities to help them prepare and implement comprehensive smart growth plans to

			avoid the costs of rapid unplanned growth and urban sprawl?
91.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support funding for high speed rail connecting Illinois Metropolitan areas?
92.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a comprehensive statewide mass transit plan for Illinois?
Criminal Justice			
93.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of assault weapons?
			Do you support
94.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	legislation permitting the carrying of concealed weapons?
96.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
			Do you support:
97.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	capital punishment?
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
99.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	mandatory sentencing?
100.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing?
101.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
102.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	electronic eavesdropping?
103.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	roving wiretaps?
104.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Life sentences for juvenile offenders?