

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

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**NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 1,300    NUMBER REQUIRED: 500 and 5,500  
open primary petitions/ 3,700 required**

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

**A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates. County Board Representative, 2002 to date.**

**B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. US House and State Senate**

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

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

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

**F) What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. Independent Democrats. Harold Washington-door to door; election day lawyer**

**G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far. The Democratic Primary Voters on March 21st-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 the only independent minded candidate in the race. I am building support for the statewide Open Primary and will get it enacted if elected.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? Sufficient to get my message out.

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list? 65 volunteers, 2 on staff.

### 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain.
5.	<input 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.
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.
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of election campaigns? <b>Will Discuss</b>
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.
<b>Taxes and Economic Policy</b>			
			Do you support:
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	instituting a graduated income tax? <b>Will discuss</b>
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding of education? <b>Will discuss</b>
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio in income taxes? <b>Will discuss</b>
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support casino gambling in Cook County?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
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?
			Do you support
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? In certain 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? <b>Will discuss</b>
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?
<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?

32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
<b>Civil Rights &amp; Civil Liberties</b>			
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action? Depending on how it is structured.
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? Unless it is related to job.
			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 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?
<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? Unless proof of substantial savings and the employees of the contractor were treated fairly and no loss of benefits to workers.

	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?
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?
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>			
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?
56.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicaid funding for abortions? Will discuss
59.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage of abortions for state employees? Will discuss.
60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	parental consent/notification for minors seeking abortions? Will discuss.
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning so-called partial-birth abortions? Will discuss.
62.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify. Will discuss.
	<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>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?
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 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 building
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	expansion of O'Hare airport?
75.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which?
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	building a new airport in Peotone? Will discuss.
			Do you support
77.	<input 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>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons? depending on definition
	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation permitting the licensing of concealed weapons? Will discuss
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
85.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? Depends on case.
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? If warranted.
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps? Will discuss.
91.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor continuation of the current moratorium on capital punishment in Illinois? Will discuss.
	ESSAY		If not, how would you address the inequities enumerated in the report of the Commission the Death Penalty?