

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE Dec. 19 DISTRICT: House 61st PARTY:
Democrat

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 817 NUMBER REQUIRED: 500

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates. Lake Villa Democratic Committeeman, Pct 160, 1994, 2008, 2010. Chairman, Lake Villa Township Democratic Party, 2009 to present

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. None

C) What is your primary occupation? Retired

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. Friends of the Lake Villa District Library, Lake Villa Park District Haunted Trail, Gurnee Flood Response Team Bond volunteer coordinator

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? BA Sociology with minor emphasis in Journalism, SIU-C 1979, IIT-Chicago-Kent College of Law-1983

F) What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. Field Director Michael Bond for Senate, 2010; Field Director, Richard Hyde for Mayor, Mike Hewitt for Waukegan Highway Commissioner, 2009; Phone Bank Manager and Office Manager Melinda Bush For Lake County Board, Pat Carey for Lake County Board, Terry Wilke for Lake County Board, Diane Hewitt for Lake County Board, Peter Grant for Lake County Board, Jay Ukena for Lake County Judge, David Weinstein for Lake County Judge, Jim Parks for State Representative, 61st District, and Bill Gentes for State Senate (Phone

bank only); Rich Garling for State Representative, canvass coordinator, 2008; Melissa Bean for Congress, multiple precinct coordinator, 2006, Michael Bond for Senate, multiple precinct coordinator, 2006; Melissa Bean for Congress, multiple precinct coordinator, 2004; Judy Erwin for State Representative, canvass volunteer, multiple terms; State Senator Phil Rock, precinct captain, State Senator Ken Busby, volunteer canvasser, Senator Adlai Stevenson, Home Headquarters volunteer coordinator, statewide.

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far. Lake County Democratic Party and my wife, the latter being constantly subject to review.

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 will bring to the State Legislature a greater respect for the taxpayers, ordinary citizens, and the employees of the State of Illinois. To give the taxpayer the most for their investment in our state government, we need to renew the commitment of the State in their staff, the front line employees of the state who have the most contact with the taxpayers. I will ask the legislature to challenge every expense it authorizes to ensure that taxpayer funds are only spent in furtherance of departmental missions. I will seek to broaden legislative oversight of discretionary departmental spending to weed out unnecessary and wasteful spending. I will fight legislation that limits voter access to the polls, family access to needed services, and individual rights. I will not, however, place a community's safety and well being above any individual's perceived personal right without just cause and review. I will not fight on behalf of major corporations to ensure their profit margins over the needs of my constituents, and will instead work to create a more meaningful dialogue among legislators on both sides of the aisle and between the legislature, our state's businesses and it's citizens.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? Approximately \$72,500. \$3700.

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

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Elections & Ethics			
	YES	NO	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support moving the primary election date?
	ESSAY		If so, to what month? It should not be earlier than March, April is tax month and hence, a distraction. May would be the latest month I would accept for a primary. Any later limits direct voter contact at the door.
			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 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. Cumulative voting would require a complete realignment of the Illinois House, and we cannot afford that. I do not believe it would make elections any cheaper or representative of district-wide voter intentions. I believe that an open primary would make the election process more expensive and hence, more open to corruption. I thought that the county election commissioners already had jurisdiction over municipal elections. I do support a state-wide standard for municipal elections enforced at the county level.
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 don't believe the state or counties can afford special primary elections at this time, however, US Senate and constitutional officers other than Governor are so important that special elections are warranted. I do not believe judicial selection commissions can be created in Illinois devoid of political influence. The influence upon those commissions would thus be just less obvious to the citizens. Standing for election before the electorate clearly identifies and tests the judicial candidate. Judicial offices should also open for adversarial elections rather than retention every ten years.
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.
			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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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?
29.	<input 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 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 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? In the current economy, this may actually be impossible. To start, we have to need to commit to fully fund from today and into the future. We should investigate the potential for bonding past due pension obligations, and if gaming is expanded, set aside a percentage of the increased revenues to pay past due obligations or support those bonds. What we really need is a wide-ranging discussion of the issue, that includes legislators, labor, businesses and pension professionals with specific action deadlines, and greater legislative oversight regarding the inclusion of individuals in the pension systems supported by taxpayers.
Consumer Protection			
			Do you support legislation to
39.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increase electric rates outside of the ICC to build a Smart Grid?
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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?
50.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. Education must be one of the primary responsibilities of our state government. We must make current the state support of public schools first, then work with school districts to reduce costs, streamline administrative expenses and increase overall transparency of operations. Adding a voucher system will generally only serve to reduce overall funds available to public schools. Charter and even subject specific schools and other institutional innovations in public schools help disclose new and often better educational techniques.
51.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. Rather than remove the opportunity to attend college that district students may not otherwise possess, a state-wide standard for application and award of GA scholarships would prevent past 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? But only in small quantities. Legalization is a federal issue.
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	for public sector employees?
59.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		If so, under what circumstances? I support mandatory drug testing for public and private employees whose positions involve the public safety, i.e. common carrier drivers, law enforcement, medical first responders, professionals and caregivers. Such classification should be subject to review, and positive testing should not necessarily be grounds for dismissal.

60.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause? Enforcement zones, and road block testing do not appear to be abusive of individual rights.
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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? The state should use its bargaining power to secure the lowest possible coverage rates, and work with providers, insurers and community health organizations to find better delivery efficiencies of health care, especially preventative care, and more efficient treatment plans. Review of health care efficiencies among providers, insurers and advocates should be an ongoing, permanent process.
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 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 do not know enough about this issue to provide an honest proposal.
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? Those properties that are identified as deteriorating or are posing a threat to communities should be rehabilitated in a voluntary program that utilizes organizations such as Youth Build to increase their marketability and even open them onto a rental market. Pre-trial mediation to prevent foreclosures and maintain the individual in the home may be the best option. An ongoing, permanent dialogue between municipalities, mortgage holders and the state should be in place.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of assault weapons?
			Do you support
94.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation permitting the carrying of concealed weapons? I do not support the current proposed legislation. There may conceivably be legislation I could support, but none that have been currently proposed at this time.
96.	<input checked="" 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? But only under strict trial and review standards.
98.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? But with an immediate right to appeal the decision to try a minor as an adult, or securing that decision as an automatic grounds for appeal.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping? With judicial approval.
103.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps? With limits as to the admissibility of evidence gleaned from unintended targets and a requirement of specific time limitation and showing for a need for renewal.
104.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Life sentences for juvenile offenders? Assuming review under the circumstances of #98 above.