

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? *Journalist*

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. *Volunteering in a number of community organizations, teaching at after-school and summer-school programs across the city and around the country.*

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? *Studied literature at Brown University. My experience as a journalist — scrutinizing the city's politics, exposing corruption, reporting on the neighborhood organizations that make our community great — will be very helpful in representing this area and fighting for a more honest and accountable government state-wide.*

F) What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. *Canvassed and phone-banked for Barack Obama in 2008; volunteered and phone-banked for Jeremy Karpen in 2010.*

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far. *Northside DFA (adopted), Progressive Democrats of America, Ald. Scott Waguespack, numerous community and small-business leaders in the district.*

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? *My opponent, incumbent Rep. Toni Berrios, and I differ on a number of issues: I believe, for instance, that state money is better spent on human services than huge tax breaks to massive corporations; I believe in marriage equality; I believe that teachers and other working people deserve the right to collectively bargain. My opponent opposes all those positions. But fundamentally, the most important distinction in this race is one of accountability. I will always put the concerns of the families in my community before those of Machine politics and special interests, and will fight for the highest standards of ethics and honesty in government.*

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? *Budget: \$150,000; raised: ~\$75,000*

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list? *Two full-time staff and two part-time staff; around 200 volunteers on our list.*

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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?
<i>June.</i>			
			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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should there be a photo ID requirement to cast a ballot?
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<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.
<i>The plan as introduced in the HJRCA 2 bill of 2005 is an intriguing proposal, and I'd support that or a similar cumulative voting proposal.</i>			
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 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>I would support non-partisan elections of judges. Research suggests that elected and appointed judges perform with roughly the same level of efficacy, but if we can reduce partisan politicking in judicial races, I'm all for it.</i>			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain. <i>I'm open to all manner of changes that make our elections more fair, more transparent, and less vulnerable to tampering, including but not limited to the ones described above.</i>
			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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you accept or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees, or outside contractors?
21.	<input 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. <i>This language strikes me as too broad. If more narrowly construed, I'd be amenable to such a change.</i>
			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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support term limits for legislative leaders? <i>Term limits aren't the answer. We need to reform the system in Springfield so that power isn't consolidated in the hands of a few legislative leaders.</i>
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? <i>A progressive income tax and limits on massive tax breaks to major corporations will go a long way toward giving the state the resources it needs to meet its pension obligations.</i>

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ban Pay Day loans? — <i>These should be significantly better regulated.</i>
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs? <i>I will vote to increase funding for education.</i>
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 type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. <i>I believe that public funds for charter schools need to be limited in such a way that there is sufficient funding available for traditional public schools. Additionally, I think that we need much stronger accountability measures for charter schools, and as a general principle, to support our public school teachers and provide them the resources, training, and professional development they need to succeed in the classroom.</i>
51.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support abolition of the General Assembly scholarship fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. <i>This program is too often used in trading political favors. There is no reason our state legislators should be able to arbitrarily hand pick a handful of students who will get a free ride. It is unfair, corrupting and unnecessary.</i>
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"/>	Do you support the decriminalization of Marijuana?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
58.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	for public sector employees? <i>These questions require further specificity</i>
59.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		If so, under what circumstances?
60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause?
61.	√	<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 type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees?
63.	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
Labor			
64.	<input 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? <i>I am open to hearing a more detailed proposal with a similar spirit.</i>
65.	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	Do you support privatization of state services?
			If so, which services?
66.	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the right of public employees to strike?
67.	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment?
68.	√	<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 type="checkbox"/>	raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers?
70.	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors?
71.	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws?
Health & Human Services			
71.	√	<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 type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Affordable Care Act?
	ESSAY		What are your priorities involving implementation in Illinois? <i>My priority is to make sure the law is implemented in a fair way that provides better, more affordable coverage for all in Illinois while protecting small business and preventing abuses by insurance companies.</i>
73.	ESSAY		What is your plan to provide sufficient funding to provide community based services for

			discharged mental health patients? <i>It's vitally important to provide these services for patients discharged from mental health facilities. I will make funding for such programs a priority.</i>
			Do you support:
74.	√	<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 type="checkbox"/>	Repealing the Illinois 1995 Parental Notice of Abortion Law?
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	Allowing the government to decide what medical care a physician may provide to patients during pregnancy?
77.	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to authorize medically accurate, age-appropriate sex education in public schools?
79.	√	<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 type="checkbox"/>	raising TANF benefits to at least equal the poverty level?
81.	√	<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>Improving our economy, revitalizing our human services, and providing funding for social programs will help families who qualify for those benefits and those who don't.</i>
Housing			
			Do you favor
84.	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation banning housing discrimination against holders of Section 8 vouchers?
85.	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units?
86.	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions?
87.	√	<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? <i>We need to demand that banks maintain and keep up the homes they foreclose on. We need to deter them from predatory foreclosure practices, encourage mediation programs, and consider a wide array of solutions to address this severe crisis.</i>
Energy & Environment			
89.	<input type="checkbox"/>	√	Do you support an elected ICC?
90.	√	<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?