

**IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISTRICT:** HD 26 **PARTY:** Democratic

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- A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates. none
- B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. State Representative, 26<sup>th</sup> District, 2008 & Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, 2007
- C) What is your primary occupation? Advertising Executive, Merge Consumer Marketing
- D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years  
Board Member: Jobs for Youth, KLEO Community Family Life Center, Rainbow PUSH Coalition
- 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 majored in Sociology with a minor in African-American Studies at the University of Virginia. These studies will help me navigate a socio-economically and racially diverse district, and best represent the interests of all my constituents. As a small business owner and marketing executive who worked in a Congressional District office in my 20s, I have the necessary experience to create and save jobs in the 26<sup>th</sup> District by working with both the public and private sector.

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

I have supported President Obama as a member of his finance committee. I have supported County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Will Burns as a fundraiser for them. I have supported State Rep. and Comptroller Nominee David Miller as a finance committee member, and I have supported Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. as a volunteer, a paid campaign outreach coordinator, and more recently, as a finance committee member.

- G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far. Laborers' Local 1001, Congressmen Danny Davis and Jesse Jackson Jr., Commissioners Larry Rogers Jr. and Robert Steele, State Senator Donner Trotter, State Rep. Will Davis, Alderman Willie Cochran, Robert Fioretti, and Sandi Jackson.

- 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 that I should be endorsed because I came to Chicago in 1995 to pursue public service. This past decade, I have been a successful small business owner and understand how the private and public sector can work together to improve the economy and bring jobs to my district.

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

My campaign budget is \$250,000. We have raised over \$50,000 to date.

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

We currently have one full-time and two part-time staffers. We have 150 volunteers on our list.

### IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

<b>Elections &amp; Ethics</b>			
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support moving the primary election date?
	ESSAY		If so, to what month? I would support to moving the primary date to June, to encourage higher turnout and more grassroots style campaigning by candidates.
			Do you support
2.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret?
3.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reestablishing straight party voting in general elections?
4.	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should there be a photo ID requirement to cast a ballot?
6.		<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 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"/>	Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting?
			Do you support
9.	<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"/>		holding a special election to fill vacancies for U.S. Senate and state constitutional officers?
11.		<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"/>	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.
			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		In order to ensure the most highly responsive and efficient government for the people, political considerations should not play a factor when making government hires.
			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
<b>Taxes and Economic Policy</b>			
			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? Increasing state revenues is an essential component of fully funding the state pension system. A referendum to change the state income tax to a progressive, graduated tax, would certainly create an increase in state revenue without putting an additional burden on working families throughout the state.
<b>Consumer Protection</b>			
			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? We should increase regulation when it comes to Pay Day loans, but not completely ban them.
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	<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	Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded?
<b>Education</b>			
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. Public dollars should be entirely utilized to strengthen the quality of our public schools.
51.		X	Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. While this program is susceptible to cronyism, the overall mission of the fund is noble one and as long as the proper scrutiny is placed on this program, the mission can be better met.
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Civil Liberties</b>			
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?
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?
<b>Labor</b>			
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?
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>			
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? My priorities involving implementation are: that everyone is able to purchase affordable insurance, regardless of pre-existing conditions, and that seniors are receiving the services and prescription drug discounts provided under the Affordable Care Act.	
73.	ESSAY	What is your plan to provide sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients? With revenue an issue in providing additional funding for many state programs, there is not a clear plan that can be immediately implemented to provide sufficient funding for community based services for discharged mental health patients. What we can do is ensure that the funds that have already been promised for these services are paid in a timely fashion, and that a portion of any additional revenue that the state takes in these next several years is set aside for mental health services.	
		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?
78.	X		Do you support legislation to authorize medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education in public schools?
79.	X		Do you support increasing appropriations to the Department of Children and Family Services to increase the number of caseworkers?
			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? Promotion of job training and education certificate programs for these Illinois residents.
<b>Housing</b>			
			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? Utilize eminent domain seizure to create more public green space in blighted neighborhoods. For specific vacant lots, incentivize the banks who now own the foreclosed property to redevelop the properties to make them habitable/affordable for neighborhood residents.

<b>Energy &amp; Environment</b>			
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?
<b>Criminal Justice</b>			
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.		X	legislation permitting the carrying of concealed weapons?
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.		X	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
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.		X	roving wiretaps?
104.		X	Life sentences for juvenile offenders?