

## IVI-IPO 2007 CHICAGO ALDERMANIC QUESTIONNAIRE

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WARD: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

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NUMBER OF PETITIONS REQUIRED: 158

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide the following background information:

Elective or appointive public and/or party offices previously held including dates.

**None**

Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

**Third Ward Aldermanic Candidate in 2003 Municipal Election.**

Principal business, educational, professional and civic activities for the past ten years.

**Please see attached bio.**

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

**Please see attached bio.**

Activities for other candidates. Please be specific.

**I worked on Dorothy Tillman's first campaign for alderman. I assisted in the writing of her speeches, position papers, and helped prepare her for the editorial board briefings.**

Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

**I have the endorsement of State Representative Ken Dunkin, 5<sup>th</sup> District.**

As concisely as possible, 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?

**Of all the candidates, I have actively demonstrated my sustained commitment to the improvement of the entire ward over time. In the early 1990's as executive director of Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, I was a significant catalyst in efforts to save several historic buildings from the wrecking ball. Those buildings have been redeveloped and are now successful assets to the community. Since the last municipal election, I have led efforts with residents to prevent the State of Illinois from closing several ramps on the Dan Ryan Expressway, clean vacant lots, speak out on the incumbent's decision to turn down the construction of the Kroc recreation center, advocate for the rehab of the historic Rosenwald building, and**

**secure grant funds for non-profit organizations to provide social services to residents. These works were a result of my background as an urban planner, community activist and leader in the community. I am a result oriented person and as alderman would bring my knowledge and experience to the position. My main goal for the aldermanic office is to restore the people's confidence in the office by providing an accessible and courteous office and focusing on the ward's need for better public safety, education, retail opportunities and job growth and high quality and consistent city services.**

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

**My budget is \$100,000 and to date I have raised approximately \$67,500 (\$51,000 in cash and \$16,500 in in-kind donations).**

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

**My campaign staff consist of two full time people and one part time person and my volunteer base is now at 50 and growing.**

## **PRIORITIES**

1a. What employment, other than alderman, if any, do you intend to hold?

**None. I will pursue my aldermanic duties on a full-time basis.**

1b. How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation?

**Not Applicable.**

1c. Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties?

**At a minimum, I would devote 8-10 hours a day during the week and I'm sure that a number of hours on Saturday and Sunday would also be required to insure that I meet the needs of my constituents.**

2a. Please describe your service office staffing plan, including the number of staff, full and part-time, how you will pay for them and the number of hours per week that your service office will be open.

**I plan to employ both paid staff and volunteers and will select candidates based upon their knowledge and skills for meeting the various needs of the residents of my**

**ward. I think approximately 4-6 people (2-3 full time,2-3 part time) will be needed to run an efficient office. Staff would be assigned to address constituent service needs and development/community improvement priorities. A courteous and organized office manager would also be a high priority. My aldermanic service office would be open during working hours each week day and on some week day evenings and scheduled Saturdays.**

**In my positions as executive director of Near West Side Community Development Corporation, Public Allies and Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, I am very familiar with running an office that meets the needs of a designated community and is responsive to residents.**

2b. What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this?

**First and foremost, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward needs a responsive and available aldermanic office where a constituent phone call for service is returned in a timely fashion. My office will have a policy of returning every constituent phone call on the same day it was made and no later than 12-24 hours. My office will also have an open door policy and be open an adequate number of hours.**

**The ward also needs improvement in streets and sanitation services, park and public transit improvements, basic infrastructure needs (roads, medians, sidewalk, alley, lighting, commercial corridor improvements). Once the aldermanic office is established, I will hold ongoing meetings with department heads and line staff to ensure accountability of their work in the ward, review department budgets to ensure that the ward is receiving its appropriate allocation of resources, see to it that all of our aldermanic menu money is spent for infrastructure improvements and that we are receiving our fair share of CDBG, WIA and corporate dollars.**

**My office will also serve as an information center about various program and service offerings at the city and state level. This information will be available in the office, by email for those who desire to receive information in this manner and by use of a ward newsletter.**

