

# IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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**NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED:** about 1,700      **NUMBER REQUIRED:** 500

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

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

Appointed to the Urbana Human Relations Commission (1997-2002) and the Urbana Park District Advisory Council (1980-1983); elected State Representative of the 103<sup>rd</sup> District in 2002 (2003-present), Champaign County Recorder of Deeds (1984-1996), and as a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention (1988).

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

Illinois House of Representatives, 1996  
Champaign County Clerk, 1998

C) What is your primary occupation?

Full-time state legislator.

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

State Representative (2003-present)  
Executive Director, University YWCA (2000-2002)  
Development Officer, University YMCA (1999-2000)  
Interim Executive Director, A Woman's Fund (1997-1998)  
Champaign County Recorder of Deeds (1984-1996)

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 received my BA in History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, earning election to the Phi Alpha Theta National History Academic Honor society. I also have an MA in teaching English as a second language from UIUC.

My husband and I have two children by birth and six adopted children, plus several foster children. These family experiences, plus my volunteer and staff work in social agencies, plus service work trips to rural Mexico in third world conditions, as well as my teaching English to non-native English speakers from other countries, have given me a good understanding of the diversity of human experience and need, which has enabled me to better serve the range of constituents in the 103<sup>rd</sup> District.

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

I have supported many local, state and national Democratic candidates over the years including Paul Simon in his Senate and Presidential campaigns.

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

In formation: AFL-CIO; Planned Parenthood; the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois; Personal PAC; and Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers, Local 26, Chicago Fire Fighters Union, the Illinois Federation of Teachers, and the United Auto Workers Region 4

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 been a part of the Champaign-Urbana community for over 30 years and I have been standing up for the values of our community in many of the roles I have held, including state representative. I have the experience to get results for our communities. The issues about which I feel most passionately have to do with the welfare of children and working families, funding of K-12 and higher education and making affordable health care more accessible.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?

We are still determining what the campaign budget will be.

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

TBD.

### IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

	YES	NO	Elections & Ethics
			Do you support:
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	moving the primary election date?
	ESSAY		If so, to what month? <b>I would be open to moving the primary as long it would not result in the citizens of our state losing a substantial voice in the selection of presidential candidates.</b>
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret?
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reestablishing straight party voting in general elections?
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain. <b>I support a single system of voter registration under the National Voter Registration Act and support uniform adoption of improved voting technology. It is important that as electronic voting becomes more widespread we mandate a paper trail to ensure accuracy and guarantee everyone's right to have their vote count.</b>
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives?
	ESSAY		If so, please explain the plan you support.
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting?
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support changes in the way judges are selected?
	ESSAY		If so, please give a brief description of the system you support. <b>I support the merit selection of judges and would support a format in which a non-partisan panel provides a list of the most highly qualified candidates to the governor for his selection. Judges would periodically stand for retention election.</b>

8.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you believe that appointments to judicial vacancies should be based on nominations from local review panels?
	ESSAY		If not, would you recommend any changes in the current system? Please explain.
	YES	NO	
			Do you support:
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of election campaigns? <b>I believe campaign finance and elections should be transparent and we should strive towards a system where personal ethics aren't called into question. I am a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 1955 which creates the Supreme Court Campaign Reform Act to provide limited public support to Supreme Court elections. If this reform is adopted I hope it leads to further campaign finance reforms to help Illinois escape its image of being a "pay-to-play" state.</b>
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	limits on campaign contributions and political committee transfers? <b>I would need to see specific legislation, but I supported HB 6893 in the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly.</b>
11.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	restricting campaign fundraising during legislative sessions?
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	limiting contributions to political campaigns by dollar amount or source? <b>I would need to see specific legislation, but I supported HB 6893 in the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly.</b>
			Do you support
13.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation to prohibit incumbency and political affiliation as criteria in the mapping process for Congressional, Legislative and local government electoral districts?
14.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly?
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support permitting state employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support patronage?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. <b>Taxpayers are entitled to a workforce hired and promoted on the basis of merit. In today's climate of questionable hiring practices I think the state should adopt independent commissions to review appointments and hirings.</b>
<b>Taxes and Economic Policy</b>			
			Do you support:
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	instituting a graduated income tax? <b>I have a history of opposing tax increases on working families and businesses and opposing fees on businesses and working professionals. The state of Illinois needs to reign in spending and streamline their budget process while cutting unnecessary spending. I will continue to work to provide tax relief like I did in 2003 with the expansion of the earned income tax credit and in 2006 with the extension of property tax relief for seniors.</b>
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding of education? <b>I cannot support current proposals that would increase taxes, but we must continue to do more for our local schools. We have increased funding for schools across the state by \$1.5 billion over the last four years. I also support dedicating 51% of all new state revenue to school districts, increasing the foundation level, and requiring the federal government to fund education mandates like No Child Left Behind.</b>
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio in income taxes? <b>I would need to hear and read expert testimony on the impact of changes such a proposal may bring.</b>
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support casino gambling in Cook County?

