

IVI-IPO 2007 CHICAGO ALDERMANIC QUESTIONNAIRE

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Please provide the following background information:

Elective or appointive public and/or party offices previously held including dates. City of Berwyn, Administrative Coordinator, May 2005 to present (on leave of absence for campaign)

Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. None

Principal business, educational, professional and civic activities of the past ten years. Bucktown Community Organization, St. Hedwig Catholic Church Finance Team, Churchill Wicker Park Youth Sports League

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

History, Political Science, International Relations, Law – all will help me communicate better with residents and organizations both inside and outside of my ward.

Activities for other candidates. Please be specific. Worked for Lorna Brett as a volunteer in 1999, John Redder US Senate in Colorado Volunteer, Carol Mosely Braun for President Staff, IVB of Berwyn

Please list all endorsements you have received so far. Hank Perritt former Dean of Chicago-Kent College of Law, Michael O'Connor Mayor of Berwyn

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?

I think I have the background experience both domestic and international, to do the job of alderman. I have worked with countries that were rebuilding after war, to community groups keeping kids off the streets to municipal work where I assisted a new administration clean up the City of Berwyn after years of waste and corruption.

What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? My budget is \$150,000, I have raised about \$15,000.

How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?
I have about 10 main volunteers, three staffers all unpaid.

PRIORITIES

1. a. What employment, other than alderman, if any, do you intend to hold? None that I know of, and I will resign from my present job in Berwyn if elected.

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

c. Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties. Fulltime job, minimum of 40 hours, and I expect long hours for the first few months in order to redesign and revamp the ward infrastructure to make it work for once.

2. a. 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. Five fulltime, setting up new service systems.

b. What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this? Street cleaning, tree cutting, requests for cleanups when developers ruin the streets and the city cleans for them, sewer clogs from contractor dumping. I want to get the city back in control of rampant unchecked development.

3. What are your top priorities for the Ward? Fight for efficiency in city government, advocate for my local schools, work with residents and businesses to make sure they are getting their taxpayers dollars worth out of city services. Advocate for balanced development.

4. How will you solicit and follow citizens' and community groups' recommendations on City matters? I will be hosting community councils to gather input from residents and businesses and open my office to people more often than my present alderman. I will meet with neighborhood groups as I have recently done, and take input from them on matters ranging from development to services.

PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

5. a. How should business and commercial development be balanced with residential development in the ward? We should be open and transparent and allow for information to be shared that will create more balance.

b. How should downtown development be balanced with community development throughout the city? We need a vision for the city, not haphazard, project-driven developments that upset the balance.

6. a. In what ways will you assist in the positive development of neighborhood business areas? I have spoken to neighborhood small businesses concerned about the push by the city and my alderman to get them out and develop whole swaths of land and streets in order to bring in condominiums and new buildings that do not meet the needs of small businesses.

b. How will you involve ward residents in planning? I have many volunteers who are planners, architects, people with a vision for the future of our ward, something we all want to share in, and we will communicate with all other local groups to build a new ward.

c. What is your long-range plan for the development of the ward? Bringing together the people I mentioned above to share in the vision that will not be set in stone, but work together as we move forward.

7. How do you intend to handle requests for zoning variances in your ward? Bring the requestor and benefactor to the local groups, and ask them to coordinate with them as they have already requested and has been denied by my present alderman.

8. a. What steps should be taken to achieve greater accountability and transparency in determining how TIF funds should be spent? Get more involvement from the community, advocate the state for greater controls on who uses TIFs.

b. How will you involve residents in planning and approval of future TIF districts? By asking for their input.

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

d. Do you support extending the South Loop TIF? Why or why not? No, because as I understand it now, the area is not blighted in the sense the TIF requires. But based on information I may not know yet, that could change.

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

10. a. Did you support or would you have supported the Big Box/Living Wage Ordinance? Not as it was presented, but I would support a compromise.

b. Why or why not?

c. What changes, if any, would you support if the Ordinance were introduced again? Need more facts before I would be able to decide what kind of package would be amenable.

d. Would you support any kind of municipal living wage ordinance? Depends on the language.

HOUSING

11. Please comment on the housing problems in your ward. There has been rampant development that has pushed out many of the families in my ward because they could no longer afford the high taxes associated with new assessments.

12. How will you increase low-income rental housing and home ownership opportunities that would be affordable to those at 15%-30% of AMI? Advocate for incentives to developers who include certain percentages in their buildings.

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

b. What should be done to provide housing for those families displaced from public housing and not eligible for relocation under the CHA transformation plan? I do not know enough about the alternatives in order to give solid solutions.

c. How should the transformation plan be amended to adequately provide for the needs of low income people with disabilities? We should certainly not advocate an underground CTA Circle Line in my area as the alderman has done, at the expense of improvements needed in areas that are very much underserved.

d. 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? I do not know enough about the facts in order to give solid solutions.

e. What should be done to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals and families who are not served by any existing programs? ? I do not know enough about the facts in order to give solid solutions.

14. Do you support halfway houses and shelters for the homeless in your ward? Yes, if they are already existing and if they are coming in, that there is full disclosure.

- 15. a. Do you think Chicago's Tenants' Rights Ordinance is being adequately implemented? Yes
- b. What changes, if any, should be made?
- 16. a. Do you support an inclusionary zoning ordinance which would require developers to set aside 15% of residential new construction or renovation for the creation of affordable housing? Not at this time.

