

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE 12-19-11 DISTRICT: 7th PARTY: Democratic

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A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates. Commissioner, Village of Forest Park. Initially elected in 2007. Re-elected 4/2011. Appointed by Gov. Quinn to board of the Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority (10/2010)

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. Not applicable

C) What is your primary occupation? Full-time law student (3rd year) at Loyola University Chicago. Commissioner role is part-time.

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

1. Volunteer Board Member and Soccer coach in Forest Park Youth Soccer Association (2004-2008).

2. President, Proviso Township Democratic Organization (2008-2010)

3. Chicago Council on Global Affairs (2006-2009)

4. West Central Municipal Conference (2007-present)

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 worked in foster care as a caseworker for five years. I earned a masters degree in social work (Loyola); taking classes from 1996-1999 while working part-time for the Citizenship Education Fund and as a clinical intern (full-time for 4 months) at Hines Veterans' Hospital in Maywood. The psychiatric ward is a locked facility. These experiences provide me with a background in human services and psychiatric issues. After completing the MSW, I worked for 3 years for an accredited Head Start programs as the Health and Disability Coordinator. This experience gives me some knowledge of early childhood education. The program was accredited by the Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children. Later I worked for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (2000-2006), and then for a private sector economic development consulting firm. I have over 10 years of experience working in economic development and job creation. Since serving in local government I have had direct involvement in issues relating to fire safety, and emergency first responder issues (terror attack response planning). I currently serve as the commissioner in charge of code enforcement issues in Forest Park. Therefore I have both state and local government experience. In Texas, I worked in

the 71st Legislative Session for a freshman state representative from 1990-1992 (25 hrs/week). Based on this experience, and my experience advocating for Forest Park, I think I have some understanding of the legislative process. In conclusion, I believe that my experience in a state agency and my experiences in the private sector and in local government have prepared me to serve in the Illinois House.

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

Pat Quinn, Danny Davis, Barack Obama (early in the U.S. Senate Primary), Jesse Jackson, Jr. Will Davis, Robin Kelly, David Miller, judge candidate Linda Pael (did not get elected), Larry Suffredin (in the unsuccessful States Attorney race), Ade Onayemi (county commissioner) Martin Tellalian (2011 Forest Park mayoral candidate),

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

I was endorsed by the Forest Park Review in both commissioner races (2007 and 2011)

It is early in the process for endorsements for the March primary. I would like to be endorsed by IVI-IPO. Several elected officials indicated that they will endorse me for state representative. However, until an endorsement is official it's not appropriate to identify which particular elected official. I have met with several labor unions and I hope to be endorsed by all of them. Several elected officials at municipal, county commissioner, and at the congressional level have suggested that because of my service as president of Proviso Democratic Organization, and because during my presidency we helped Pat Quinn to get elected as Governor and because we got Karen Yarbrough elected as State Central Committeewoman, that I would be the best positioned to serve as state rep.

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 have the broadest set of experiences. I am a father of four, married to the same person for 14 years (this means I know how to compromise). I am the only candidate who is licensed as a foster parent by Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Our youngest child was adopted through the foster care system. My wife is a school teacher and member of the IEA. I may be the only candidate in my race to volunteer as a coach in youth sporting programs. I have been engaged in my community where I volunteer as a chaperone at student dances. I have participated in the Institute for Government and Public Affairs which is a university sponsored training program for locally elected officials. It brings together local officials from all parts of Illinois (similar to a legislature) meeting every other month over a 16-month period. To conclude, my goal is to represent the district. I believe that based on my work history, and based on having been a parent, and an engaged citizen, that I am most qualified to represent the district.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? Our budget is not yet finalized. I have raise \$12,000 and have spent \$8,000.

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list? I have a staff of 4. We have over 40 volunteers.

