

**IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1**

DATE 8/9/06 DISTRICT: 106<sup>th</sup> House PARTY: Democratic

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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.
- 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? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.
- 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?

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

Lostrand CUSD #425, School Board (2003-present)

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

None

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

College Geology Professor, Illinois Valley Community College

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

Lead geoscience field trips & present geoscience lectures for the public & for children  
Present teacher workshops on geologic and environmental issues  
Coordinate voter registration & education drive at college  
Member, Magnolia Lodge, AF&AM

**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 BS and a MS in Geology. I have worked as an environmental geologist and as an educator.

My training as a scientist serves me well as I take the time to gather facts and analyze the data before reaching conclusions. My experience in the environmental field will be useful in addressing the issues of environmental degradation. My experience as a geologist provides insight into resource and environmental issues. My experience as an educator will help as I work on education issues.

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

Since I was in grade school in the 1970's, I have volunteered on numerous campaigns beginning when my father was Chief Deputy and the Sheriff in Grundy County, Illinois. In addition to Sheriff campaigns in 1974, 78, & 82, candidates I have worked for included Ray Christiansen (for state Rep.), Jerome Joyce (for State Rep.), Roland Burris (for Gov.), Dawn Clark Netch (for Gov.), Glenn Poshard (for U.S. House & Gov.).

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

Illinois Federation of Teachers, Personal PAC, Illinois AFL/CIO, Illinois UAW, Illinois Valley Federation of Labor

**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 am willing to be the strong advocate for my district and for a variety of issues facing the state. My opponent has seemed to take a wait-and-see-what-happens approach on most issues; allowing others to take the lead and propose legislation (he has been the primary sponsor of appx. 3 bills per year since obtaining office, compared to 30-40 for legislators in adjacent districts).

My primary goals (as outlined in detail in recent press releases) are: 1) Present the budget in an easily understood form on the web and with mailed out tax documents in order to develop a better understanding and trust among the voting public. I feel that this is a key step before any other reforms can be accomplished. 2) Reform the funding of education. 3) Meet the state's pension and health care obligations. 4) Ensure that all new programs are paid for with new revenues or equivalent (and clearly spelled out) cuts to existing programs.

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

expenses	budget	to date
milage (\$0.30/mi.)	\$6,000.00	\$4,000
printing	\$6,000.00	\$4,700
postage	\$650.00	\$352
office supplies	\$550.00	\$319
campaign wear	\$500.00	\$282
parade candy	\$400.00	\$183
copies	\$350.00	\$155
fundraisers (other candidates)	\$100.00	\$60
registration fees	\$100.00	\$55
voter lists	\$100.00	\$40
voter outreach	\$4,500.00	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$19,250.00</b>	<b>\$10,146</b>

source	budget	to date
organized labor	\$15,000.00	\$11,000
individual	\$2,500.00	\$1,251
party	\$750.00	\$520
other candidates	\$750.00	\$575
other (PACs, business, etc.)	\$500.00	\$200
	<b>\$19,500.00</b>	<b>\$13,456</b>

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

Staff: 1

Volunteers: 32

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

	YES	NO	Elections & Ethics
			Do you support:
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	moving the primary election date? <b>The current system has allowed me much-needed time to contact voters directly.</b>
	ESSAY		If so, to what month?
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. Election Day should be a state holiday for everyone.
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives?
	ESSAY		If so, please describe the plan you support.
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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. Judges should be appointed by the Gov. with the advice and consent of the state senate. OR Appointed by a no-partisan panel with the advice and consent of the state senate.
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.
			Do you support:
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of election campaigns?
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	limits on campaign contributions and political committee transfers?
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restricting campaign fundraising during legislative sessions?
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	limiting contributions to political campaigns by dollar amount or source?
			Do you support
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly?
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support permitting state employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently? <b>Depends on the positions in question.</b>
16.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. This depends on the position. Most positions should be filled by the most qualified candidate. Top positions (policy-developing) should be at the discretion of the appropriate office holder, but should be limited to the very top one or two tiers.
<b>Taxes and Economic Policy</b>			
			Do you support:
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	instituting a graduated income tax?
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding of education? <b>Provided the allocation includes guarantees against later diversions.</b>
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio in income taxes? <b>Undecided.</b>
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support casino gambling in Cook County? <b>The state should not rely on gambling as a primary source of revenue. I do not support licenses beyond the current number, the 10<sup>th</sup> license could be used to allow one casino in Cook County.</b>
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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>No! The state should not rely on gambling as a major source of revenue, nor should it be should to communities as such.</b>
			Do you support legislation to
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts? <b>Not familiar with this topic.</b>
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded private rights of action?
24.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded rights of litigation? <b>Depends on the subject.</b>

