

IVI-IPO 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE 12/19/2011 DISTRICT: 25th Senatorial District PARTY: Republican

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 2,600+ **NUMBER**

REQUIRED: _____

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

West Aurora District 129 School Board 1991-2007

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

None

C) What is your primary occupation? Attorney

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

West Aurora District 129 School Board Member; Wesley Methodist Church Stewardship Committee Co-Chair and Staff Parish Chair and Member--8 years.

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

the office you seek? Practiced law for 35 years. Handled numerous transactions involving millions of dollars, transactions involving difficult issues. Have worked with parents, teachers, teacher unions, administrative staff and taxpayers throughout the 16 years on

F) What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing the West Aurora Dist. 29 School Board.

your role in each campaign. Have not been specifically involved in campaigns, except for school board members. Wrote friends of candidate cards. No active rolls in other campaigns.

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? See attached Addendum.

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

Campaign budget: \$50,000 - \$70,000; Still collecting funds from December 15th fundraiser. It appears to date approximately \$10,000 to \$13,000.

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

Several part-time individuals. Approximately 15-25 volunteers. Numerous persons have volunteered to obtain petitions, serve on Finance Committees, contact other prospective voters, install signs, etc. It is difficult to place a hard number on volunteers at this time.

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Elections & Ethics			
	YES	NO	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support moving the primary election date?

ATTACHMENT

My breadth of experience in operating my own business with ten other lawyers and numerous partners over the last 35 years gives me the experience to understand what makes business successful, the budgetary process, the process to borrow funds periodically to increase capacity or the ability to deliver services to clients. Also, on an ongoing basis, I have dealt with issues, such as the expense side of a budget, including trimming expenses such as medical insurance premiums and other overhead costs.

My substantial experience as a school board member for 16 years has given me the experience to deal with many stakeholders and circumstances involving tens of millions of dollars. I have honed my skills in bringing parties together for win/win situations, including parents, teachers, taxpayers and unions.

Goals for the office which are most important include the following:

1. It is my belief that the primary threat/problem facing the State of Illinois is the expenditure side of the budget. The representatives of people must be diligent in determining how costs can be trimmed.
2. There must be a realistic approach taken with regard to future pension benefits for the various unions, including teachers, public employees, policemen and firemen. Promises that have been made in the past relating to the funding of those must be kept. However, future funding and benefits must be considered. Everyone, taxpayers and beneficiaries of pension benefits, must be involved in the process for arriving at a solution.
3. Incentives for businesses must be high-priority. Granting tax incentives and other benefits to businesses on a piecemeal basis is not the best strategy. It creates concerns with the general public understanding how the process is benefitting everyone throughout the state.