**I also pledge to review and address the unresolved issues carried over from the previous alderman.**

3. What are your top priorities for the ward?

- To respond promptly to constituent needs and concerns with courtesy and respect.**
- To reduce crime by working with residents, businesses and police.**
- To fight to secure funds for after school programs, better books and computer equipment for our children.**

- **To create job opportunities by attracting new businesses and supporting existing ones.**
- **To ensure that our City, State and Federal tax dollars are used to improve all parts of the ward.**
- **To provide quality and consistent city services for all residents.**
- **To create affordable housing for working families.**

4. How will you solicit and follow citizens' and community groups' recommendations on City matters?

**As I stated to IVI-IPO in my 2003 bid for alderman, I intend to formalize a process by which residents and community organizations will have input into the larger decisions affecting the ward...in effect a community accountability council. As an incoming alderman, my personal approach will be to involve the community in the governmental process which the council will help accomplish. I would also hold public hearings when necessary and be available to attend resident and community meetings to discuss ward activities when invited.**

## **PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT**

5a. How should business and commercial development be balanced with residential development in the ward?

**Since 2003, many of the ward's vacant lots have been used to meet the replacement housing demands of the CHA Plan for Transformation and the significant construction of new market rate housing. Now with around 1,500 vacant lots in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward and under utilized commercial space on our main retail corridors, it's clear that our attention should now be focused on commercial and retail development to meet the shopping needs of residents. This need is uniform throughout the ward. At this point, underutilization of our land assets, rather than an imbalance in development, is the key issue.**

5b. How should downtown development be balanced with community development throughout the city?

**In order to really balance downtown and community development, Chicago needs a city council and a Mayor that will put the needs of Chicago's various communities in the forefront. For example, the City should review its policy of creating TIF districts in areas that don't meet the criteria for blight. This is a policy that cannot be impacted by one alderman and requires the political might of the city council body. The housing set-aside ordinance is another example. While this policy would significantly improve the number of available affordable housing units in the city, it will not go into effect on the support of any one alderman...it too requires the support of the city council. Because of my training and experience as an urban**

**planner, I think I can be a credible voice and a leader with other like minded alderman on the issue of balanced growth.**

6a. In what ways will you assist in the positive development of neighborhood business areas.

**In 2003, I spoke to IVI-IPO about the need to create a chamber of commerce in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward and the need for an alderman to support its activities. Since that time, the Bronzeville Chamber of Commerce (of which I am a member) has been organized and it has been very active in promoting the business needs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward as has the South Loop Chamber of Commerce and the Back of the Yards Chamber. As alderman, I would actively support these organizations by helping them access business resources and services offered by the City of Chicago and State of Illinois. I would also market commercial opportunities in the ward by working with private sector developers, along with city and state organizations, to generate state and federal funding. I would also work cooperatively with Alderman Preckwinkle, who has been focused on business development along Cottage Grove to insure that our business development work in our respective wards supports rather than competes with each other.**

6b. How will you involve ward residents in planning?

**Through the community accountability council and public hearings I mentioned a bit earlier.**

6c. What is your long-range plan for the development of the ward?

**I have many ideas about the housing, commercial, open space and transportation/parking needs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward and would work with the public and private sector to develop strategies and funding to address these needs. However, I don't think a development plan for the ward should be created entirely in an alderman's office. I would follow the example of formerly IVI-IPO endorsed candidate Ald. Tom Tunney, 44<sup>th</sup> ward, who worked with residents and community groups to put forth a development plan which included guidelines for appropriate and desirable development by specific neighborhoods in the ward.**

7. How do you intend to handle requests for zoning variances in your ward?

**In 2003, I told IVI-IPO that the zoning code should require community input that sanctions zoning changes through a well organized accountability system at the ward level. I still support this measure and would present zoning variance requests to the residents affected by the change to obtain their input.**

8a. What steps should be taken to achieve greater accountability and transparency in determining how TIF funds should be spent?

