

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE 1/13/2012 DISTRICT: 23rd Legislative PARTY: Democratic

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: _____ NUMBER REQUIRED: _____

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.- Villa Park Village President (2009-Present) Villa Park Village Trustee (2005-2009), DuPage County Water Commissioneer District 2 (2009- Present)

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

C) What is your primary occupation?

I am in Route Sales for Teamster Local 734

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

- DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Member
- Served on Legislative Commission
- Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- Member Teamster Local 734
- Member Knights of Columbus
- Member American Legion
- Little League Coach
- Volunteer Cub and Boy Scouts
- Volunteer at Village and Chamber of Commerce Activities
- Neighborhood Watch Captain
- Citizens Police Academy Alumni

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 experience in financing and budgeting which is needed to fix the financial house in Springfield

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

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

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?

We agree on most issues, so the biggest determining factor that separates us is electability. This going to be tough election in the 23rd Legislative District. I believe that with my experience as a Democrat running and winning in DuPage County sets me ahead of the pack. I have the experience to run a winning campaign in the General.

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

Our budget is in \$40,000. I have \$25,000 in pledged donations..

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

I have 1 in-district staffer and a team of top tier consultants running polling, communications, and finance. We have a volunteer and donor list of over 300 people and are receiving commitments day to day.

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

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? We should make sure that our Primaries are help at the optimum time to promote voter turn-out.
			Do you support
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting?
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support 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.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support popular election of University of Illinois trustees?
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain.
			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 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.
22.	<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?
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?
		Do you support increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding of education?	
29.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		Do you favor:	
30.		<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>		Requiring itemization on property tax bills of funds diverted to TIFs?
33.	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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? The State needs to use Zero Budgeting. We need to first fund the pensions and pay our obligations to vendors before addressing any other fiscal issues.	
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ban Pay Day loans?
41.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
42.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	cap interest rates on credit cards and other consumer loans?
		Do you support legislation to	
43.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs?
47.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded?
Education			
48.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs?
49.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support vouchers or other means of public funding for private or parochial schools?
			Unsure
50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?

	ESSAY		Please explain your position. Unsure need to see legislation.
51.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. I oppose giving this for patronage or political reasons. The General Assembly has a vested interest in giving funding to our State's best and brightest.
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties			
52.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to prohibit discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together?
57.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the decriminalization of Marijuana?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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?
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 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? Making sure that it is financially solvent.
73.	ESSAY		What is your plan to provide sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients?
			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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?
Housing			
			Do you favor
84.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support funding for high speed rail connecting Illinois Metropolitan areas?
92.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a comprehensive statewide mass transit plan for Illinois?
Criminal Justice			
93.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of assault weapons?
		Do you support	
94.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
95.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation permitting the carrying of concealed weapons?
96.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? Depends on the Circumstances
99.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
100.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing?
101.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
102.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
103.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
104.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Life sentences for juvenile offenders?