

IVI-IPO 2006 ATTORNEY GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 39,000 NUMBER REQUIRED: 25,000

Please use an additional sheet to complete the following background information:

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates. Currently Secretary Illinois Green Party

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. Rock Valley College Trustee

C) What is your primary occupation? Attorney

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. Rockford Urban Ministries Council; Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Social Responsibilities Committee Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockford, Northern Illinois Chapter Illinois Civil Liberties Union.

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? Law degree plus Ph. D in Political Science

F) What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. None

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?

If elected, I will marshal the resources to the Attorney General's Office to protect the rights of all our citizens including access to a woman's right to reproductive choice and the civil rights of gays, lesbians, bi-sexual and transgendered persons.

I pledge to strictly enforce all environmental protection law.

I have spent the last 25 years representing consumers in the courts. If elected, I would personally oversee the consumer protection division to ensure that consumers are protected in the marketplace.

I support the Green Party's efforts to abolish the death penalty. I favor a more sensible approach to issues surrounding drug use favoring treatment rather than incarceration for non-violent drug offenders. I will also strive to eliminate the double standard in law enforcement that targets African-Americans for arrests and tougher prosecutions that has resulted a disproportionate rate of convictions, longer sentences, and a higher rate of capital punishment for African-American than for white Americans.

Finally, I would make sure that with the exception of the top policy making positions, state hiring would be based on merit rather than political patronage.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? No budget. So far raised just over \$100

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list? The ILGP has 100s of volunteers which is how we were able to get sufficient petition signatures

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1. Will you accept or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees or outside contractors? Have not and will not
2. Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently? Have not and will not
3. Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the State of Illinois? Have not and will not
4. In what circumstances should the Attorney General contract for outside professional services and what criteria would you implement for letting contracts? Please comment on any existing abuses and how you would correct them. I would only contract with law firms when there was a special case or issue that went beyond the expertise of the Attorney General's staff. Unlike the present policy of rewarding campaign contributors, I would contract on the basis of merit.
5. Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not? I would consider it if they had expertise not available within the State.
6. Do you support patronage? No
7. Do you support Affirmative Action? Yes
8. 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? Yes
9. Do you favor
 - a. capital punishment? No
 - b. criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? No
 - c. mandatory sentencing? No
 - d. work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing? Yes
 - e. wiretapping and surveillance of private persons? Only in exceptional situations with court approval
 - f. roving wiretaps? No
 - g. "stop and frisk" laws? No
10. Is racial profiling a legitimate tool in law enforcement? Why or why not? It is not. It promotes racial stereotyping and degrades minorities
11. Do you favor continuation of the current moratorium on capital punishment in Illinois? If not, how would you address the inequities enumerated in the report of the Commission on the Death Penalty? Yes

12. Do you support the provisions outlined in the Illinois Comprehensive Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001? No

13. Does the present Illinois prison system serve the long term needs of law enforcement and prisoner rehabilitation in Illinois? Why or why not? Too much emphasis on punishment and not enough on rehabilitation

14. Please outline the programs you would institute in the Attorney General's office, including any changes in the law that these programs require: a) Criminal Justice b) Gangs c) Drugs d) Consumer Protection e) Civil Rights See H, above

15. What should be the role of the Attorney General in enforcing state and local EPA laws and regulations? Please specify and rank your areas of major concern in environmental law enforcement. I believe the Attorney General, as the State's chief law enforcement officer, should take the lead in enforcing every environmental protection law on the books.

16. Will you establish a tenant ombudsman in your office to protect the rights of tenants throughout the state? Yes

17. What is your legislative agenda and how would you further your agenda for the Attorney General's office? I support the legislative agenda of the Illinois Green Party as outlined by Rich Whitney, Candidate for Governor

18. How will you prevent political and partisan concerns from influencing legal opinions emanating from the Attorney General's office? Getting elected would help abolish the two party system that has placed politics over policy

19. How would you balance your roles as attorney for state officials vs. attorney for the people of Illinois? I see no conflict as state officials should be acting in the best interest of the people of Illinois.