**As a former city planner, I know the Chicago Department of Planning and Development has created TIF and redevelopment districts on flimsy evidence of blight. I think as a first step we need a comprehensive study of the TIF program and its past effectiveness in creating jobs and eliminating blight. If elected, I would create a TIF Advisory Committee to oversee the 7 TIF areas in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward. I have attended the meetings hosted by the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward TIF Advisory Committee and have seen the high level of interests residents have in how TIF funds in the 4<sup>th</sup> ward are spent.**

8b. How will you involve residents in the planning and approval of future TIF districts?

**I think the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward has enough TIF districts to achieve the legislative mandates of the TIF ordinance. However, if there were a need to create another TIF district in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward, I anticipate that residents would be involved in the process through the TIF Advisory Committee I would create as indicated in question 8a.**

8c. Do you support terminating a TIF when the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before the 23 year period is over?

**Yes.**

8d. Do you support extending the South Loop TIF? Why or why not?

**No. I do not support extending the South Loop TIF because the objectives of the TIF plan have been met. Blight has already been eliminated and there is currently tremendous opportunity for increased private investment without the economic stimulus that TIF provides.**

9. How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development?

**As a member of the Grand Boulevard Federation Education Committee, I have actively supported the A+ Illinois legislation which would raise the state income tax and lower the property tax to generate new revenue for education. Approval of this legislation however is a responsibility of the state legislature. At the ward level, I have proposed the creation of a 3<sup>rd</sup> ward education endowment fund initially funded by local businesses that would provide resources to the area schools for special project initiatives ( eg. Support for a trip to Springfield for a civic studies class, musical instruments for the school band, support for stage props for a school play). In addition, I would ask developers who utilize TIF's to adopt a school and provide funds for special projects, after school programs etc., to offset the revenue that the school will not be receiving due to the subsidy.**

10a. Did you support or would you have supported the Big Box/Living Wage Ordinance?

**Yes.**

10b. Why or why not?

**I think all employees have the right to earn a decent living wage and have access to good benefits and companies that have large profit margins should pay the costs for living wages and benefits.**

10c. What changes, if any, would you support if the Ordinance were introduced again?

**If the Big Box Living Wage Ordinance is reintroduced, I would explore ways to widen the net to capture other retail outlets and require a comprehensive study to determine if the goals of the Ordinance are being met.**

10d. Would you support any kind of municipal living wage ordinance?

**The use of the word “any kind” in this question needs definition. I would have to explore the details of such an ordinance. In concept, I support an employee’s right to earn a living wage and benefits.**

## HOUSING

11. Please comment on the housing problems in your ward.

**The housing needs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward are diverse depending on the specific area (Back of the Yards, Fuller Park, South Loop, Englewood, Bronzeville, Gap, State Street Corridor) and to answer this question in detail would take pages. Generally, since 2003, the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward has seen the construction/conversion of many market rate condominiums and replacement housing for former CHA developments (Stateway Gardens, Robert Taylor Homes) on hundreds of privately and city owned lots. In terms of price points, the market continues to satisfy the housing needs of high income residents and families. We have a great need for additional rental housing units for lower income residents and working families and we need affordable homeownership opportunities for first time homeowners. We also need to find strategies to provide financial support to those existing homeowners on a fixed/limited income who need to improve their property. The impact of increasing property taxes cannot be overlooked as they are putting a enormous burden on homeowners on fixed incomes. Finally, there is a need to closely monitor the construction process to ensure that developers and builders are putting up quality real estate projects in the ward and that the LLC’s used to create the housing are legitimate vehicles.**

12. How will you increase low-income rental housing and home ownership opportunities that would be affordable to those at 15%-30% of AMI?

