

IVI-IPO 2007 CHICAGO CLERK QUESTIONNAIRE

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 37,000 NUMBER REQUIRED: 12,500

Please provide the following background information:

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

State Senator from 1987-2006

Member of the Chicago Health Systems Agency Governing Commission

Member of the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee

Mayor Washington's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs

Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

State Senator

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

Full time legislator for the last twenty years. B.A. and M.A. from Northeastern Illinois University in education and guidance.

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

My background in education will be particularly helpful in my new role. Although traditionally education has not been in the purview of the City Clerk's office, I intend to use this office, my education background and my twenty year experience as a legislator to reform how public education is funded in Illinois.

Activities for other candidates. Please be specific.

Endorsed and actively campaigned for:

Bill Bradley for US President

Howard Dean for US President

U.S. Senator Barack Obama

U.S. Senator Carol Mosley Braun

Representative Luis Gutierrez

Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn

*Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch
Cook County Clerk David Orr
State Senator Barack Obama
State Senator Iris Martinez
State Representative Willie Delgado
State Representative Lisa Hernandez
Mayor Harold Washington
Alderman Ray Colon
Alderman Manny Flores
Too name a few*

Please list all endorsements you have received so far.
(See attached list)

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?
My twenty year experience in fighting for the needs of working people and my dedication to progressive causes and candidates.

What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?
\$600,000

How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?
10. Over a thousand.

1. What are your priorities with respect to the administration of your functions as City Clerk? How will you accomplish those priorities?
Any candidate for City Clerk needs to deal head on with the fact that the last two elected City Clerks were both convicted of using their office for their own personal gain. I publicly pledge not to take contributions from any Clerk's office employee. I also pledged not to take any contributions from the current City Clerk's office or City of Chicago vendors. More important then simply making a pledge, I have a twenty year history of reducing the influence of money in politics.

Years ago I sponsored legislation to bar contributions from attorneys that appear before the Board of Review. Nearly two years ago I authored Senate Bill 39, which prohibits any contribution to state constitutional officers as well as members of the General Assembly from anyone who has a state contract. I was the lead sponsor of Senate Bill 2138, which was authored by the Comptroller, barring contributions to constitutional officers from anyone with a state contract over \$25,000.

Another priority is making the City Council more transparent, which I discuss in more detail below.

Also, I want to make city stickers more accessible through selling them at additional locations.

My taskforce of government offices and community and business leaders is also developing innovate ways to make business licensing less onerous and to streamline residential parking permits sales.

2. Will you institute systems to
- a) number proposed City ordinances? *Yes*
 - b) provide copies of pending ordinances to the public upon request? *Yes*
 - c) publish schedules and agendas of City Council meetings and committee hearings in advance and post them on the website? *Yes*
 - d) transcribe and publish City Council proceedings verbatim? *Yes*
 - e) publish proposed and adopted ordinances on the website searchable by number and keywords? *Yes*
 - f) publish and archive the Journal of Proceedings on the website in a format searchable by keywords? *Yes*
 - g) publish and archive roll-call votes on the website searchable by date, ordinance and keywords? *Yes*
 - h) publish and archive the entire Chicago Municipal Code, with index, on the website? *Yes*

As I mentioned above, open government is one of my top priorities. I am already personally working on adding these services to the City Clerk's website, which I hope to launch in the next few months. We are using the Illinois General Assembly's website as a model and will provide current and archival information on the Council's votes and proposed ordinances.

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

No.

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

Yes.

5. Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?

Yes.

6. Should the Clerk's office be run independently of the Mayor or function as a department of the City?
Independently. All of the executive functions of city government should not be consolidated under one elected official. Multiple elected officials are able to better serve the diverse needs of our city as well as assist in providing the checks and balances required to ensure our city government is run efficiently and as ethically as possible.

7. Will you or have you accepted campaign contributions from individuals and companies doing business with the City?

Shortly after I was nominated for City Clerk I announced that my campaign would not accept any contributions from any current vendor of the Clerk's office or the City of Chicago.

8. Will you or have you accepted campaign contributions from employees of this office?

At that same time I announced I would not accept contributions from vendors, I also barred contributions from any Clerk's office employees.

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

No.

10. 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.

11. In what circumstances should the Clerk's office contract for outside professional services and what criteria would you implement for letting contracts? Please comment on any existing abuses and how you would correct them.

Only if there is a service that the Clerk's office or the City cannot provide. If the need arose, I would attempt to contract with a WBE/DBE and a union vendor. In addition, I would require that all contracts specifically define what the contractor was required to do and a timeline for project completion. Moreover, I would ensure careful oversight of the contract so that no abuses could take place.

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

Only if there was no vendor in Chicago that could provide the service and that service was vital. I believe that Chicago taxpayer dollars should be wisely spent and that includes supporting local tax paying businesses.

13. Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns?

Yes.

14. Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?

Citizens for Emil Jones \$5,000

Volunteers for Delgado \$1,500

Gabriel Lopez \$1,000

Ron Perlman \$1,000

Brian Rowland & Nelida Vazquez-Rowland \$1,000

15. Are you supporting any mayoral candidate?

Richard Daley