

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

**DATE:** July 24, 2006  
**DISTRICT:** State Representative, 88th District  
**PARTY:** Green  
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**NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED:** On ballot via slating by central committee.  
**NUMBER REQUIRED:** 500 for primary

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

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

Chair, McLean County Green Party, 2002 – Present  
Co-Chair, Illinois Green Party, 2003 – Present  
Delegate, Green National Committee, 2003 – Present

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

Illinois 88th State Representative, 2004  
McLean County Board District 5, 2002

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

Project Manager for Balancing Precision, Inc. (Bloomington, IL)

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

In addition to party activities, I have been involved in the local peace and justice organization in Bloomington-Normal and have worked with several other progressive organizations, notably the student organizations SEAC and SPAN at ISU. Prior to moving back to Normal, I lived in Columbus, Ohio, where, while attending Ohio State, I served on the Executive Committee of the Council of Graduate Students and played an integral role in securing 50% health insurance benefits for graduate assistants at OSU. While an undergraduate at Illinois Wesleyan University I also served in student government, and spent two years as Music Director of WESN 88.1 FM, for which I still volunteer time.

**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 an M.A. in 20th Century U.S. History from Ohio State (2001) and a B.A. in History and Political Science from Illinois Wesleyan University (1998). At the end of my M.A. studies my primary interests had shifted to social history and political economy. Outside of formal education I have also read across a wide range of matters, from energy issues to technological issues.

My extensive involvement in internal party affairs has actually prepared me well for public office. Through my position I have had occasion to work with people from other parties, especially on issues such as ballot access. I also believe my experience as a Project Manager, which includes a great deal of database development, prepares me for approaching the office of State Representative from a different vantage point where the resources of the office can better be applied in project-oriented fashions.

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

I have been involved in numerous Green campaigns, including the campaigns of David Cobb for President in 2004, Carl Estabrook for Congress in 2002, and several candidates for other offices across both Illinois and Ohio. I have not held a formal position within any of these campaigns, but for the past three years I have been Chair of the Illinois Green Party's Government and Elections Committee, and have often seen my role as trying to facilitate better working relationships between our campaigns and the party itself.

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

At this time I have received no formal endorsements. I received endorsements in 2004 from IVI-IPO and the National Organization of Women.

**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?

There are four main campaign planks I am running on which I feel clearly separate me from my opponent. First, I believe we must dramatically overhaul the current system of education funding in Illinois through a HB750-style system (but I would go much farther than HB750). Second, I believe that the State of Illinois must become a leader in pushing for the greater development of renewable energy resources and greater implementation of energy efficiency endeavors. Third, I believe that Illinois must follow through on the tenets of the Health Care Justice Act and implement a real single-payer universal health-care system. Fourth, I believe that the election infrastructure of Illinois is not merely broken but indeed outright corrupt, and many changes need to be implemented, including dramatically altering ballot access laws, implementing same-day voter registration, mandating that a voter verifiable paper audit trail be in place for all public elections, and instituting the use of Instant Runoff Voting whenever possible. On all four of these issues I believe my opponent's positions are insufficient for IVI-IPO to be able to support them.

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

At this time I am anticipating spending between \$3,000 and \$5,000 this year. Funds raised to date this year are under \$500, as my attention has largely been preoccupied with getting the Illinois Green Party's statewide slate of candidates on the ballot, which will be worth far more to my campaign than an extra few thousand dollars would be.

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

My current core campaign staff consists of about 10 people. We have a volunteer list of around 30-40 people but we anticipate getting much greater support in the fall when students return to ISU.