**In addition to supporting the Balance Development Ordinance, I will work hard to support the implementation of the Bronzeville Housing Trust Fund proposed by the Hope Center. I think that a portion of the remaining city owned land in the ward should also be used to subsidize the development of affordable low income rental and homeownership opportunities. Finally, there may be opportunity to use some TIF revenues for home repair and affordable housing construction.**

13a. Do you support one for one replacement of each unit of demolished subsidized housing, even though Federal law no longer requires it.

**Yes, as long as it does not allow the original problems associated with subsidized housing to recur. You cannot have successful subsidized housing if you do not bring businesses into the community that will hire residents.**

**As alderman, one of my primary focuses will be to attract new businesses to the ward. New businesses will create jobs, increase the tax base, have a positive impact on local schools, and provide the social economic mix that is missing from so many of the city's predominately black wards.**

13b. What should be done to provide housing for those families displaced from public housing and not eligible for relocation under the CHA transformation plan?

**Existing and under utilized buildings in the CHA's current inventory that are now slated for demolition (low rise buildings) should be used to provide supportive housing developments for non leaseholders now living in CHA properties. There are a number of examples of this type of housing being developed in communities such as North Lawndale and being pursued by organizations such as the Corporation for Supportive Housing. In addition, non leaseholders should be eligible to receive services from the CHA service connectors who can help non leaseholder individuals and families make the transition from the old CHA development to other housing options. Service connectors can also help residents find jobs, social service providers, education opportunities, and financial counseling services.**

13c. How should the transformation plan be amended to adequately provide for the needs of low income people with disabilities?

**Currently eligible CHA residents with disabilities are now placed in CHA housing for the elderly. This has been problematic because many of the disabled placed are young people with their own set of problems who do not mix well with seniors. The CHA has to find other options for this population. The Supportive housing option as described in Question 13b is one strategy to assist younger disabled people who need access to vocational training and other support to bring them into the mainstream of society.**

13d. What should be done to ensure that there is an adequate supply of affordable family sized units available to families in the Section 8 program?

**The CHA, City of Chicago and HUD must make a concerted effort to acquire, renovate and maintain many of the rental units remaining in our communities for family sized affordable housing before these buildings are converted to condominiums. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward, we are losing this type of housing stock to condo conversions at an alarming rate. As alderman, I can give voice to this need in the Council.**

13e. What should be done to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals and families who are not served by any existing program?

**Finding the financial resources to provide housing should be a national priority and discussed in Question 13d. Housing, however, is only a part of a larger problem. People also need access to employment, quality education, and social services to take responsibility for their life and seek self-actualization.**

14. Do you support halfway houses and shelters for the homeless in your ward?

**Yes, though this should be handled on a case-by-case basis to ensure that the fabric of the community remains intact and that the support services needed by the homeless population are available and accessible.**

15a. Do you think Chicago's Tenants Rights Ordinance is being adequately implemented?

**Unfortunately, public information on this issue is lacking, which means that tenants in many cases are unaware of their rights. On the other hand, tenants must also be held accountable and conduct themselves respectfully as leaseholders.**

15b. What changes, if any, should be made?

**My aldermanic office would make information on this issue available to the public.**

16a. Do you support an exclusionary zoning ordinance which would require developers to set aside 15% of residential new construction or renovation for the creation of affordable housing?

**Yes. I think, however, the threshold should be higher at 25%.**

## **EDUCATION**

17a. How will you work to ease overcrowding and improve the quality of public schools and after school recreational programs?

**The incumbent threw away a once in a lifetime opportunity to bring the Kroc Recreational Center to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward which would have increased after school programming available to area youth. I will promote the after school programs we have in the ward by providing information to parents about what is available in existing facilities (e.g. Elliott Donnelly Youth Center, Holy Cross Karate Program) and increase utilization of under utilized programs (e.g. Swimming program offered by the National Teachers Academy) both inside and outside of the ward . In addition, I will work hard to leverage the construction of a new facility that will offer innovative recreational programming in concert with the planning of the 2016 Olympics.**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> ward education endowment Fund discussed in question 9 is one mechanism I will use to provide value added resources to the public schools while measures to change the school funding formula are pursued.**

**Overcrowding, to my knowledge, is not a major problem in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward.**

17b. How will you work to improve maintenance and rehab of aging schools?

