

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.
- B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.
- C) What is your primary occupation?

I work on contract with UCAN (Uhlich Children’s Advantage Network), assisting with fundraising, marketing and public affairs. Before running for office full-time, I was the vice president of development and public affairs for this agency.

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

I served as co-chair of a gubernatorial transition team. I was also on the board of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence. In addition, I currently serve on the board for the After School All-Stars, a program that provides recreational activities for Chicago Public School students.

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

Since graduating from college, all of my jobs have been in the public and nonprofit sectors. I first worked for the Chief of Policy for the Cook County State Attorney’s Office. My work there focused on policy briefings and conferences dealing with topics such as, “Substance Abuse Infants.” I then worked in public affairs for the State’s Attorney’s Office, writing speeches for the State’s Attorney and focusing on media relations. My next job dealt with Transportation and Public Way issues for the City of Chicago. After that, I worked at the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence at first as a volunteer, coordinator, and then executive director for six years. In that position, I helped pass reasonable gun safety measures to protect women, children and families from gun violence. My next two jobs focused on providing software for human service agencies for client data tracking, and then as vice-president of development and public affairs for UCAN where I raised money for scholarships, mentors and jobs for young people.

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

I have worked in grassroots campaigns since I was a young man, going door to door for state representative races. I have provided issue education for candidates at the local and national level, from Cook County State’s Attorney Dick Devine to U.S. Representative

Jan Schakowsky and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin. Last Spring, I worked as a volunteer on the Mike Tinaglia for Mayor campaign in Park Ridge.

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

National: U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin; U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky; U.S. Representative Rahm Emanuel

State: Illinois Comptroller Dan Hynes; Illinois Senate President Emil Jones, Jr.; Illinois State Senator John Cullerton; Illinois State Senator Don Harmon; Illinois State Senator Terry Link; Illinois State Representative John D'Amico; Illinois State Representative Lou Lang; Illinois State Representative Harry Ostermann

Local: Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine; Cook County Assessor James M. Houlihan; Cook County Commissioner Lawrence J. Suffredin, Jr.; Nile Mayor Nicholas Blase; Des Plaines Alderwoman and Maine Township Committeeman Laura Murphy; Elk Grove Township Committeeman Joan Brennan; Leyden Township Committeeman Barret Pedersen; Norwood Park Township Committeeman Robert F. Martwick; Palatine Township Committeewoman Sue Walton; Schaumburg Township Committeeman Rocco Terranove; Wheeling Township Committeeman Patrick Botterman; Main Township Trustee Peter Ryan; Park Ridge Alderman Mark Anderson; Park Ridge Alderman Jeff Cox; Park Ridge Alderman Don Crampton; Park Ridge Alderman Jeanine Markech; Park Ridge Alderman Rex Parker; Park Ridge Alderman James Radermacher; Park Ridge Alderman Mary Wynn Ryan

Organizations: American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); Cook County College Teachers Union, Local 1600 (CCCTU); Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT); Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

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 getting things done and standing up for what is right, regardless of the pressure to do otherwise. I have helped pass gun safety legislation at the state level and raised millions for scholarships, jobs and mentors for young people who have suffered through abuse and neglect. I have devoted the majority of my adult life to public service and know with this background and my success in these mission driven areas that I am uniquely qualified to be the next state senator of the 33rd District. I will concentrate on ensuring that our children get the education they deserve, that families and seniors get quality, affordable healthcare and that we invest in business and people who work to ensure a vibrant economy for our state.

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

I have raised \$115,000. I expect to raise an additional \$100,000 during the primary.

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

I have four people on staff and over 100 volunteers.

IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

	YES	NO	Elections & Ethics
			Do you support:
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	moving the primary election date?
	ESSAY		If so, to what month?
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret?
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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.
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 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.
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			Do you support:
17.	<input 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 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?
			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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	for public sector employees?
40.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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?
	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?
48.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not? <i>We've lost too many jobs in Illinois.</i>
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? <i>I will consider this.</i> 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	banning so-called partial-birth abortions?
62.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify.
	YES	NO	
63.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?
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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support an elected ICC?
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.	<input 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.	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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of O'Hare airport?
75.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which?
76.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	building a new airport in Peotone?
			Do you support
77.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	inter-city high speed rail?
78.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	the current formula for allocation of funds to CTA, Metra and PACE?
Criminal Justice			
			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?
	YES	NO	
			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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
86.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
91.	X	<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?