**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?
	ESSAY		If so, to what month?
2.	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain.
<p>First, I support the concept of the blanket primary. I believe the current system has been designed to limit the flexibility of voters. The current primary election system often compels voters to take a ballot from a party that they would not otherwise identify with because that is the only opportunity they have to have a say in which candidate is elected for a particular office. This problem is made worse by the current system of drawing district boundaries which has resulted in grotesquely gerrymandered districts – especially for Congress and General Assembly – which are largely designed to protect favored incumbents of both corporatist parties. These issues can not meaningfully be separated. In addition to these changes, other changes must be made, including significantly lowering absurdly high ballot access barriers for so-called "new" parties, and eliminating many of the built-in privileges the "leading parties" of the state receive.</p>			
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives?
	ESSAY		If so, please describe the plan you support.
<p>I feel the number of State Representatives is about right but we could go to 1 State Senator for every 3 State Representatives, and create larger districts along those lines. But I consider cumulative voting to be an inferior election model and would instead push to implement a Single Transferable Voting election for those three seats.</p>			
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.
All judgeship elections should be non-partisan.			
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.
If judges are fit to be elected, then use vacancy elections to fill vacancies.			
			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?
<p>Many jobs which qualify as "other public sector jobs" are totally unrelated to the positions held by state employees. A blanket prohibition like this does not really solve the problems that have appeared in Illinois.</p>			
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.

It is perfectly sensible for elected officials to want to bring trusted people along in key positions. That, to me, isn't patronage. Patronage is filling dozens, even hundreds, of positions with party loyalists and campaign supporters and the like. There should be clearer definitions about which positions are and are not subject to appointment by elected officials, and those positions which *are* subject to appointment should not be very numerous.

**Taxes and Economic Policy**

			Do you support:
17.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	instituting a graduated income tax?
18.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding of education?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio in income taxes?
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support casino gambling in Cook County?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
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?

Casinos dramatically impact local areas. Local citizens need to be allowed a say as to whether such casinos will be put in. I would not personally support the expansion of casino gambling in Cook County or anywhere else, but I believe the decision as to whether further casinos should be allowed is best left to people in local areas.

			Do you support legislation to
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
23.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded private rights of action?
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded rights of litigation?
25.	<input 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.

These questions seem to be lacking context...

			Do you support legislation
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	banning Pay Day loans?
28.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning or restricting ATM fees?
29.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	capping credit card interest rates?

Restrictions, yes. Bans, no. Government should protect the interests of consumers, but consumers should not always rely on government. Consumers must feel free to select the financial institutions that best meet their services, and in turn, financial institutions must be restricted from excessively gouging consumers.

**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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.

Public education is a right, not a privilege, and it is the responsibility of a civilized nation to provide for the legitimate educational needs of its children. I support in principle the HB750 package. I do not support the use of public funds for private or parochial schools, and in general I am leery of the use of public funds to support charter schools that are not available to all children, but I am not completely opposed to the implementation of charter schools.

**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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	for public sector employees?
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		Under what circumstances?
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?
	<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?
45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not?
It would not necessarily be my preference, but in many cases, companies outside Illinois are better equipped to provide services within Illinois, just as Illinois companies may be better equipped to provide services across state lines. It does not make sense to prohibit this.			
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.	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"/>	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?
There should be a single unified system that's as simple as possible for Illinoisans to understand and access. Payroll tax appears to be the simplest way to implement a single-payer system.			
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicaid funding for abortions?
59.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify.
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</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?
Questions 58 & 59 are too open-ended to understand which cases they apply to.			
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?
Illinois should implement a state-based version of the New Deal Works Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps to serve the dual functions of extending basic employment and offering extensive job training.			
<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?
I'm inclined to, but this is the first I've ever heard of the idea, and would like to know more about the proposal.			
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 type="checkbox"/>	X	expansion of O'Hare airport?
75.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which?
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	building a new airport in Peotone?
There is a horribly underutilized facility at Rockford, and the people of Rockford have been promised a lot of things for a long time that the State of Illinois has never delivered on. If there is a need for expansion of air service in the greater Chicago area, begin with Rockford.			
			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?
I am not familiar with this formula.			
			<b>Criminal Justice</b>
			Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
79.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	handguns?
80.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
			Do you support
81.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
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"/>	X	electronic eavesdropping?
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	roving wiretaps?
91.	X	X	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?
Capital punishment is immoral and has no place in any kind of civilized society. The moratorium is a step in			

the right direction and should be lauded, but only up to a point. It is not nearly good enough. (It is not clear how to answer this question given my position on this issue.)