**The City of Chicago needs to make a powerful pitch to the Congress and the State Legislature to obtain financial support for much needed capital improvements to the schools. I would, however, advocate at the ward level for the use of TIF funds (for schools located in TIF districts) to be used for major and/or emergency renovation and upgrade improvements.**

18. Do you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?

**Yes.**

19a. What is your assessment of Renaissance 2010 and its implementation in your ward as well as the city as a whole? Please include in your assessment, the role of charter schools as well as the power to reconstitute schools.

**The implementation of CPS's Renaissance 2010 Plan has not been smooth in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward or in the city as a whole. I think more careful analyses on the impact of school closings (test scores, how children will adjust to the transition, level of school violence, level and quality of teachers and administrators, etc) is needed. It is not always necessary to close a school in order to improve the quality of education. Other strategies should be explored and I would support a moratorium on school closings to pursue other options.**

**I think charter schools are one option among others that should be used to promote high quality education for our children. There are a number of charter schools in**

**the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward and the general perception is that community residents and other stakeholders did not have much input into the decisions on the administration of the school or the focus of the curriculum. As alderman, I would work with CPS to ensure that future charter schools located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward would be constituted in a manner that reflect community determined priorities.**

19b. At what level of government should decisions be made regarding allocation of Chapter One funds?

**The individual school level is the best site for decision-making, since that is where the true awareness of the school's specific needs resides.**

19c. How would you change the selection and approval process for the mayor's appointments to the Board of Education?

**I would provide for greater involvement of parents and teachers, who are the fulcrum of the school system. The education of our children should not be a factor within the political process.**

20. What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools?

**The most important action that the City should take is to support the A+ Illinois legislation and work with the school community to develop a rationale citywide capital improvement plan for our schools.**

21. What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward?

**In addition to the strategies discussed in the previous questions (3<sup>rd</sup> ward education endowment fund, use of TIF funds for facility improvements), I plan to support the efforts of organizations such as the Grand Boulevard Federation which has developed a very comprehensive school improvement plan (with widespread support) in collaboration with parents, teachers, students and administrators that addresses areas such as curriculum, parent involvement and school discipline. On an annual basis, I plan to hold a ward wide "state of the public schools" forum where parents and residents can learn about the successes and challenges of all area schools.**

## **ENVIRONMENT**

22a. As Blue Bag recycling is phased out and replaced with point separation, what steps should be taken to ensure participation of small businesses and non-profits in the

recycling program?

**I think the City should promote the program to small businesses and non-profits to educate them about the benefits of the program and provide some incentives for their involvement.**

22b. As Blue Bag recycling is phased out and replaced with point separation, what steps should be taken to identify adequate markets for recycled materials?

**The City should work with state and federal environment and economic development agencies to identify viable and profitable markets and ensure that the materials are housed in a central location to cut down on the costs of transporting recycled goods.**

23. What should the City do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy?

**Protection of the environment is an issue that can only be addressed holistically and in an integrated manner, involving not just the city, but state and federal agencies as well to promote alternate energy uses in an effort to improve the quality of our air and water.**

## **PARKS**

24a. Do you support increased privatization of facilities and services?

**No.**

24b. Have the court decrees mandating equal park services in both programs and capital improvements been adequately achieved in your ward?

**While I am not familiar with all of the parks throughout the city, it is my belief that my ward has not received its fair share of resources.**

24c. How have the cuts in the park district budget affected parks in your ward?

