

IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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PARTY: Republican

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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.

Village President, Minooka IL (05/04 to present)
Village Trustee, Minooka IL (05/02-05/04)

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

None

C) What is your primary occupation?

Vice President of Investments for a leading national bank

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

Minooka-Channahon Chamber of Commerce
Member, Knights of Columbus
Member, Lion's Club

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

Secondary Education, University of St. Francis
Real Estate License
Full knowledge of Municipal issues as Village President and former Trustee

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

Most candidates that I have supported have been at the municipal level. Most recently supported Ray Mason for Village Trustee in Minooka, IL. I was instrumental in organizing Ray's campaign to deliver a positive message to the voters.

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

- 2005 Grundy County “Man of the Year”
- Chicago Tribune (February, 2006)
- Chicago Sun-Times (February, 2006)
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- Illinois Federation Right to Life
- Republican House Leaders Tom Cross and Brent Hassert
- Grundy County GOP Chairman Chris Brown
- Will County GOP Chairman Jack Partelow
- Kankakee County GOP Chairman Darrell Smith
- Iroquois County GOP Chairman Russ Geisler
- Kankakee County Board Chairman Karl A. Kruse

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 a history of finding common sense solutions for day-to-day issues that affects my constituents locally and at the state level. Specifically, I am running a campaign to promote job growth, education funding reform, transportation issues, property tax relief, and making the state fiscally responsible.

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

Approximately \$110,000 and have raised about 40% of my projected budget.

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

My staff consists of 4 individuals and about 40 volunteers.

IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

	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? May
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.
I am in favor of campaign finance reform—establishing contribution limits for the state of Illinois that are similar to those found in national campaigns.			
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.
It would allow for better representation from all districts and would reduce partisan politics.			
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.
I believe that selection should be based on merit and peer selection.			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support permitting state employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
The entire state has become overrun with pay-to-play politics which fosters an unfair playing field for all concerned.			
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			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?
19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio in income taxes?
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support casino gambling in Cook County?
	YES	NO	
21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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?
I support referenda at both state and local levels. I believe that citizens throughout the state should be allowed to voice their opinion on such matters, but I also feel that the citizens impacted in any area in question should also express their opinion through a referendum.			
			Do you support legislation to
22.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
23.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded private rights of action?
24.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded rights of litigation?
25.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	provide for any other changes? Please specify.
			Do you support legislation
27.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning Pay Day loans?
28.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning or restricting ATM fees?
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	capping credit card interest rates?
Education			
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?

32.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
I believe that, until existing charter and contract schools can demonstrate that they produce results that are comparable to the strong results we achieve in public education, there is no need to divert funds from public education, which is already under funded.			
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties			
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action?
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?
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?
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 type="checkbox"/>	for public sector employees?
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		Under what circumstances?
I don't believe it is the State's responsibility to mandate policy in private sector hiring and employment issues.			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees?
45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
Labor			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of state services?
	ESSAY		If so, which services?
A good example of privatization that worked was in the Sheridan prison, where through privatization, the state was able to save the taxpayers of Illinois approximately 1.2 million dollars per year.			
48.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois?

			Why or why not?
If we are able to reduce the burden on our taxpayers by allowing qualified firms to provide services, we should contract with them regardless of their physical address.			
49.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the right of public employees to strike?
50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment?
51.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support family leave legislation for employees of private companies not currently covered by federal law?
			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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors?
54.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws?
Health & Human Services			
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?		
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medicaid funding for abortions?
59.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage of abortions for state employees?
60.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	parental consent/notification for minors seeking abortions?
61.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning so-called partial-birth abortions?
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify.
	YES	NO	
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?		
Job training and assistance in finding employment.			
Housing			
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?
67.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions?
Energy & Environment			

68.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support an elected ICC?
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 type="checkbox"/>	Will you support ratification of the Great Lakes Annex Compact if it restricts out-of-basin diversion of Great Lakes waters?
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which?
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the current formula for allocation of funds to CTA, Metra and PACE?
The current formula does not provide adequate funds for public transportation.			
			Criminal Justice
			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?
	YES	NO	
			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?
83.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legislation mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
I am in favor of background checks, but I oppose the sale of guns over the Internet and through print advertisements.			
			Do you support:
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
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?
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