EDUCATION

- 17. a. How will you work to ease overcrowding and improve the quality of public schools and after school recreational activities? Work with my legislators, school administrators and parents to figure out new ways to work on education issues.
- b. How will you work to improve maintenance and rehab of aging schools? Advocate for more funding.
- 18. Do you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools? Yes.
- 19. a. 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. It seems that there have been some good changes made but that many schools still lack funding opportunities.
- b. At what level of government should decisions be made regarding allocation of Chapter One funds? City legislators with input from parents and administrators.
- c. How would you change the selection and approval process for the mayor's appointments to the Board of Education? Ask for more City Council input.
- 20. What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools? Concentrate more funding in the budget towards school funding instead of wasting it on programs that don't work, i.e., blue bag program.
- 21. What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward? I am attending meetings with some of my neighborhood groups who are actively involved in schools and want the aldermanic office to be more involved and advocated as well.

ENVIRONMENT

- 22. As Blue Bag recycling is phased out and replaced with point separation, what steps should be taken to
 - a. ensure participation of small businesses and non-profits in the recycling program? Make it an incentive not only for the business as a business but the business as a community member. Encourage this by advertising incentives, ie. ABC businesses recycle for the good of the environment in a green business brochure put out by the alderman, or something similar.
 - b. identify adequate markets for recycled materials? These markets have been identified, we need more education of people at home and businesses to participate.
- 23. What should the City do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy? The city should look to provide financial incentives to homeowners, developers and businesses who participate in green programs, i.e. recycling, solar or wind energy use, green rooftops, carpooling from wards to downtown or the Ohare lots, and provide bicycle lanes at a larger scale. We could also encourage alternative energy businesses to set up shop in Chicago and do this by providing tax breaks or incentives to locate here.

PARKS

- 24. a. Do you support increased privatization of facilities and services? Depends on the situation, but generally no if there is loss of oversight.
- b. Have the court decrees mandating equal park services in both programs and capital improvements been adequately achieved in your ward? no
- c. How have cuts in the park district budget affected parks in your ward? Park districts have always had a hard time in my ward for the past ten years, there was no support from the alderman on basic programs for kids at parks, there was little incentive for park district people to fix up the parks without first receiving community funding, and on top of that, virtually every inch of green space (or potential green space) has been devoured by developers who contribute directly to the alderman's pocket.
- 25. Do you believe Chicago's park system is adequately funded? No.

26. Do you support siting the main/opening Olympic venue in Washington Park? I need more information on the details of the Olympic bid.

TRANSPORTATION

27. a. What will you do to expand CTA services to more neighborhoods? Support use of new busses that use alternative fuels and ask for expanded routes and upgrade of service on streets like Damen.

b. Is CTA service sufficient in your ward? No. My greatest concern is Alderman Matlaks push for an underground CTA line that he and others have not provided adequate facts on. He has pushed a referendum to have it built underground and disingenuously skewed the facts to make it sound like the *only* option was to go underground, but not to worry because the cost to the CTA (not the taxpayer) is only \$1 billion.

c. Should the City increase its subsidy to the CTA? Not until the CTA gets better at managing money.

28. In what situations would you support permit parking? Where developments in my ward have pushed businesses like bars using valets into the neighborhoods.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

29. a. Is response time adequate in 911 service? Yes

b. Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward? If so, what can be done to redress them? I think there has been an influx of condominiums and people into the ward and we need increased fire fighting units on demand. I will ask for more front line units in the 32nd.

30. a. Do you support community policing? Absolutely.

b. What improvements would you suggest for this program? Greater aldermanic involvement.

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

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 need more information on this topic, but feel a strong oversight commission with independent observers is always good to maintain professionalism.

REVENUE AND BUDGET

33. Do you favor a budget ordinance which would require:

a. public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests? YES

b. budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings? YES

c. restoring city-wide community group budget hearings several months prior to the publication of the budget, as were held under the Washington and Sawyer administrations? YES

34. a. Do you support casino gambling for Chicago? YES

b. 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? Higher level.

36. Do you support

a. rescinding the recent Mayoral and Aldermanic salary increases? YES.

b. 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? YES, but only if highly qualified staff are hired.

CITY COUNCIL

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

b. Do you favor keeping the current number of committees? I need more information.

39. a. Do you support a rule requiring the numbering of proposed City ordinances? Yes, but would need more information.

b. Do you support a rule requiring all city council proceedings to be transcribed verbatim and published by the City Clerk? Absolutely, and I support live TV (Ala CSPAN- Chicago) and Internet coverage of the meetings.

- c. Do you support mandating the Clerk's office to provide copies of pending ordinances to the public upon request? YES
- d. Do you support a rule requiring roll call votes? Yes

CIVIL RIGHTS

- 40. a. Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees? Yes, as per the law.
- b. Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts? Yes, as per the law.
- c. 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 need more information on the subject but I think that the city has increased (and could do more) to include women and minorities in any city job or contract opportunity.
- 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? No.

ETHICS & CAMPAIGNING

- 43. Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees? No, unless we are referring to an appointed position exempt from Shakman.
- 44. Do you support the Accountability in Privatization Ordinance? Yes.
- 45. In what circumstances should the City contract for outside professional services? Please comment on any existing abuses. Only where the city cannot complete a task in time or with the resources available.
- 46. Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Chicago? Why or why not? Yes, if a company can provide the best services there should be free enterprise opportunity for people outside Chicago.
- 47. a. Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently? No
- b. 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
- 50. Do you support expanding the jurisdiction of the City Inspector General to include City Council members? Yes
- 51. Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position. No.
- 52. Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? Craig Norris, \$3000, Hank Perritt, \$3000, Don Miserk \$1000, Dr. Sydney Wright \$1000, Creative Sourcing (small biz) \$1000
- 53. Are you supporting any mayoral candidate? Not at this time.