**Services are not what they should be. There are park field houses in the ward that are too small to service the large number of children in the area (e.g. Dearborn Homes) and others that do not offer enough programming options for children or adults (e.g. Back of the Yards). In particular, some of the smaller parks areas are in poor condition, with inadequate equipment and lighting, broken benches and water fountains and play surfaces in disrepair. Finally, it is inappropriate to charge youth and their families \$25 to participate in park activities.**

25. Do you believe Chicago's park system is adequately funded?

**No. The park system is woefully under funded.**

26. Do you support siting the main/opening Olympic venue in Washington Park?

**I was an early proponent of considering the merits of a potential bid to host the 2016 Olympics games as an opportunity to re-invigorate the south region of the city. I think several questions need to be addressed before I would fully support the opening of a venue in Washington Park, including size and type of venue, specific location of venue within Washington Park and its impact on the existing landscape of the park, parking and transportation improvement strategies, public/private funding proposals, protection of affordable housing stock, spin off benefits to the surrounding community, jobs and contracts for community residents and businesses as examples.**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

27a. What will you do to expand CTA services to more neighborhoods?

**I would support the CTA proposal to extend the Red Line from 95<sup>th</sup> Street to 130<sup>th</sup> Street. The Red Line, which also runs through the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward, is the CTA's biggest money maker and will put more money in the CTA coffers which can be used to support transportation services in the neighborhoods of Chicago. In addition, the CTA is currently improving some of the Red Line stations that run through the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward as a result of the massive overhaul of the Dan Ryan Expressway.**

27b. Is CTA service sufficient in your ward?

**Generally, the CTA service is sufficient. As Alderman, I would require the CTA to use some of its resources to paint, clean and light the Green Line El stations specifically at Indiana, 43<sup>rd</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>. Bus service along 43<sup>rd</sup> Street could be provided more frequently. Finally, I would ask the CTA to complete a transportation improvement study of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward because as more people and businesses move into the area, there is a need to upgrade the transportation services to accommodate changing communities.**

27c. Should the City increase its subsidy to the CTA?

**The City already provides subsidy to the CTA in the form of cash, improvements to El subway stations such as the Lake/Washington stop, and security at these stations. The City has also supported the CTA requests for increased funding support from the State of Illinois. In a global city like Chicago, we have to discover more creative ways to find new money to support important operations such as the CTA.**

28. In what situations would you support permit parking?

**I think permit parking should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, but an important part of the process for my support would be a petition showing support for permit parking by residents, businesses and other stakeholders.**

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

29a. Is response time adequate in 911 service?

**Overall, yes, although I have heard some residents complain about police response time.**

29b. Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward. If so, what can be done to redress them?

**I have not been able to detect inequities in service. Generally, dissatisfaction with police response time is equal across the ward. As alderman, I want to develop a close working relationship with the three police districts serving the ward and monitor response time, constituent complaints and 911 calls to gain a better sense of the source of the problem, if any. I think the aldermanic office should have high expectations for the police in delivering services to the ward and expect the police to be accountable for their actions.**

30a. Do you support community policing?

**Yes.**

30b. What improvements would you suggest for this program?

**Although community participation in CAPS has been rising slightly, homeowners, long term residents, older adults and those with more education are more likely to attend CAPS meeting. I think the program would benefit from more participation of young people and young adults and strategies to attract this demographic should be explored. In addition, I think the monthly meeting agenda in each beat should be developed by both the community leadership and the police. Currently, the agenda is prepared by the police. CAPS should also implement community bridge building activities co-sponsored by both the police and residents to narrow the gap between young and old, homeowners and renters and new and long term residents. Finally, residents who serve on the DAC should participate in the planning of DAC activities.**

31. Should the City stop paying legal fees and attempt to recover past legal costs of city employees implicated in Police Board findings of misconduct related to the Burge case?

**Yes. In addition, the City Law Department should not be responsible for paying the**

**court awarded damages of the Police Department.**

32. Please share your views regarding the functioning of the Office of Professional Standards and whether it should operate more independently of the Police Department.

**I have read reports on the Office of Professional Standards reluctance to support findings of police misconduct. I support the current call for the creation of an independent police review board which would have the power to subpoena police records and other information sources when reviewing a citizen grievance.**

### REVENUE AND BUDGET

33a. Do you favor a budget ordinance which would require public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?

