

IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY 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.

Vice Chair Downers Grove Township Democratic Organization

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

Downers Grove Township Trustee

C) What is your primary occupation?

University Administrator

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

Hinsdale South High School Vision-Mission Committee 2 years

Church volunteer, fundraising for elevator project

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 master's degree in education and have more than 25 years of progressive management and administrative experience in 5 colleges and universities, primarily large public universities. I have extensive experience in policy development, as well as having experience as a steward for public resources. I have had to learn how to collaborate and negotiate with others to achieve goals that move the organization forward, often in an environment of shrinking financial resources.

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

Barack Obama, Phone banking and precinct work, financial support

Howard Dean, Democracy for America Member, financial support

John Kerry, precinct work, financial support

Statewide Democratic Candidates, precinct work

Christine Cegelis, financial support

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

**AFL-CIO
Planned Parenthood Council**

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 would like to utilize the skill sets I have developed throughout my career to benefit the people of Illinois through public advocacy. The most important goals are:

- **Implement a solid solution for school funding reform**
- **Identify and implement a plan that provides Illinois residents with access to affordable health care**
- **Identify and implement solutions to improve the economy in Illinois and reduce the budget deficit by means that do NOT include borrowing against the pension fund or utilizing other dedicated funds.**

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

\$10,000, raised \$2,000 I believe that a campaign can be won by working smarter, not harder, and working the grass roots.

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

5 volunteer staff people, 100 volunteers

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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? June or later. The current primary is too early.
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain.
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 not be elected since the voters have no way to make informed decisions. There needs to be a fair process of selecting the best judges on a non-partisan basis.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support permitting state employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently? Within reason, and only if they are not doing both during the same hours.
16.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. Only to a limited degree. I feel that an elected official needs to be able to hire a team that s/he is comfortable with so that they can achieve their intended goals. Overall, I believe that strict guidelines should be followed regarding the hiring of staff, and that their continued employment should not be at the whim of the political party in power.
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 think people should have a voice in this decision.
			Do you support legislation to
22.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded private rights of action? unsure
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 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.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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? Mandatory testing should be allowed for public sector employees who drive vehicles or operate heavy machinery, as well as those who have responsibility for cash handling and property control. The reason for this is to prevent danger to the employees and others, as well as to safeguard public property from misappropriation for personal gain.
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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of state services?
	ESSAY If so, which services? In general, I do not support privatization of state services, as my experience informs me that it is often done to avoid paying people fair wages and in the long run, it does not always save money or provide more efficiency. In many instances, it is beneficial for the state to operate the services to insure continuity of stewardship for the assets that the particular agencies manage.		
48.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not? In general, I do not support this, however, if the sole provider is located outside of the state, there must be an exception.
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 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 checked="" 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?		
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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? I think these families need direct support for services for their children, such as health care, school breakfast and lunch, school fees paid.
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? Probably.
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? Midway, Rockford, Gary
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building a new airport in Peotone? While I think this region needs better service for air, rail and truck needs, I am not convinced that the traffic is there to support this airport. We have an empty airport downstate.
			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? PACE and Metra need additional funds to run more convenient schedules in order to attract more riders. As a daily rider of all 3 systems, I am convinced that more people would ride if there was more frequent service. Despite this, I know many committed riders on my PACE feeder route.

			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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" 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?