

IVI-IPO 2006 COUNTY COMMISSIONER QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 3800 NUMBER REQUIRED: 460

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

- A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.
- B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.
- C) What is your primary occupation?
- D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten 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?
- F) What candidates have you supported?
- 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?
- I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?
- J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

IVI-IPO 2006 COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONER QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

	YES	NO	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support removing the cap on the number of abortions performed at Stroger Hospital?
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the distribution of County funded health facilities sufficient?
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does your district need additional health care facilities?
	ESSAY		Please elaborate.
4.	ESSAY		How would you solve the budget gap while still ensuring that health and other basic human services would continue to be provided?
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor a freeze in the property tax rate?
			In areas of new construction
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support extension of the 7% property tax cap beyond the expiration date?
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should County Board approval be required prior to the creation of TIF districts in Cook County?
8.	ESSAY		What should be done by the County Board to foster affordable housing, including subsidized housing?
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support equitable geographic distribution of affordable housing throughout the county?
			Will you support an amendment to the County Human Rights Ordinance to protect Section 8 voucher holders from discrimination in housing? Yes, I was a co-sponsor of the original human rights ordinance. I will continue to advocate and support stronger measures to ensure the protection of rights for those covered by and protected by the ordinance
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	in buildings of any size without exemptions?
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	if owner occupied buildings of 6 or fewer units were exempted?
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support lifting the moratorium on restoration of Forest Preserve land?
			In targeted areas
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the sale or transfer of forest preserve land to private interests?
			Please explain your answer.
14.	ESSAY		What proposals do you support to reduce overcrowding at Cook County Jail and the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center?
15.	ESSAY		What should the County Board do to ensure that the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center provides adequate educational and vocational services to detainees?
16.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support separating violent from non-violent offenders?
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support separating juvenile from adult offenders?
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor work-release, electronic monitoring and other alternative sentencing programs?
19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support drug testing of potential or current County employees?

Random testing			
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action?
21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of county employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
I support the selection of qualified candidates for every position			
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor extending the Civil Service System to replace patronage in County employment?
I support a system that dictates qualifications over relationships			
24.	ESSAY		What should be done to eliminate patronage abuse in county government?
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor permitting county employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
The 20 hour concurrent employment limit is sufficient to ensure that county employees perform their responsibilities while avoiding any conflicts of interest.			
26.	ESSAY		In what circumstances should the County contract for outside professional services?
Whenever the in-house intellectual capacity is unavailable and to reduce excess cost.			
27.	ESSAY		In what circumstances should competitive bidding for contracts be required? Please comment on any existing abuses.
Under normal circumstances for supplies			
28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside of Cook County? Why or why not?
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you accept or have you accepted campaign contributions from current or potential suppliers, employees or outside contractors?
Only in accordance with the requirements of the ethics ordinance.			
30.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the County Ethics Ordinance adequate?
	ESSAY		Why or why not? The language of the ordinance provides adequate protection of the public trust. The missing element is adequate monitoring of the ordinance requirements.
31.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public financing of campaigns for this office?
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a campaign expenditure limit?
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you be a full-time Commissioner?
34.	ESSAY		What other employment, if any, do you intend to hold?
None			
35.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you open an office in your district?
I have an office in my district			
36.	ESSAY		What will you do to ensure community involvement in identifying the concerns of the residents of your district?
I hold and will continue to hold regular community meetings. I also maintain regular office hours in my district office. I have historically and will continue to make myself available to hear and address the concerns of my constituents.			
37.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should candidates for Board President be prohibited from running concurrently from a district?

The Issue needs further study

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- A)** Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.
- B)** Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. Congress 1996; Recorder of Deeds; Alderman 24th Ward 1983
- C)** What is your primary occupation? County Board Commissioner
- D)** Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. Lakeshore Links, 1900-2100 Block Club Springfield, United Missionary Baptist Church, League of Women Voters, National Council of Negro Women, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inducted to Chicago Women's Hall of Fame in 1993
- E)** What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? I have earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education from Chicago Teachers College. I also obtained a Masters degree in Supervision and Administration of Education from Roosevelt University and I am a former Chicago Public School teacher with 26 years of teaching experience.
- F)** What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. For the past 30 years I have supported and worked to help elect every progressive democratic candidate.
- G)** Please list all endorsements you have received so far. I have been endorsed by the elected officials and people of my district. In the primary I was unopposed. On June 12 I announced my interest in becoming Interim President of Cook County Board. Shortly there after a Republican opponent entered the race for Commissioner of the 2nd County 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? I have represented the 2nd district for five terms. I have been reelected by the people of my district because I am a full time elected official who focuses on not just representing my constituents but working to move the issues of most importance to them, their families, and our community. I outlived and passed the County's first affirmative action ordinance and continue my advocacy to insure access to opportunities for minorities and women. As Chair of Stroger Hospital I have diligently pursued answers to the growing health disparity issues facing our community. Finally first as a teacher and not as an elected official, I wake up every day with a goal or working to make the lives of my constituents better. I remain committed to that goal.
- I)** What is your campaign budget? 240,000. How much have you raised to date? I have raised \$85,000
- J)** How many people are on your campaign staff? 4. How many volunteers are on your list? 200 plus

8. What should be done by the County Board to foster affordable housing, including subsidized housing?

The County Board only maintains authority for public housing in the suburbs. I support subsidized redevelopment and would endorse the lobbying efforts of the federal government for additional dollars. Last year, the county only received \$11 million, down from the previous years allocation of \$26 million.

14. What proposals do you support to reduce overcrowding at Cook County Jail and the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center?

In the county jails I support alternative programs such as boot camp, electronic monitoring, and bonds for first time, non-violent offenders.

15. What should the County Board do to ensure that the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center provides adequate educational and vocational services to detainees?

The Juvenile Temporary Detention Center is the responsibility of the Chicago Public Schools. The Cook County Board should ensure that the conditions are maintained that will support the adequate opportunities for students to learn.

24. What should be done to eliminate patronage abuse in county government?

We should perform a study to investigate and restructure county personal system that eliminates bureaucracy and will ensure the hiring of qualified candidates for every position