**Yes.**

33b. Do you favor a budget ordinance which would require budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?

**Yes.**

33c. Do you favor a budget ordinance which would require restoring city-wide community group budget hearings several months prior to the public of the budget, as were held under the Washington and Sawyer administrations?

**Yes for both CBDG and Corporate funded community groups.**

34a. Do you support casino gambling for Chicago?

**I do, but with qualifications. A pre-established and verifiable percentage of gambling revenues should be directed to those Chicago communities and institutions - our public schools, for example - that are most in need of fiscal resources.**

34b. Would you support a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City?

**Yes.**

35. What level of city support do you favor for the arts and cultural events?

**The City should encourage corporate sponsorship and provide venues.**

36a. Do you support rescinding the recent Mayoral and Aldermanic salary increases?

**Yes.**

36b. Do you support limiting Mayoral and Aldermanic salary increases to the same percentage as the lowest raise for any class of city employees?

**Yes.**

37. Do you support increasing the number of staff positions for aldermanic service offices?

**No.**

### CITY COUNCIL

38a. What reforms are necessary in the City Council's committee structure?

**Committees should be examined to determine whether their objectives are being met by another committee. If so, they should be disbanded.**

38b. Do you favor keeping the current number of committees?

**No.**

39a. Do you support a rule requiring the numbering of proposed City ordinances?

**Yes, if it allows for ease of reference.**

39b. Do you support a rule requiring all city council proceeding to be transcribed verbatim and published by the City Clerk?

**A summary should be provided, but reproducing proceedings verbatim would be too costly.**

39c. Do you support mandating the Clerk's office to provide copies of pending ordinances to the public upon request?

**Yes.**

39d. Do you support a rule requiring roll call votes?

**I do.**

## CIVIL RIGHTS

40a. Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?

**Yes.**

40b. Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?

**Yes.**

40c. Please comment on current women and minority participation in city hiring and contracts. Be sure your comments include firefighter and police officer recruitment and promotion.

**I don't believe that women and minority members of the police and fire departments are adequately represented. Consequently, at the time of contract renewal, specific provisions should be cited that allow minorities and women to receive the same status as current members of the force.**

41. Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?

**Yes.**

42. Do you support requiring all City vendors to provide spousal benefits for same-sex partners of their employees?

**I support this in principal, but I do not believe that it should be required of all companies that have a contractual relationship with the city.**

## ETHICS AND CAMPAIGNING

43. Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees?

**No.**

44. Do you support the Accountability in Privatization Ordinance?

**Yes, because the city is ultimately responsible for the actions of its contractors.**

45. In what circumstances should the City contract for outside professional services? Please comment on any existing abuses.

**The City should only contract out for professional services when the expertise for a certain task does not exist within the ranks of the city workforce. I am not aware of any abuses beyond what has been reported in the popular media.**

46. Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside of Chicago. Why or Why not?

**Generally, the same principal as described in Question 45 should apply. If the expertise for a certain task cannot be found in a Chicago company, then the City should look beyond the city limits for a company who can provide the service at a reasonable cost.**

47a. Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?

**No, I will not.**

47b. Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the City?

**No.**

48. Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees?

**No.**

49. Do you support extending all of the provisions of the City Ethics Ordinance to City Council members?

**Yes, I do.**

50. Do you support expanding the jurisdiction of the City Inspector General to include City Council members?

**Yes, most definitely.**

51. Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position.

**No, because I believe it is too costly to taxpayers.**

52. Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your

campaign?

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1. Pat Dowell</b>                  | <b>\$20,000</b> |
| <b>2. LPI Group LLC</b>               | <b>\$ 2,000</b> |
| <b>3. Louis and Wanda Martin</b>      | <b>\$ 2,000</b> |
| <b>4. Greenline Development</b>       | <b>\$ 1,500</b> |
| <b>5. Landmark Development Assoc.</b> | <b>\$ 1,500</b> |

53. Are you supporting any mayoral candidate?

**No. My focus is exclusively on the aldermanic role for which I am a candidate.**