

IVI-IPO 2012 WARD COMMITTEEMAN QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE 1/21/11 WARD: 32 PARTY: DEMOCRAT

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 1700+ without a challenge to the signatures.

NUMBER REQUIRED: minimum of 549 and a maximum of 1758

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates. Alderman- 32nd Ward

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. None

C) What is your primary occupation? Alderman

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years: I worked on building up a local Little League Baseball/basketball organization where I was a coach/umpire/organizer. Member of St. Hedwig church, was active on finance and other activities until recently when I had to cut back some of the activities. Chicago Area Peace corps -former board member, still active in the organization, organized 45th RPCV nationwide Anniversary conference in Chicago.

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 Political Science, international relations, history, served two years of Peace Corps, worked overseas to advise new governments and political parties in the Balkans, Alderman for about five years: all of these together add up to great experiences that have helped me shape the way I think and interact with people.

F) What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. Generally, I go door to door, attend events, or speaking engagements and do basic flyering, as well as send "I support --- candidate or elected official" emails for the following and other candidates. Pres Obama, Senator Durbin, Governor Quinn, Sen Cullerton, State Rep Fritchey/Anne Williams, Pres. Preckwinkle, AmySue Mertens, Eddie Winters, Joe Moreno (State Sen.) Tom Allen, Anita Alvarez, Will Guzzardi, and others. Not all win. I have endorsed less candidates as I have moved forward unless I meet with them personally and find that they offer a set of positions that are good for the ward and city residents.

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far. None

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? Although I was elected alderman just a few years ago, I have worked for candidates and the Democratic Party at different levels for many years. I think it is important to gather and work with people who may have different ideas about the party and how it should work, and bring them into the process. I

would like to see an increase in registered and educated voters. I would like to see more input from a broader spectrum of people that have been waiting to get into the process.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? 20,000- raised enough already to run a small campaign.

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list? One treasurer (unpaid), one staffer that is part time. Volunteers are about 25-30 (more for petition drive)

IVI-IPO 2012 WARD COMMITTEEMAN QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

1. Should the present signature requirement for a Committeeman's nominating petition be changed?
If so, how? I think a percentage is ok for now, unless there is a better route to take that can be discussed. I think people could foresee us going to a set amount like 100/200/500 signatures.
2. Should there be a law (like that for replacing an alderman, etc.) for replacing a ward or township Committeeman who leaves office during her/his term? Special Elections will work.
3. What are your views on slating, the selection of candidates by the party or party committees prior to a primary or non-partisan elections? If you are opposed to slating, will you participate in slating sessions? I would like to see the party let candidates run against each other without a slating prior to the party primary.
4. Should the party finance the campaigns of selected candidates in contested primary elections or non-partisan elections (such as aldermanic elections)? Not in aldermanic elections.
5. Does a committeeman have a responsibility to support the party's candidates after they have been selected in a primary election? I think it's ok to support the party candidates but if there are candidates that are a problem for voters or the Democratic party in terms of acts they have committed that reflect negatively on the party, then we do not need to support particular candidates.
6. Do you feel it is appropriate for elected officials to hold a party office? Please explain your position. No, not necessary. I think a person can be a political party official without having the requirement of holding a public office.
7. Have you or would you send letters to government officials soliciting jobs or promotions for individuals? NO, I don't now and won't.
8. Have you formed or would you form a ward-wide organization? Discuss structure, meetings, membership, staff and budget. Yes. I've done it in the past and it requires little money but more openness to ideas and values proposed by varying members of the Democratic party.
9. How do you propose to finance your ward operations? I can raise enough funds to run a small Democratic party operation.

10. What plans do you have to enhance voter registration and voter turn out in your ward? I look to give greater access to the voter registration process by sponsoring drives held in public places such as grocery stores and coffee shops throughout the ward. This will be in partnership with local community groups and student organizations, to not only give greater access but to spread the word on the importance of getting out to vote! I also will utilize my ward organization's website and our social media platforms to raise awareness and to provide the online resources at people's fingertips to best support their preferred way of getting involved in the process.
11. Does your organization have/or will have members? If so how does one become a member? I don't have a "party" organization now. I have a ward (and non-ward) list of volunteers who are simply committed to bettering government and their neighborhoods.
12. Should members of a ward organization have a role in determining endorsements? yes
13. Does or will your ward organization communicate openly with residents and activists? Will you have a website to convey current information and volunteer opportunities? Yes, via many forms of communications.
14. What idea do you have to finding and retaining high quality election judges? I like the fact that legal organizations make recommendations. The problem is getting the information to voters, and then trying to help them sort through all of the recommendations. I think we could promote that more.
15. What strategies will you employ to engage the residents in you ward and increase voter participation with emphasis on how you will attract younger voters? See #10. I worked within the Young Democrats organization during college and helped various candidates then. I have a good connection with young voters in the ward, and would like to get them more involved not only within the party organization but within the community. My campaign organization is excited to be co-sponsoring a voter drive with DePaul University on February 4th.
16. What should be done to include voters in the decision making process for replacing candidates on the ballot and filling vacancies of elected officials? I think promoting via email and community organizations is a great way to get the word out when special elections are required for filling vacancies.
17. *Question for Incumbent: What have you done to involve more people in the political process? What further steps will you take?*
18. Will you follow the Cook County judicial retention "vote Yes" campaign? I would like to get more input from the audience I would be serving but I can see it being a problem where bad judges are concerned. Many judges do a great job on the bench but when bar associations give bad ratings to judges there needs to be more done to let people know why they have been recommended against retention.