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? <u>April</u>

			Do you support
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret?
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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. <u>It is my understanding, that prior to repeal, cumulative voting gave more power to rank-in file members. I am told that after the repeal, power became more centralized among the legislative leaders. I favor the de-centralization of power and influence. This could reduce the influence of money in politics.</u>
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.	<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. <u>I favor a system where committeemen do not simply appoint replacement legislators, and where a governor does not replace a U.S. Senator. I do not support elected officials installing their children or relatives in elective office.</u>
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 checked="" 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. <u>My primary campaign volunteer is a young woman who I hired to work in Forest Park’s village clerk’s office. She no longer works for the village. She was the first native-Spanish speaker to work in Forest Park’s village hall in a role that was not janitorial. She resigned from the village nearly two years ago. Today, she is working on my campaign as a volunteer. I intend to hire her as the district office’s manager if I am elected. I think it is important to provide services in both English and Spanish. I am in favor of a ban on hiring and promotions based on political patronage because I have seen many instances of abuse during my service in local government. That said, my volunteer staff person is a very hard worker. She was a great worker in the village and I have watched her interact with people over the last three years. In many case where hiring is solely based on patronage, there is too little accountability.</u>	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly?
Do you support term limits for legislative leaders?			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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? <u>While I have never served in Springfield and do not have an “insider’s” perspective, it is my understanding that legislators face a number of budgetary pressures. I think that the legislature might adopt resolutions that express aspirational pension funding levels. The legislature could then craft</u>	

		<p>a budget within the frame-work of the resolutions. The resolutions would include self-imposed caps on new spending that would draw significant spotlight to programs whose funding prevents the legislature from meeting its pension obligation funding goals. In many cases, locally elected officials do not understand the purpose of a TIF district and do not ask questions. In some communities, locally elected officials are overly-reliant on planning and construction management consultants. The consultants often find projects that allow them to do work that is paid for by the TIF's funds. These expenditures are often unnecessary.</p>
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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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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 think charter schools take money away from public schools. I believe that the state should modernize schools and build new schools so that children are not attending schools in antiquated buildings that do not have air conditioning.

51.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position <u>This program has been abused by a number of legislators. Although a particular state senator was mentioned in the press for having awarded several scholarship using the same address, it is my understanding that it is not uncommon for legislators to use the program in order to reward large contributors.</u>

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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? <u>I could support de-criminalization of marijuana for medical purposes. I favor the system where police would issue tickets for small amounts. I think that if it is generally legal, it will lead to more substance abuse. I also believe that in many cases, Marijuana is a “gate way” substance. I think that public employees should be tested for drugs when their roles have a public safety component. I further believe that elected officials should be tested for drugs.</u>
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.	<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 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? <u>I am not familiar with the barriers to implementation. My experience leads me to believe that the Act's provisions are needed most in urban and rural communities where medical care is not readily available. From what I understand of the provision that encourages the exchange of patients' healthcare information using the internet, I think that children in state custody and providers who serve this poor people should have priority. That means that state should focus on getting the health information of foster children and incarcerate children into the health information exchange systems. Clinics serving the poor should be incentivized to convert to the new system.</u>
73.	ESSAY		What is your plan to provide sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients? <u>Illinois should capture as much federal funding as possible to supplement what our state government spends to provide services to discharge mental health patients. I would support a plan where the state places greater scrutiny on the use of mental health funding at the township level. In many cases, it is advantageous to find employment opportunities to mentally ill persons who live in community settings. Township governments could help to identify suitable work opportunities.</u>
	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? <u>TANF eligibility should be expanded. The federal observed "poverty line" is too low. It does not adequately reflect the prevalence in which people suffer from homelessness or food-insecurity. Unemployment benefits should be extended beyond 99 weeks when people can certify that they are looking for work.</u>
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? <u>I do not have a solution. The problem is complex. I would look to community-based advocates for policy leadership in finding ways to make foreclosure less traumatic on everyone involved. I favor rules requiring banks to maintain foreclosed property and appearance of foreclosed homes.</u>
Energy & Environment			
89.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legislation permitting the carrying of concealed weapons?
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
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?

