

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE 12-19-2011 DISTRICT: 2nd PARTY: Democratic

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: approx 750 NUMBER REQUIRED: 500

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

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.
Holden School Local School Council Community Representative (2008-Present)

C) What is your primary occupation? Small Business Owner

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

McGuane Park Advisory Council – Vice President (2011)
Holden School Local School Council – Community Representative (2008-Present)
Holden School PTA – Various positions (2009-present)
McGuane Bridgeport Baseball League – Board Member, Coach, Sponsor and various positions (1996-Present)
Nova Zora Sports – President, Coach, Sponsor (2006-Present)
Omega Delta Baseball League – Coach and Sponsor (2006)
CAPS Beat Facilitator 913W (2010-Present)
CAPS Beat Facilitator 914 (as of Jan 2012)
CAPS Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Prevention Subcommittee – Volunteer (2005-present)
CAPS Court Advocate Subcommittee – Volunteer (2005-present)
Organized several toy, clothes and food drives for those in need.
Micro-blog on several pages to help organize and inform our community of the issues at hand.
Volunteered along with PERRO, Greenpeace and Sierra Club against the coal power plants in my community.
Volunteered along with LVEJO to advocate for the restoration of the former 31st Street Bus to be a new and improved route which would serve a much larger area that is in need of transportation.
Member of numerous clubs and organizations that advocate for our local community

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?
I have been a small business owner for 16 years. We are told we are the backbone of the U.S. economy even though we do not get the brakes that our larger counterparts receive. If we are the backbone I can bring to the table the experience of what the small business community needs to thrive and create the bigger backbone we so desperately need!

Also being a business owner in Chicago dealing with everything from regular business management to local tax and licensing regulations to just dealing with customer concerns would have to be the most helpful. Surviving to this day with the state of the economy as it is, requires someone that is in tune with knowing their customers needs. Same would go with the constituents of my district if elected. To be able to represent an area I would have to know my district and my districts needs and the demands. I have listened to my customers over the years and with their concerns and suggestions I have evolved the services of my business. The same would go with the services of being State Representative should I be elected.

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

Ante "Tony" Marijan – Campaign Manager for the election of State Representative of the 2nd District in the General Election of 2008. I have helped out several other candidates as well but just as a regular volunteer.

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

There has been none as of yet as it is early; however in the 2010 election I was honored to have the IVI-IPO endorsement as well as others such as the Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, Illinois Committee for Honest Government, Illinois Victims and others

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?

For the office of State Representative I feel our area hasn't had a Representative who has sufficiently represented the state district in almost a decade and a half. I'm known as an honest, independent thinking, deeply dedicated person who will get things done for our community. I have and will continue to work hard in our community.

Two years ago I did run for office and unlike other politicians who either have been elected or have not been elected I have not disappeared and waited until the next election cycle approached to be a community advocate. I continuously work with the community and do not plan to ever stop. A true public servant does not need an election to be the advocate and leader their community needs. A public servant should be there election or no election.

I have also always volunteered much of my time along with many of our areas local residents through various community programs such as CAPS, Court Advocacy, Anti-Domestic Violence, Anti-Gang programs, and many, many more. I do plan to continue working with these groups and to have the same accessibility with everyone as I do now.

As a State Representative, I feel to efficiently represent you; I would need to hear from the constituents of the areas on all the pressing matters at hand. This is why one of my first goals is to open more constituent-friendly office than that of which many constituents are use to. We no longer live in a nine-to-five world and the needs our citizens in the area extend into the evening hours. I would also hold regular meeting that will be open to community to hear input. I wish to also create local volunteer committees in the area to assist me serving the district as well.

If elected I hope to be more than just regarded as an elected official. I believe anyone elected to office is also a public servant and needs to be a voice for their communities, which I plan to be just that both at home and down in Springfield.

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

Fundraising plans are underway. Budget goal is \$15,000

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

I have a volunteer list of approx 50 people right now and expect that to grow. The campaign staff will be these great individuals and more expected to commit soon now that I have submitted my petitions 2 weeks ago to run.

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| Elections & Ethics | | | |
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| | YES | NO | |
| 1. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support moving the primary election date? |
| | ESSAY | | If so, to what month? I am open to a date but I think Mid-May would be a good choice. |
| | | | 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 type="checkbox"/> | Should there be a photo ID requirement to cast a ballot? I am still undecided on this one. I understand the desired goal but also understand some problems that can be associated with it as well. |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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 think they should be non-partisan. |
| 12. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If judges continue to be elected, should judicial elections be non-partisan? |
| 13. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support popular election of University of Illinois trustees? Undecided |
| 14. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support any other changes in Illinois' election laws? |
| | ESSAY | | Please explain. I would like to eliminate/consolidate such offices as the past proposals regarding Comptroller and Lt. Governor. Term limits are a absolute must. No person should be in office for life. Governors should be limited to 8 years. State Representatives and Senators should be 10 years. |

