

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE: 1/2/11 **DISTRICT:** 19th House **PARTY:** Democratic

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 1500 **NUMBER REQUIRED:** 500-1500

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

Norridge Village Trustee: 1999-2011

Norwood Park Township Trustee: 1993-1997

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

Cook County Board, 2002

State Senate, 1996

C) What is your primary occupation?

Attorney

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

Member of the Harwood Heights-Norridge Chamber of Commerce

Active in the local community – little league baseball coach, served on board for little league baseball.

Founded Norwood Park Township Youth Council.

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

My experience as an attorney gives me a solid understanding and good working knowledge of the process of creating and drafting laws. Also, through my 16 years of experience in elected office, I am very familiar with the process of creating and balancing a budget, as well as all of the details of administering a unit of government including, but not limited to: labor negotiations, public bidding and awarding of contracts to outside vendors, economic development, infrastructure repair and replacement, and long term planning.

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

Marina Fax-Huppert, Alderman, 45th Ward, 2011 – Mail consultant.

Toni Preckwinkle, County Board President, 2010 – General advisor and message development.

Joseph Berrios, Assessor, 2010 – Senior campaign strategy advisor.

Norridge Improvement Party, 2009, Slate of village trustees & mayor - Campaign Manager.

Mariyana Spyropoulos, 2008, Water Reclamation District – Advisor, mail consultant, message development.

Michael Bond, State Senate, 2006 – Advisor

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

Secretary of State Jesse White

State Representative Joseph Lyons

State Senator John Mulroe

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios

Cook County Commissioner John Fritchey

Alderman Mary O'Connor – 41st Ward

Alderman Tim Cullerton – 38th Ward

Democratic Committeeman – Pat Levar – 45th Ward

Democratic Committeeman – PJ Cullerton – 38th Ward

Democratic Committeeman – William JP Banks – 36th Ward

Norridge Mayor Ron Oppedisano

Harwood Heights Mayor Arlene Jezierny

Franklin Park Mayor (and Leyden Township Democratic Committeeman) Barrett Pedersen

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?

This is a Democratic primary, and within the Democratic Party I have shown my independence by supporting candidates both endorsed and slated by the Regular Democratic organization and reform-minded independent candidates such as Toni Preckwinkle. My opponent's sudden change in parties (her voting records show that she has only ever voted in Republican primaries) leads one to believe that she is only running as a Democrat merely for political gain. She has no history of experience or involvement in the political process or Democratic politics, and has a spotty voting history, whereas I have a clear history of involvement in politics, government, my community, and Democratic politics. This history of involvement and experience makes me the best choice for the Democratic primary and the most likely to effect positive change in Illinois once elected.

The two goals that I have talked about most during the early part of this campaign include: 1. fixing the state budget situation by passing a prioritized spending bill. This will require the legislature to allocate sufficient funds to top state priorities, such as education, funding worker pensions, infrastructure repair, and paying our debts to companies that do business with the state. I believe that this legislation could be structured so that it would require our legislature to immediately address funding issues while prohibiting the type of patch-work, short-term borrowing against these types of obligations that led us to the financial situation we are in today. 2. I am also very concerned with economic development and equity and will pursue a full overhaul of the tax code in Illinois that will accomplish several goals, including the creation of a defined set of that corporations must meet before receiving tax breaks. Along these lines I would seek to tie incentives to the creation of new manufacturing jobs that pay a living wage or better, as opposed to irresponsible corporate giveaways that harm taxpayers and the state.

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

Budget: \$125,000. I've raised approximately \$90,000 to date.

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

4 staffers. 120 volunteers.

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

Elections & Ethics			
	YES	NO	
1.	X		Do you support moving the primary election date?
	ESSAY		If so, to what month?
I support the primary election date being moved to whichever month will increase voter turnout the most.			
			Do you support
2.		X	keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret?
3.	X		reestablishing straight party voting in general elections?
4.	X		establishing a signature requirement for independent candidates and new parties equal to the requirement for the major party candidates for the same office?
5.		X	Should there be a photo ID requirement to cast a ballot?
6.			Do you support legislation granting County Clerks jurisdiction over municipalities in their county regarding filing for municipal office and hearing objections to petitions? I am undecided on this point. I need to see more research before taking a position on the issue.
7.	X		Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives?
	ESSAY		If so, please describe the plan you support.
I support a return to the system in place before the Cutback Amendment.			
8.		X	Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting?
Not at the present time, as the transition to run-off voting will likely be more expensive than simply holding a second election at this time.			
			Do you support
9.	X		holding a special primary to fill a vacancy caused by the nominee withdrawing from the ballot before the general elections?
10.	X		holding a special election to fill vacancies for U.S. Senate and state constitutional officers?
11.		X	Do you support changes in the way judges are selected?
	ESSAY		If so, please give a brief description of the system you support.
12.	X		If judges continue to be elected, should judicial elections be non-partisan?

13.	X		Do you support popular election of University of Illinois trustees?
14.		X	Do you support any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain.
My main concern is limiting the power of the legislative leaders, and allowing individual members more power to vote according to their own beliefs, conscience and district preference. Thus, I enthusiastically support the campaign finance reforms listed below.			
			Do you support:
15.	X		dollar limits on campaign contributions?
16.	X		dollar limits on political committee transfers?
17.	X		the same limits on leadership PACs as on candidate PACs?
18.	X		dollar limits on campaign expenditures?
19.	X		public financing of election campaigns?
20.		X	Will you accept or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees, or outside contractors?
21.	X		Do you support a ban on hiring, firing and promotion based on political considerations for non policy making positions?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
I think the Shakman decrees outline a very clear standard for which jobs should be free from political consideration.			
			Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who
22.		X	hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
23.		X	have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the state?
			Do you support
24.	X		legislation to prohibit incumbency and political affiliation as criteria in the mapping process for Congressional, Legislative and local government electoral districts?
25.	X		creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly?
26.		X	Do you support term limits for legislative leaders?
27.		X	Do you support term limits for members of the General Assembly
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			Do you support amending the constitution to
27.	X		institute a graduated income tax?