21.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded?
	ESSAY		If so, at which level and why?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
			Do you support legislation to
22.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded private rights of action? <b>I would need to see specifics.</b>
24.			allow expanded rights of litigation? <b>I would need to see specifics.</b>
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs? <b>Fees should be worked out individually depending on the case and the attorney/client agreement.</b>
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	provide for any other changes? Please specify.
			Do you support legislation
27.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning Pay Day loans?
28.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning or restricting ATM fees? <b>Restricted to a reasonable return of the cost of the transaction.</b>
29.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	capping credit card interest rates?
<b>Education</b>			
30.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs?
31.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support vouchers or other means of public funding for private or parochial schools?
32.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. <b>Charter schools are an interesting concept. The state has helped fund a limited number but the jury is still out on what kind of an impact they can have. They should continue to be monitored to determine if they warrant further investment.</b>
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Civil Liberties</b>			
33.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action?
34.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment? <b>I have voted to ratify the ERA.</b>
			Do you favor legislation
35.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legalizing civil marriage between two people of the same gender?
36.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	providing legal recognition of domestic partnerships?
37.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibiting discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together?
38.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
39.			for public sector employees?
40.			for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		Under what circumstances? <b>I would support mandatory drug testing for public and</b>

			<b>private sector employees in professions that impact the safety of others, for example airline pilots.</b>
41.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause?
42.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation to include data on pedestrian, as well as motor vehicle, stops by police for the purpose of gathering statistics on racial profiling?
43.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support amending current racial profiling legislation to add collection of data on persons of Middle Eastern origin?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
44.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees?
45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
<b>Labor</b>			
46.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
47.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support privatization of state services?
	ESSAY		If so, which services?
48.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not? <b>I have concerns that such outside contracting leads to wage and benefits cuts or outright job losses for Illinois workers.</b>
49.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the right of public employees to strike?
50.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment?
51.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support family leave legislation for employees of private companies not currently covered by federal law?
			Do you support
52.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers? <b>I helped pass legislation through the Illinois House that increased the minimum wage.</b>
53.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors?
54.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws?
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>			
55.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support a single-payer health plan for Illinois?
	ESSAY		If so, how would Medicaid be incorporated into the program you support? <b>Medicaid should be incorporated into any single-payer program. I support a health care trust fund, which would include the deposits of state and federal shares of Medicaid, from which providers would be reimbursed. Our goal should be affordable, quality health</b>

			<b>care for all.</b>
56.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients?
			Do you support:
57.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation which would guarantee that abortion remains legal in Illinois, to the extent it is currently available, in the event of Roe v. Wade being overturned or diminished?
58.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicaid funding for abortions? <b>Regardless of what the health care issue is, no person should be discriminated against because of source of income.</b>
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
59.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage of abortions for state employees?
60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	parental consent/notification for minors seeking abortions?
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	banning so-called partial-birth abortions?
62.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify. <b>I support a woman's right to reproductive choice.</b>
63.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increasing appropriations to the Department of Children and Family Services to increase the number of caseworkers?
64.	ESSAY		What services, if any, would you offer to those whose time on Welfare has run out and do not have adequate income to support themselves and their families? <b>Health care, job training and subsistence subsidy adequate for shelter, clothing and food.</b>
<b>Housing</b>			
65.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor legislation banning housing discrimination against holders of Section 8 vouchers?
			Would you support legislation
66.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units?
67.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions?
<b>Energy &amp; Environment</b>			
68.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support an elected ICC?
69.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois institute a Renewable Portfolio Standard requiring all energy providers in Illinois to sell minimum amounts of their energy from renewable sources? <b>I support increasing the amount of renewable energy output, however, any such plan should not lead to an increase in electricity costs on consumers and small businesses given the electricity price hikes that consumers are already facing.</b>
70.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois adopt the International Energy Conservation Code for residential buildings? <b>I support increasing the amount of renewable energy output, however, any such plan should not lead to an increase in electricity costs on consumers and small businesses given the electricity price hikes that consumers are already facing.</b>
71.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support ratification of the Great Lakes Annex Compact if it restricts out-of-basin diversion of Great Lakes waters? <b>I would need to see the details of this proposal before supporting it.</b>

72.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation that would provide state technical assistance funds to local communities to help them prepare and implement comprehensive smart growth plans to avoid the costs of rapid unplanned growth and urban sprawl?
73.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation requiring registration and monitoring of confined feedlot waste treatment/disposal and licensing of third party waste haulers?
			Do you support
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of O'Hare airport? <b>I support the current modernization project.</b>
75.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which?
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	building a new airport in Peotone?
			Do you support
77.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	inter-city high speed rail?
78.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the current formula for allocation of funds to CTA, Metra and PACE? <b>I support an increase in funding for public transportation throughout the state and helped secure additional funding in the new state budget for the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District.</b>
			<b>Criminal Justice</b>
			Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
79.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	handguns? <b>I do not support an outright ban, but I do support licensing of guns and gun owners.</b>
80.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
			Do you support
81.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons? <b>I favor criminal prosecution for the illegal resale of weapons.</b>
82.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	legislation permitting the licensing of concealed weapons?
83.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
			Do you support:
84.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	capital punishment?
85.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
86.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	mandatory sentencing?
87.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing?
88.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
89.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping? <b>In general no, except under the same provisions that would pertain for obtaining a search warrant; i.e., presentation to a magistrate that the particular eavesdrop has a probability of uncovering criminal activity.</b>
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps? <b>See response for #89.</b>
91.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor continuation of the current moratorium on capital punishment in Illinois?
	ESSAY		If not, how would you address the inequities enumerated in the report of the Commission on the Death Penalty?