

**IVI-IPO 2006 COOK COUNTY CLERK QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1**

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

**A)** Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.

Member of the Board Of Education CCSD #15, elected 2001, re-elected 2005, currently serving as President of Board

**B)** Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

None

**C)** What is your primary occupation?

Attorney-at-Law

**D)** Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.

Attorney Member of Council Parents, Attorneys and Advocates (for persons with disabilities) COPAA; member of the Chicago Bar Association, DuPage County Bar, McHenry Count Bar; member Republican Party

**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 a Bachelor of Science Degree, a Juris Doctor and other graduate education with an emphasis in Business and Management. Additionally, I have attended several seminars in the past five years on public finance.

I have had many years of experience in local government, including acting city manager, in which the area of elections and running departments within monetary constraints are critical. For the past five years, I have been a member of the Board of Education of the 3rd largest elementary district in Illinois which has a budget in excess of \$144 million dollars. (For your information the district has not had a referendum increase for 20 years.) In addition, by refinancing the bonds, which I spearheaded, the taxpayers were saved several hundred thousand dollars over the life of the bond issue. These experiences will be used to assist me in running the office of Clerk in a manner consistent with principles of prudent and good government.

**F)** What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.

I have supported many candidates since I was eighteen years of age. I have supported candidates of both parties as well as independents. My criterion is "who will be the best person for the position."

**G)** Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

Republican county and township organizations, and committeemen.

**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?

1. Honesty, intelligence, integrity and forthrightness have been a hallmark of my political and profession persona
2. I will honor the oath of the office for which I am running
3. As a public servant I will work for the all the citizens of Cook County, not just those of my political party
4. Restoring confidence in the election procedure and voting practices
5. Restoring confidence in the office of Clerk of the County
6. Testing of equipment before it has been sent out to be used by the public
7. Starting a program of excellence in all facets of the office of Clerk and stop the finger pointing

**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?

My personal campaign staff has no persons who are paid. I have many volunteers who donate their personal time to support my candidacy.

## IVI-IPO 2006 COOK COUNTY CLERK QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

1. Will you accept or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees or contractors?

No

2. Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?

No

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 County?

No

4. In what circumstances should the Clerk's office 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.

Professional services should be contracted by use of non-political criteria. The best firm, prudent pricing should be considered for the contract. The criteria I would utilize would be to review all existing contracts to determine their viability. Additionally, I would contact professional organizations as necessary for other sources and find out who the outstanding leaders are in the field. After reviewing all data, a decision then would be made.

The abuses which exist, besides the public ones, are often hidden. I will investigate all areas of the Clerk's Office to determine where abuse exists and take all steps necessary to terminate them. The voting scandal comes to the forefront of everyone's thoughts. It is abhorrent that the election process was a "fiasco", "train wreck" and "snafu". Democracy must never take the voting process for granted; it is what keeps America a shining beacon in the world.

5. Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Cook County? Why or why not?

Yes, I would. In order to provide the best services and/or pricing I would accept companies which are located outside Cook County.

6. Do you support patronage?

No. Patronage could be reserved for non-political positions.

7. Do you support Affirmative Action?

Yes

8. 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?

Yes

9. In what ways can this office work more effectively with other county and municipal offices to avoid duplication and waste?

Where do I begin?

10. What should be the role of the Clerk's office in tax reactivation?

The role of the office has been decided by State of Illinois Statute. The Office of the Clerk must make sure that all parcels which are available for reactivation are properly processed.

11. What procedures, if any, would you institute to insure that election judges are better trained?

The election judges should receive mandatory training in the length and extent of the services which they must provide. The new election machinery was both mechanically unsound and unfamiliar which caused many judges to lose their confidence in the election process.