

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE 12/19/11 DISTRICT: ILSenate-15 PARTY: Democrat

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 2980 NUMBER REQUIRED: 1000

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

None

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

C) What is your primary occupation? Small Business Owner, Former Professional Football Player

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

Over the last ten years I have been involved in many important causes. I have been a Restoration Ministries volunteer, I created the Napoleon Harris Foundation which provides football camps for youth in our community. I have also been a Member of the Board of Directors, of the House of James Clinic. Which helps people dealing with HIV Aids. And I help sponsor annual toy & turkey giveaways. These are all important causes which I am just doing my part to help and give back to my 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 was born in Dixmoor and reside in Flossmoor currently. I received my BA from Northwestern University and studied communications and sociology, which helped me to gain the experience to start my small businesses. By opening and running my own small businesses, Beggars Pizza, it has enabled me to connect with the community on so many different levels, I feel I can best represent the needs of the district, because I have listened and heard their needs firsthand. These experiences gave me valuable insight and knowledge to represent the district, in Springfield.

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

Many candidates and campaigns I have supported personally and through the ballot box, but no direct involvement with specific campaigns.

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

Mayor Terry Wells, Phoenix. Mayor Eric Kellogg, Harvey. Mayor Keevan Grimmatt, Dixmoor. Mayor Deon Dean, Riverdale.

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 feel my experiences in small business and throughout the community best enable myself to use those skills to improve the district. From our schools, to making the community even more small business friendly, which will create jobs, I truly feel I am the best candidate to fill the big shoes of Senator Meeks. Our district needs jobs badly, and my experience in building small businesses and my experience in the NFL are a prime example of my dedication and tenacity to do what is necessary to make the 15th a great place to raise family, and open or expand a business. Because at the end of the day, jobs are a necessary element in any great area within Illinois and that's what I want for my district.

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

We will spend whatever it takes to win.

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

We have 14 people on staff and a list of just over 75 volunteers.

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2
X = Answer Selection

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?
			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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	holding a special election to fill vacancies for U.S. Senate and state constitutional officers?
11.	X	<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.
There needs to me a more transparent process in the way of any judicial selection or appointments.			
12.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	If judges continue to be elected, should judicial elections be non-partisan?
13.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support popular election of University of Illinois trustees?
14.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain.
There should be a more consistent method for collecting signatures, making it more uniform across offices, and party affiliation.			
			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.
This is just one logical solution to avoid hiring based on political affiliation and contributions.			
			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?
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?
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	How would you fully fund the state pension systems?	
<p>We need legislation that will save additional money from the pension system without harming employees who play by the rules. And we need a sensible funding policy -- with legal teeth -- requiring that all pension reform savings be used to steadily raise the funding of our pensions system liabilities to at least 80% and kept there.</p> <p>I would apply these principles to solving the state pension crisis -- using the following five specific steps:</p> <p>1. Closing Loopholes: Stop Current Gaming of the Pension System. By precluding pension system gaming like double-dipping and hour-spiking we could save an estimated \$300 million annually.</p> <p>2. Applying Savings from 2010 Reform to Liabilities. Legally require that all money saved from pension reforms be used to reduce pension liabilities, and not wasted by regarding it as a spending windfall. This includes the yearly savings from the 2010 reform law (estimated at \$400 million yearly) which should be applied to reduce pension liabilities.</p> <p>3. Added contribution from high-pay new workers. For new state workers in the highest salary range, establish a second, higher tier of employee pension contributions. These new employees would be most able to afford the increase.</p> <p>4. Mandate proper state payments. Legally require that the state make yearly contributions to steadily move toward the widely accepted standard of 80% funding of liabilities.</p> <p>5. Use good years to provide for bad. Once 80% funding of liabilities is reached, the state should start contributing between 80% to 120% of liabilities, depending on pension investment returns and the state economy and revenues. In good times a reserve will build up to compensate for bad times.</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.	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.	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.	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
I do not support public funding of charter or contract schools because public money should be for public schools. There are three parties responsible for the education of Illinois's youth: students, their parents and the Illinois government including the teachers they hire. Public funding of charter schools is an abdication of this sacred responsibility to our children.			
51.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
This fund and the process for allocating the scholarships have become corrupt. It is a personal slush fund for elected officials seeking to reward their donors and friends. It must be abolished and replaced with a comprehensive statewide college scholarship policy that rewards hard work and academic excellence.			
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties			
52.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action?
53.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
54.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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?
I feel that if you receive a salary form the taxpayers, including elected officials, we should be held to a higher standard.			
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.	X	<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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of state services? If so, which services?
The state already does this, and when done properly, with better oversight than we've seen recently, this can help the state save money and streamline services.			
66.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the right of public employees to strike?
67.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment?
68.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support family leave legislation for employees of private companies not currently covered by federal law?
			Do you support
69.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers?
70.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors?
71.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws?
Health & Human Services			
71.	X	<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.	X	<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?
I support the ACA and would prioritize the tax credit it provides for Illinois small businesses as the chief mechanism for implementing the new policy. As a small business owner, I know that businesses would attract better talent if they could provide health insurance and hire more employees if the cost of that insurance were offset by tax credits. Healthcare is one-sixth of our economy and should be seen as an engine for economic development and job creation.			
Mental health conditions can no longer be viewed as marginal diagnoses and must receive adequate support from insurance policies. Funding for discharged mental health patients begins with mandating insurance policies that regard their ailments as serious and legitimately coverable illnesses.			
			Do you support:
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Repealing the Illinois 1995 Parental Notice of Abortion Law?
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Allowing the government to decide what medical care a physician may provide to patients during pregnancy?
77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Allowing pharmacies or pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions based on their own

			conscientious objections and send customers away without being served?
78.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to authorize medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education in public schools?
79.	X	<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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	raising TANF benefits to at least equal the poverty level?
81.	X	<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 would propose that any person who is the head of a household that subsists at or beneath the poverty level and agrees to undergo new job training would be eligible for income supplements and job placement services; provided that this person does not qualify for unemployment insurance or TANF.			
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?
The foreclosure crisis is one that is not going away anytime soon. We must look at all options available to try and solve the problem. When it comes to vacant housing, one option is to tear down foreclosed vacant property to create more green space. Another option is to try and enable the rental market, by making these foreclosed properties easily accessible to investors who want to convert those properties into affordable rentals.			
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.	<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?