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Meet the Candidates Fundraiser

Thursday, December 19, 2002

by Lee Snyder

Mike Radzilowsky, IVI-IPO's Political Action chair, stated that the "Meet the Candidates event is one of the best opportunities to meet the various candidates from all of the wards on an informal basis, and find out who's running! So many other political events are "staged events" with press releases and canned responses. At our event Thursday, you will be meeting, greeting, and mingling with the candidates, both incumbents and non-incumbents!"



"Candidates for the various city offices have been invited, whether it be aldermanic, city treasurer, city clerk, or mayor. IVI-IPO has had great Meet the Candidates events for IVI-IPO members, general public, and the candidates in the past, and the get togethers are tailored to create a relaxed environment, with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar as you schmooze and discuss city politics!". *[see page 3 for registration form]*

Interfaith Action to Support Public Housing

Join with public housing residents, the Coalition to Protect Public Housing, and its supporters for this holiday interfaith *prayer procession*:

- Oppose further demolition of public housing: Tell Mayor Daley to build replacement public housing now.
- All families deserve safe, decent, affordable homes: Tell Governor-elect Blagojevich to support affordable housing and homelessness prevention programs.
- Money for homes, not for war - no more federal money for war, racial profiling and the decimation of our civil liberties.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18 - 9:30 A.M. - CITY HALL
MEET AT THE CORNER OF CLARK AND WASHINGTON

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Meet the Candidates

IVI-IPO Fundraiser

December 19, 2002

6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

MEET THE CANDIDATES
in the Chicago Municipal
Election

Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar

Ina's Restaurant

1235 West Randolph in
Chicago [Free Parking]

FREE for IVI-IPO Members.
\$50 for non-members.

If you are no longer a
member, you may renew
your dues (\$30 or more)
and attend for free.

Please call 312-939-5105
or email office@iviipo.org
to reserve your FREE
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Interfaith leaders from the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faiths will join together to lead us in song, prayer, reflection & marching.

Call the following people and tell them to support public housing residents, the homeless and all people in need of affordable housing:

**Mayor Daley - (312) 744-3300; Terry Peterson, CHA CEO - (312) 742-8053
Sharon Gist-Gilliam, CHA Board Chair - (312) 226-0452 or (312) 742-8473**

SPONSORED AND ORGANIZED BY: THE COALITION TO PROTECT PUBLIC HOUSING -Public housing residents from Robert Taylor, Cabrini Green, Ida B. Wells, Rockwell Gardens, Maplewood Courts, and ABLA. Agency members are: Community Renewal Society, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Metropolitan Tenants Organization, Jobs With Justice, Natalie Voorhees Neighborhood Center, Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade and ENDORSED BY: The Chicago Coalition Against War and Racism, Chicago Peace Response, American Friends Service Committee, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, Illinois Peace Action, Committee for New Priorities, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty

From The State Chair

by David K. Igasaki, IVI-IPO State Chair

Despite gloom over the conservative ascendancy nationally in Congress and the White House, we in Illinois can take enormous pride in electing progressive political leadership and representation up and down the ballot. IVI-IPO can take pride not only in winning, but, in some hotly contested races like the Attorney General's race, making a real difference.

As a long-time opponent of capital punishment, I am especially pleased that the Rolando Cruz case made a decisive impact in the elections for Governor and Attorney General. We have elected a legislature friendlier to a woman's right of choice, to gay rights, to welfare rights and to death penalty reform. We re-elected Dick Durbin to the U.S. Senate in a campaign that openly opposed Bush's illegal doctrine of preemptive invasion in Iraq and openly defended the Senate's right to advise and consent against judicial nominees hostile to constitutional liberties. This is our triumph as well.

To keep us strong and active in the upcoming fights, I would encourage all of you to renew your membership and to consider an extra contribution to support and extend our work. With a reestablished financial base, we can extend our lobbying presence in Springfield, promote an alert network on national issues before Congress, rebuild chapters in the suburbs and collar counties and build our infrastructure for the political fights of 2004 when the House and a U.S. Senate seat will be at stake.

This organization traces its roots to Governor Adlai Stevenson and Senator (then Alderman) Paul Douglas. It continues to impact for progressive politics and reform after more than half a century. I am proud to be part of this tradition. Aren't all of you?

Special Events:

Mark your calendar and send in your registration for IVI-IPO's Meet the Candidates Fundraiser Thursday, December 19 and A-Z Campaign Workshops Saturday, January 4 (see the registration form below).

David K. Igasaki, IVI-IPO's state chair, says *Meet the Candidates* is a great opportunity to meet the candidates seeking our endorsement. Admission is free to IVI-IPO members. The event itself creates a less formal setting than the interview sessions, enabling aldermanic candidates to get acquainted with our members.

David also notes that the *A to Z Workshop* is an excellent nuts and bolts workshop for aldermanic candidates and their key staff. I hope the aldermanic candidates will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. The workshops will include sessions on field operations, precinct work, organizing, election day, fundraising, and filing requirements.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

With the Independent Voters of Illinois-
Independent Precinct Organization (IVI-IPO)

*** Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar ***

Ina's Restaurant

1235 West Randolph in Chicago

Thursday, December 19 2002

6:00-8:00 P.M. Free Parking

Fax Your Reservation Today!

IVI-IPO Fax 312-939-3315

YES, I'll be there! (Check one)

- \$50 Sponsor** admission for one
- \$100 Sponsor** admission for 2 & listing in program
- \$250 Sponsor** admission for 4 & listing in program

Name _____

Candidate for _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Visa/MC _____ Exp _____

Note: If paying by check, send a copy of this invitation along with your check made payable to IVI-IPO, Mail to: 828 S. Wabash, Ste. 290, Chicago, IL 60605. Phone: 312-939-5105

Register Now! One Day Only!

Everything you need to know about campaigns...

FROM A-Z

Who should attend IVI-IPO's renowned
A-Z campaign workshops?

CANDIDATES — CAMPAIGN STAFF VOLUNTEERS

who want to get the most comprehensive election training anywhere. Learn the basics of creating a field operation and effective strategies for voter registration. Learn about campaign finance disclosure requirements, developing a realistic budget and fund raising plan, and setting up your campaign office and file systems. Learn how to conduct the door-to-door campaign, using press to get out your message, and Election Day scheduling and training

*Cost: \$50 per person (includes manual)

*Saturday, January 4, 2003

9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Grace Episcopal Church, Main Floor
637 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL

- Reserve space for (# of people) _____
@ \$50 each.
- My payment for \$_____ is enclosed.

**Please fill in information box at left
& mail or fax to IVI-IPO today!**

Calendar

Wednesday, December 18, 2002

9:30 A.M. **HOLIDAY INTERFAITH "PRAYER PROCESSION"**

Meet at City Hall. See page one for more informatioin.

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- campaign finance disclosure requirements, developing a realistic budget and fund raising plan
- how to set up your campaign office and file systems
- how to conduct the door-to-door campaign, using the press to get out your message
- how to conduct Election Day scheduling and training

Fill out the *Meet the Candidates/A-Z Candidate Workshops Form on Page 3* to register for the events listed above!

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