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| | | | Do you support: |
| 15. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | dollar limits on campaign contributions? |
| 16. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | dollar limits on political committee transfers? |
| 17. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | the same limits on leadership PACs as on candidate PACs? |
| 18. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | dollar limits on campaign expenditures? |
| 19. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | public financing of election campaigns? |
| 20. | <input type="checkbox"/> | X | Will you accept or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees, or outside contractors? |
| 21. | X | <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. Anyone who is hired for a government job should be hired based on their qualifications only! The Shakman decree in the City of Chicago alone should explain what the problems are in choosing the alternative. |
| | | | Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who |
| 22. | <input type="checkbox"/> | X | hold other public sector jobs concurrently? |
| 23. | <input type="checkbox"/> | X | have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the state? |
| | | | Do you support |
| 24. | X | <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. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly? |
| 26. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support term limits for legislative leaders? |
| 27. | X | <input 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. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | institute a graduated income tax? |
| 28. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | allow the legislature to change the corporate/individual ratio in income taxes? |
| 29. | X | <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. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stricter definitions of blight required for TIF creation? Note....The enlarged type was not accidental and is deserving to many of the questions in this area. I am strongly opposed to the way TIF districts have been handled. |
| 31. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | Greater legislative oversight of TIFs to ensure they are meeting their purpose? |
| 32. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | Requiring itemization on property tax bills of funds diverted to TIFs? |
| 33. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | Restriction of fund transfers between TIF districts? |
| 34. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | Consent of affected taxing bodies before TIF creation? |

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| 35. | 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 |
| 36. | 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? |
| 37. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public disclosure of each TIF district's funds and expenditures? |
| 38. | ESSAY | | <p>How would you fully fund the state pension systems?</p> <p>Fight and end all double dipping for starters. We need to do a complete forensic audit of our state budget and find where we can cut. We need to focus on operating within our means in these tough times. The budgets of our area keep growing and usually with great recklessness. We play games using fuzzy math as our state and local governments keep borrowing money to 'fix' things. We need to start paying these bills as we have not fully funded the pension system in decades. If we are going to save our state from falling deeper and deeper into the red, we need stop borrowing, begin to pay our bills, put aside party politics and start making some tough decisions now.</p> |
| Consumer Protection | | | |
| | | | Do you support legislation to |
| 39. | <input type="checkbox"/> | X | Increase electric rates outside of the ICC to build a Smart Grid? |
| 40. | <input type="checkbox"/> | X | <p>ban Pay Day loans?</p> <p>They do currently have a right to operate, <u>legally</u> under Illinois law. I do emphasize legally because some of the rates they have applied are pushing the limits on what should be deemed reasonable. I feel there is a great need of reform associated with Pay Day loans to make them even more reasonable if they wish to continue doing business in the State of Illinois.</p> <p>I fear that banning altogether might cause them to set up shop just outside our state borders only to leave them to prey on the people of our state. I am for regulating how much they can charge by creating caps.</p> |
| 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> | X | prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts? |
| 44. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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? |

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| | ESSAY | | Please explain your position. I feel that we need to focus on why we need to create these new schools and what if can be done to fix the issues that make people feel the need to attend other schools. The Illinois Constitution currently does not include education as a fundamental right. We should be guaranteeing this right and taking the funds we have to make our public schools the best schools in the world and then there wouldn't be a need to create these other schools. |
| 51. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund? |
| | ESSAY | | Please explain your position. While there have been some benefits to this program in the past it has also been plagued with abuses. The lack of oversight and the abuses I feel outweigh the benefit of this program while we struggle to currently pay our bills. I feel this is one more item we can cut to help save the taxpayers any more burdens from abuses. |
| Civil Rights & Civil Liberties | | | |
| 52. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support Affirmative Action? |
| 53. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution? |
| 54. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you favor legislation legalizing civil marriage between two people of the same gender? |
| 55. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment? |
| 56. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support legislation to prohibit discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together? |
| 57. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support the decriminalization of Marijuana? |
| | | | Do you support mandatory drug testing |
| 58. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | for public sector employees? |
| 59. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | for private sector employees? |
| | ESSAY | | If so, under what circumstances? |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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? |

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| 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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? |
| 69. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers? I do support it but not at this time. You cannot continue to raise the minimum wage while the economy is at its state right now. It will only lose more jobs. I would propose an annual increase in minimum wages based on the rate of inflation so they do not fall any farther behind then they are now. |
| 70. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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? |
| 73. | ESSAY | | What is your plan to provide sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients? |
| 74. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Do you support: 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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? |
| 80. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support raising TANF benefits to at least equal the poverty level? |
| 81. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support providing greater benefits to fund child care and transportation for TANF recipients? |

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| 83. | ESSAY | | What are your proposals to help people who do not qualify for TANF or for unemployment benefits? |
| Housing | | | |
| | | | Do you favor |
| 84. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | legislation banning housing discrimination against holders of Section 8 vouchers? |
| 85. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units? |
| 86. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions? |
| 87. | X | <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 think we need to develop laws similar to what was just created in Chicago recently making banks more responsible for the upkeep of these vacant buildings. I feel this would be a great start as vacant buildings sometimes become abandon vacant buildings which can create many undesirable secondary effects. |
| Energy & Environment | | | |
| 89. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support an elected ICC? |
| 90. | X | <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. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | capital punishment? |
| 98. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? Only in the most extreme cases. |
| 99. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> | mandatory sentencing? It would depend on the crime. I am not for something similar to a "3 strikes" law that can blanket any kind of crime with a mandatory sentence. It must be something extreme and |

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| | | | clear cut to what receives a mandatory sentence. There can be no gray area around this. |
| 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"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Life sentences for juvenile offenders? Again it would depend on the crime and the age of the juvenile involved. |