28.	X		allow the legislature to change the corporate/individual ratio in income taxes?
29.	X		Do you support increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding of education?
			Do you favor:
30.	X		Stricter definitions of blight required for TIF creation?
31.	X		Greater legislative oversight of TIFs to ensure they are meeting their purpose?
32.	X		Requiring itemization on property tax bills of funds diverted to TIFs?
33.	X		Restriction of fund transfers between TIF districts?
34.		X	Consent of affected taxing bodies before TIF creation?
35.	X		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	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		Public disclosure of each TIF district's funds and expenditures?
38.		ESSAY	How would you fully fund the state pension systems?
Fully funding the state pension system has to be one of our top priorities. There needs to be an actuarial analysis done to help figure out what we need to do to accomplish this. I will support a long-term plan with defined goals the state must meet, and set benchmarks to make sure we meet them. I will seek to pass a prioritized spending bill that will mandate the funding of pensions as a high priority. Reform of the tax code will be a key component of fixing the pension situation– I would support an extension of the current income tax increase if necessary, and the implementation of a graduated income tax, as well as incentives for corporations that create living-wage manufacturing jobs in Illinois. This will help fix the short-term pressing crisis and also result in the creation of new jobs in the long-term that will result in new revenues.			
Consumer Protection			
			Do you support legislation to
39.	X		Increase electric rates outside of the ICC to build a Smart Grid?
40.	X		ban Pay Day loans?
41.	X		regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
42.	X		cap interest rates on credit cards and other consumer loans?
			Do you support legislation to
43.	X		prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
44.			mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs?
			I am undecided on this point. I need to see more research before taking a position on the issue.

47.	X		Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded?
Education			
48.	X		Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs?
49.		X	Do you support vouchers or other means of public funding for private or parochial schools?
50.	X		Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
I support public funding of charter schools as long as they are subject to the same standards and budget transparency requirements as public schools.			
51.	X		Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. This fund has been consistently mismanaged and should cease to exist.
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties			
52.	X		Do you support Affirmative Action?
53.	X		Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
54.	X		Do you favor legislation legalizing civil marriage between two people of the same gender?
55.		X	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
56.	X		Do you support legislation to prohibit discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together?
57.	X		Do you support the decriminalization of Marijuana?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
58.	X		for public sector employees?
59.		X	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		If so, under what circumstances?
I support mandatory drug testing for public sector employees who work in public safety, transportation, and jobs that require the use of heavy equipment.			

60.		X	Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause?
61.	X		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.	X		Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees?
63.		X	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?

Labor

64.	X		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.		X	Do you support privatization of state services?
			If so, which services?
66.	X		Do you support the right of public employees to strike?
67.	X		Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment?
68.	X		Do you support family leave legislation for employees of private companies not currently covered by federal law?
			Do you support
69.		X	raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers?
70.		X	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors?
71.	X		including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws?

Health & Human Services

71.	X		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.	X		Do you support the Affordable Care Act?
	ESSAY		What are your priorities involving implementation in Illinois? 1). Transparency. 2). Insuring that the system is free from insider deals and that its implementation creates the fairest system for Illinois residents.

73.	ESSAY	What is your plan to provide sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients? I believe that is the responsibility of a civilized democracy to care for its most vulnerable members. In the prioritized spending bill I will seek to pass, care for mental health patients, elderly and the indigent will receive top prioritization with a view towards restoring funding for the institutions and services that have been cut.
Do you support:		
74.	X	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.	X	Repealing the Illinois 1995 Parental Notice of Abortion Law?
76.		X Allowing the government to decide what medical care a physician may provide to patients during pregnancy?
77.		X Allowing pharmacies or pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions based on their own conscientious objections and send customers away without being served?
Do you support legislation to authorize medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education in public schools?		
78.	X	
Do you support increasing appropriations to the Department of Children and Family Services to increase the number of caseworkers?		
79.	X	
Do you support		
80.	X	raising TANF benefits to at least equal the poverty level?
81.	X	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 increased funding for job training programs to help workers achieve and obtain new skills that will help them find employment in a different industry.
Housing		
Do you favor		
84.	X	legislation banning housing discrimination against holders of Section 8 vouchers?
85.	X	mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units?
86.	X	assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions?
87.	X	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? A law should be passed to grant municipalities the right to enter vacant and abandoned housing in order to secure the properties and ensure that they are safe and maintained.
Energy & Environment			
89.	X		Do you support an elected ICC?
90.	X		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		Do you support funding for high speed rail connecting Illinois Metropolitan areas?
92.	X		Do you support a comprehensive statewide mass transit plan for Illinois?
Criminal Justice			
93.	X		Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of assault weapons?
			Do you support
94.	X		legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
95.			legislation permitting the carrying of concealed weapons? Undecided.
96.	X		legislation mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
			Do you support:
97.		X	capital punishment?
98.			criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? It depends on the situation and age of the juvenile.
99.		X	mandatory sentencing?
100.	X		work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing?
101.		X	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
102.		X	electronic eavesdropping?
103.			oving wiretaps? I am undecided on this point. I need to see more research before taking a position on the issue.

104.		X	Life sentences for juvenile offenders?
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