

IVI-IPO 2007 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SUBURBAN MAYOR, PRESIDENT, ALDERMAN OR TRUSTEE

DATE March 11th, 2007 CANDIDATE FOR _____ Village President

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CAMPAIGN MANAGER_____None NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED__257 NUMBER
REQUIRED__168

Please provide the following background information:

Elective or appointive public and/or party offices previously held including dates. March 2003 to Present-Rich Township
227 H.S. District Board of Education Secretary

Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. Park Forest Trustee in 2005.

Principal business, educational, professional and civic activities of the past ten years. National Association of Realtors, 23
years. P.A.D.S. volunteer 2 years, Illinois Association of School Boards, 4 years achieving Master Board Member status
earlier than any of my fellow incumbents who were elected in 2003.

What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you
seek? Extensive background in Business Management having studied for two years in College and Owned/Principal of
ERA Advantage Realty for over ten years with over 50 sales associates which I recruited and trained and managed. I also
have worked as a mortgage broker for two years and still hold an active real estate broker's license.

Activities for other candidates. Please be specific. ?

Please list all endorsements you have received so far. So far I have received a verbal endorsement from one newspaper,
which covers part of Park Forest on the Will county side. In 2003, I received a Star newspaper endorsement(for 227 school
board), although I had never previously run for office.

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 opponent has a record of futility and has no comprehensive plan to
move the village forward. He dictates from the "bully pulpit" he has created by hand picking trustees to replace other hand
picked trustees , who have a tendency to vacate their posts 6 months before an election. He then selects a replacement who
then can get acclimated before running for election as an incumbent. This creates a herd mentality and stifles creativity and
the sharing of contrarian viewpoints, which are needed to have full and open public discussions to generate public trust and
to avoid the perception of backroom dealing and catering to special interests.

What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? My budget is \$3000 and I have raised \$600.

How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list? I just have a few friends helping right now and would like to recruit more, even if I have to pay them.

PRIORITIES

1. How would you improve the delivery of services in your municipality? I would look at the budget and direct the village manager to cut if need be, but more importantly, I would create an environment by working with the school districts that encourages businesses to relocate to our town. This can be done with a variety of incentives, such as the Class 8 Cook County incentive, the tax abatements with school districts and a sales tax rebate program to big box retailers.
2. What are your top priorities? Lower the the taxes by bringing in new business. Take all the village owned commercial property and sell it on Ebay, if need be, to get it immediately or close to immediately back on the tax rolls. It can be a graduated structure, giving 80% abatements to begin with and working those into 50% abatements that would last ten years.
3. How will you solicit and follow citizens' and community groups' recommendations on municipal matters? I would hold town hall meetings at least quarterly and allow for open mike and up to 5 minutes per person to ask questions and then to be allowed to have two way communication. I would also conduct online surveys to those who are signed up through the internet.

PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

3. How should business and commercial development be balanced with residential development in your municipality? We have enough housing to accommodate over 30,000 people. We have had that many. Now we have around 23,500. We have vacant stores and an Industrial Park and many failing TIF districts that need immediate attention. We need to focus on the problems we already have and not seek to explore more expansion presently.
4. How will you involve residents in planning? I would invite citizens to participate in Town hall meetings, direct mail campaigns that would include your monthly phone bill or cable bill and also the internet. An ad hoc Strategic Planning committee could be formed that would include residents from those potentially affected areas.
6. What is your long-range plan for the development of your municipality? My goal is create a campus of technology based companies, small business districts primed through a business incubator that would allow for home based businesses to have a professional location to meet their clients. We would have a combination of educational opportunities funded through state and federal grants, job training for adults as well as voc ed training for high school students who may not want to go to college. It could be in conjunction with Prairie State College and Governors state University as well as local businesses including car dealerships that may offer internships.

HOUSING

7. a. Please comment on housing problems in your municipality. Too many voucher carrying renters from Chicago without a comprehensive plan to distribute the certificates evenly across the south suburbs and within the village. Too many foreclosed homes. Too many shuttered businesses.

b. What proposals do you have for dealing with these problems? I would work with the Village mayors and managers to lobby for fair distribution of transplanted ;low income residents. The plan for Cook County should include Will and Dupage county as well.

8. What should be done to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals and families who are not served by existing programs? We have the lowest housing costs in Cook County. That is why we have so many investor owned homes that are rented out. The cost of these rentals and the high voucher amounts makes it prohibitive for non voucher carrying renters to even rent a home.

9. Do you support adoption of an ordinance banning source-of-income discrimination against Section 8 voucher holders? I support Sec. 8, but there should be a limit to how many per town as a percentage of the total population. I believe that co-operatives should also be forced to take in Sec. 8 renters, and not just single family or condo homeowners. We have subdivisions now that are 70% sec. 8 rentals.

EDUCATION

10. What proposals would you make to improve the quality of the public schools and their infrastructure? I support House Bill 750. I have worked for four years to create more opportunities within my high school district and will continue on as one of the founding members of the Rich 227 School Foundation.

ENVIRONMENT

11. What should your municipality do to improve the environment? Well, we generate our own drinking water from an aquifer, so we are very environmentally conscious as to what is placed on the ground and what may seep into the ground from developments. We have double the average of open land as most villages within the state of Illinois and I support preserving our open spaces. The Wetlands Project of Park Forest is an example of an ecologically friendly union of development and open space preservation that helps the ecological environment.

REVENUE AND BUDGET

12. What changes if any would you propose to the current budget, both revenue and expenses? I would cut the economic development budget until such time that we had some economic development to manage. I would sell off all the village owned property and put it back on the tax rolls. All this has to be approved by four votes as you already know, as I do. Lower taxes and incentives would bring in much needed revenue.

CIVIL RIGHTS

13. a. Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees? Only in the cases where discrimination and/or a historical practice of injustice can be shown. I support equal opportunity and reaching out to minority populations to encourage those who may feel disenfranchised to belong.

b. Do you support affirmative action as a criterion in letting municipal contracts? No. see above. I support what we did at 227 and that is that minorities have to be represented within the structure of the bid proposals. This includes women and well as race based. The RFP's have a clause which can be reviewed by you by going to the Rich 227 website. www.rich227.org

c. Please comment on current women and minority participation in municipal hiring and contracts. Be sure your comments include firefighter and police officer recruitment and promotion. We hired the first African American superintendent in 227 history. Go to the website and click on administration and you will see who holds the highest paying administrative jobs within our school district. I believe that the employees should reflect the demographics of the community, whether a school community or a municipality.

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

ETHICS & CAMPAIGNING

15. Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees? NO.

16. a. Do you support employing municipal staff who hold other public sector jobs concurrently? I would discourage it, but I realize you would have to grandfather those that already are connected. There are so many people that have County jobs it seems.

b. Do you support employing municipal staff who have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the municipality? It would depend on whether it was a volunteer or paying job, if it was part time with no benefits or full time. Nothing that would present a potential for a conflict of interest.

17. In what circumstances should the municipality contract for outside professional services and what criteria should exist for letting contracts? Please comment on any existing abuses and how you would correct them.

Well, if you eliminate say the Economic Development department, you might hire a Performance contracting company that would be self engineered to fix a problem and guarantee the cost and the fix.

18. Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees? NO.

19. Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? My neighbor Walt gave me \$200, two people gave me \$50, one gave me \$100, everyone else was 10-\$25.