25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	provide for any other changes? Please specify.
			Do you support legislation
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	banning Pay Day loans? <b>Fees &amp; rates should be limited.</b>
28.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning or restricting ATM fees? <b>Restricting.</b>
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	capping credit card interest rates? <b>Tied to prime rate.</b>
<b>Education</b>			
30.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs?
31.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support vouchers or other means of public funding for private or parochial schools? <b>At this time, the budget does not adequately fund public education. In the future, if funds are available after public education is fully funded, this may be considered.</b>
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. <b>Good ideas are worth investigating. This funding should be allowed only in conjunction with independent research to investigate the efficacy of the school.</b>
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Civil Liberties</b>			
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action? <b>When a specific, documented inequity is being addressed.</b>
34.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment?
			Do you favor legislation
35.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legalizing civil marriage between two people of the same gender? <b>Not at this time, the term "marriage" may be given over to religious institutions. The state should recognize legally binding relationships between any two consenting adults.</b>
36.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	providing legal recognition of domestic partnerships?
37.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibiting discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together? <b>Provided there are exclusions for owners <u>not receiving public funding</u> and who own below a minimum number of units or are a religious organization.</b>
38.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
39.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	for public sector employees?
40.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		Under what circumstances? <b>Only when it can be shown that drug use has the potential to affect public safety.</b>
41.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause?
42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
43.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support amending current racial profiling legislation to add collection of data on persons of Middle Eastern origin?
44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees? <b>Depends on the nature of the calls and all parties involved in the call should know it is a possibility that their call is being monitored.</b>
45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause? <b>NO!</b> This is a clear violation of the 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> amendments! (IMHO)
<b>Labor</b>			
46.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of state services?
	ESSAY		If so, which services?
48.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not? Assuming the state can contract within the state for a reasonable price. State dollars should be spent in the state when possible. The state should not promote a "race to the bottom."
49.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the right of public employees to strike?
50.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment?
51.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support family leave legislation for employees of private companies not currently covered by federal law? The limit could be lowered to 20 employees.
			Do you support
52.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers?
53.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors?
54.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws? <b>Depends on the job.</b>
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>			
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you support a single-payer health plan for Illinois? <b>Much could be done within the present system; the money currently spent publicly and privately could be spent more effectively if all citizens were covered by a plan that included office visits. However, any reform would likely require some new revenues for state-supported portions. Should such efforts fail, single-payer could be an option.</b>
	ESSAY		If so, how would Medicaid be incorporated into the program you support?
56.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients?

			Do you support:
57.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicaid funding for abortions?
59.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage of abortions for state employees?
60.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	parental consent/notification for minors seeking abortions? <b>Depends on the situation.</b>
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	banning so-called partial-birth abortions?
62.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify.
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
63.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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>Financial support for education programs &amp; child care. Directed support for food and housing.</b>
<b>Housing</b>			
65.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor legislation banning housing discrimination against holders of Section 8 vouchers?
			Would you support legislation
66.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units? <b>Depends on circumstances.</b>
67.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions?
<b>Energy &amp; Environment</b>			
68.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support an elected ICC? <b>(Voter education would be a huge problem.)</b>
69.	<input checked="" 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?
70.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois adopt the International Energy Conservation Code for residential buildings?
71.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you support ratification of the Great Lakes Annex Compact if it restricts out-of-basin diversion of Great Lakes waters? <b>Depends on the restrictions, they should not be less than that which is currently allowed.</b>
72.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation requiring registration and monitoring of confined feedlot waste treatment/disposal and licensing of third party waste haulers? <b>Based on the size of the operations involved.</b>
			Do you support
74.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of O'Hare airport?

75.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which? <b>Any expansion would have to be based on demonstrated need.</b>
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building a new airport in Peotone?
			Do you support
77.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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>Not familiar with the current allocation.</b>
			<b>Criminal Justice</b>
			Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
79.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	handguns?
80.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
			Do you support
81.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation permitting the licensing of concealed weapons? <b>In specific circumstances, after background checks and training.</b>
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment? <b>Currently, we are not able to establish guilt consistently and without bias.</b>
85.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
86.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing?
88.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping? <b>With appropriate warrants.</b>
90.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps? <b>Depends on the nature of the warrants.</b>
91.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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?