

IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE July 24, 2007 **DISTRICT:** IL House 57 **PARTY:** Democrat

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 1600 **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.

State Representative 57th House District – January, 2003 to present

Northfield Township Democratic Committeeman – March, 1999 to July 2005

Chair, Village of Northbrook Community Relations Commission – 1997 to 2002

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

State Representative 57th House District – 1996

C) What is your primary occupation?

State Legislator

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

National Council of Jewish Women-Chicago North Shore Section (State Public Affairs Chair and Vice President)

Village of Northbrook Community Relations Commission – Chairman

Northbrook Cares

Northbrook Community Network

Volunteer Information Center of Glenview/Northbrook

Glenview Values Project

Chicagoland Bicycle Federation – Board member

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

My most valuable experience is as the incumbent.

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

Campaign worker for State Rep. Jeff Schoenberg re-election campaign (1998)

Campaign Chairman for Jody Wadhwa for State Representative (2000), Campaign coordinator in Northfield Township for Lauren Beth Gash for Congress (2000)

Campaign Chairman for Democratic Northfield Township Trustee candidates (2001)

Barbara Flynn Currie for State Rep – walked precincts 2006 primary

Dan Seals for Congress 10th Congressional District - supporter

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

Personal PAC

Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois

Planned Parenthood Chicago Action

AFL-CIO

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 currently unopposed.

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

I have raised approximately \$40,000 since June 1, 2006. I had approximately \$25,000 on hand.

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

I have no campaign staff and several committed volunteers assisting with campaign work. I have approximately 200 volunteers on my list.

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	YES	NO	Elections & Ethics
			Do you support:
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	moving the primary election date?
	ESSAY		If so, to what month? August
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret?
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	reestablishing straight party voting in general elections?
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in Illinois' election laws?

	ESSAY		Please explain. Providing sufficient funding for voting equipment that will assure a more reliable result and meet the needs of disabled voters.
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives?
	ESSAY		If so, please describe the plan you support.
6.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting? Yes, in some cases.
7.	x	<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. I believe all judicial candidates should qualify to run for election by passing a rigorous assessment by a bar association panel and have practiced law for a minimum number of years – at least 15.
8.	<input 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. I believe all judicial candidates should qualify to run for election by passing a rigorous assessment by a bar association panel. I could support a local review panel appointed by a bar association.
			Do you support:
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of election campaigns? I could support public financing similar to that adopted in Nebraska.
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	limits on campaign contributions and political committee transfers? Caps on federal contributions have had the undesirable effect of making fundraising a nationwide effort. While I believe money is too great a factor in political campaigns, I do not support such limits.
11.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	restricting campaign fundraising during legislative sessions?
12.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	limiting contributions to political campaigns by dollar amount or source? I support limiting campaign contributions from regulated industries.
			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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support permitting state employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently? I support some limits on state employees holding other public sector jobs.
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. There is no human endeavor that operates free of the “who do you know” principle. I support the ability of elected officials to recommend qualified applicants for a position in government. That recommendation, however, should be only a recommendation. Every agency of government should be able to make hiring decisions free of political influence.
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			Do you support:
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	instituting a graduated income tax?
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding

			of education? My answer depends on the details of such a plan.
19.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio in income taxes?
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support casino gambling in Cook County? I do not support expanded gambling in Illinois.
	YES	NO	
21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded? If additional gambling licenses are issued, I support a competitive bidding process for the licenses. I could support a citizen referendum at either the state or local level, however, as so clearly demonstrated by the ballot initiative process in other states such as California, a citizen referendum does not assure freedom from the influence of money or special interests.
	ESSAY		If so, at which level and why? See above.
			Do you support legislation to
22.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
23.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded private rights of action?
24.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded rights of litigation?
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs? Only in limited cases.
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	provide for any other changes? Please specify.
			Do you support legislation
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning Pay Day loans? I support strong regulation of this industry.
28.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning or restricting ATM fees?
29.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	capping credit card interest rates? In certain circumstances.
Education			
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.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools? I support charter schools in limited circumstances.
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties			
33.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action?
34.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment?
			Do you favor legislation
35.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	for public sector employees?
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		Under what circumstances? I generally do not support mandatory drug testing but I feel it is important in law enforcement and prison services.
41.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause? Only in very limited circumstances.
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?
	YES	NO	
43.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support amending current racial profiling legislation to add collection of data on persons of Middle Eastern origin?
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?
Labor			
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of state services?
	ESSAY		If so, which services? I support privatization only in very limited circumstances.
48.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not?
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?
53.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors? Only if it provides a significant boost in employment for minors.
54.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws?
Health & Human Services			
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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? I could support a

			plan that provides minimum health care coverage for all uninsured in Illinois.
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?
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.
	YES	NO	
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? I support programs that provide assistance including KidCare, FamilyCare, child care assistance, paid Family and Medical Leave, food stamps, job and vocational training.
Housing			
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?
Energy & Environment			
68.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support an elected ICC? I do not believe that requiring candidates to raise money and run state wide will create an independent ICC that is responsive to consumers.
69.	x	<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.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois adopt the International Energy Conservation Code for residential buildings?
71.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support ratification of the Great Lakes Annex Compact if it restricts out-of-basin diversion of Great Lakes waters?
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
74.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of O'Hare airport?
75.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which? A third airport may be necessary to preserve the economic strength of the Chicagoland area. Definitive plans on a location should await finalized plans for O'Hare.
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	building a new airport in Peotone? See above.
			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? I believe this formula needs to be adjusted to reflect the current population trends.
			Criminal Justice
			Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
79.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	handguns?
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
	YES	NO	
			Do you support
81.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
82.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legislation permitting the licensing of concealed weapons?
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 type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
85.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? I support raising the age to 18.
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping? Only if a warrant is in order.
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps? Only if a warrant is in order.
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?