

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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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. - **None**

C) What is your primary occupation? – **Regional Director of Sales Training and Development**

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

National Sales Network

Healthcare Businesswomen's Association

Alliance Illinois State Dental Society

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

Throughout my professional career, I have positioned myself to be a leader at companies who are on the cutting edge of their industry. This is highlighted from my early career in retail sales opening a flagship store and then the pharmaceutical/biotech industry launching key products that helped change patients lives. This success has continued as an instrumental leader in Sales Training and Development during the company's critical integration phase. Simply stated, I have a passion for success.

I have coordinated activities with community-based organizations, advocacy groups that had direct ties to health care providers. One specific example is the coordination I provided of specific healthcare providers, March of Dimes, State Legislators and the Illinois Department of Public health to make Cystic Fibrosis newborn screening a reality in Illinois in 2009. This is good public policy that has helped untold numbers of families in Illinois.

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

David E. Miller – State Representative/Comptroller – Campaign volunteer and fundraiser

Barack Obama – US Senate and President – Campaign volunteer and fundraiser – travelled to multiple states for Presidential election

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?

As the next Illinois State Senator, I will bring more than 20 years of corporate experience to provide creative solutions to improve the quality of life for people in Illinois.

With an emphasis on access to healthcare, equality in the workforce, job preparedness and education I can utilize my experience to specially impact these important areas for my district and the State of Illinois.

During my extensive experience in the healthcare industry I have witnessed disparities to access, services, and options available in healthcare. These disparities disproportionately affect women and working families. I have had conversations regarding medication options, hospital services and healthcare costs that negatively affect patients based on their education and economic status; this is an area I can specifically raise awareness and influence change. Helping families is my mission; I will bring that perspective to the Illinois Senate.

I have developed sales training and development programs for a sales team of 800 employees that required innovation to drive business forward and synergize corporate cultures. I have developed and lead a strategic tactical planning process and budget plans for a \$500 million business. She has worked for some of the top healthcare companies in the world. Because I have worked for some of the top healthcare companies in the world I realize the need to be able to create programs that make our people competitive in today's global environment. This perspective is needed for the 15th district to enhance the skills the constituents already possess.

As a third generation Howard University alumni, I know that education is the great equalizer. I will continue to work on Education Funding reform there are still far too many schools within the 15th district that are underfunded, therefore the same level of education cannot be achieved.

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

150,000.00

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

3 volunteers

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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? The critical element to a primary election or any election is to have the most participation possible. Exploring changing the date to later in the year, perhaps September would shorten the election period to the General election and potentially increase participation.
			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 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 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. This would decentralize power from leadership however during this tight budget time it would be difficult.
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting?
			Do you support
9.	<input 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? Yes, but may not be plausible if the election date is moved and due to costs.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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. I would be in favor of changes in the way judges are selected. I would like to see a more informed voter as it relates to judges and this could happen by a system in place to pre-screen judges. A pre-screened judge could be selected by a panel that the people elect and then apply criteria to judges qualifications.
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If judges continue to be elected, should judicial elections be non-partisan?
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support popular election of University of Illinois trustees?
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain. I would like to see a change in campaign financing. It would help the overall process if

			elected officials spent their time focused on the issues of the business of their districts and the state. A short election cycle means fundraising efforts begin early and take time away from serving the constituents.
			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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you accept or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees, or outside contractors? I have accepted contributions from state employees which have included my husband.
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. People should be considered for the quality of their work that they do not on their political affiliation.
			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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	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? The state needs to live up to its obligation and not off the backs of employees that have contributed over the years. Budget gimmick (not paying state's portion, fund sweeps) need to be eliminated that have created this problem over the years. A dedicated fund in a lockbox should be created to put a portion of revenue growth towards funding the pension system.
Consumer Protection			
			Do you support legislation to
39.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts? I would need more information but would consider prohibiting this clause.
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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs?
49.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support vouchers or other means of public funding for private or parochial schools?
50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. The essential issue lies in strengthening public schools and holding all schools to the same levels of performance and quality. Vouchers may further disenfranchise poorer school districts where efforts should really be focused on enhancing these schools. Public school appropriations should not be included in funding for vouchers.
51.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. There have been numerous stories of legislators misusing the scholarships outside its original purpose. The biggest determiner in a child attending college is costs. If this General Assembly scholarship fund is abolished, I would like to see those funds targeted to help students in need-not towards salaries for faculty` or staff.
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?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
58.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	for public sector employees?
59.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		If so, under what circumstances? If there is a possibility to undermine public safety.
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 type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of state services? If so, which services? I would need specific information on exact services. However, if there was a potential of job loss/benefits and services I would not be in favor of privatization.
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? Healthcare should be a right not a privilege. With the impending changes in healthcare reform, I would adhere to those changes and work to ensure the best possible healthcare delivery system in Illinois. The states will have to implement many reform measures. We will need to consider all plans that will ultimately provide coverage for all.
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 main priorities are to eliminate disparities in healthcare and access to providers and all services are provided.
73.	ESSAY		What is your plan to provide sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients? Any state mental health facilities closures should have their funding put back into the appropriate communities. The level of service cannot be diminished.
			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? Legislation needs to be developed that will help them “fill in their gap”. Weather its Child care or transportation, funds that are targeted to these types of services would help families tremendously. Eligibility can be determined based on length of unemployment, income and size of family.
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? First step starts with ensuring home owners stay in their home. Supporting programs that easily help families re finance their homes that are beginning to get behind. Financial institutions need to play a large role in this.
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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment? Gov. Quinn signed the abolishment of capital punishment
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
99.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing? It would depend on the crime
100.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing?
101.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?