

IVI-IPO 2009 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SUBURBAN ALDERMANIC ELECTION

Date: March 7, 2009 Candidate for: Alderman, 1st ward of Evanston
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Background Information

Elected or appointed public offices held (including dates)

1st Ward Alderman, 2005-2009

Public Art Committee, 2000-2004

Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees, 1993-1999

7th Ward Alderman, 1989-1993

Environmental Board, 1981-1989

Other elected offices for which you have been a candidate

Mayor, 1993 (one of five candidates)

Principal business, educational, professional and civic activities of past 10 yrs.

Faculty of Oakton Community College, 1978 to present

Treasurer of AFA/OCC union, 1997-present

Adjunct faculty at St. Joseph's Seminary, 1990-2004

Experiences and studies

Teach political science at community college level (31 years)

Previous public office

Positions at the National League of Cities (First Tier Council, University
Cities Council, Women in Municipal Government)

Activities for other candidates

Campaigned for President Obama (as a state senator & later President)

Campaigned for Congresswoman Schakowsky, Representative Hamos

Endorsements so far:

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky

Representative Julie Hamos

Senator Jeff Schoenberg

County Commissioner Larry Suffredin

Mayor Morton

Why endorse me? Goals for the office?

I have served the city as alderman twice, and feel that I know city government. I have built relationships with other elected officials, business leaders, civic organizations, and citizen groups. My goals are to build a fiscally

sound budget for the city, meet our pension debt obligation, and develop our downtown wisely for the future.

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

Approximately \$10,000. To date, we have raised about \$8,000.

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

There is no paid staff, all are volunteers. There are about 20 working.

PRIORITIES

1. Improving service with more efficiency is necessary to meet our budget goals. There are several pilot programs to do this in place.
2. Bring in additional revenues (as well as trimming the budget) to meet the city's needs—both social and service needs.
3. There are frequent planning sessions for individual projects which invite citizen input, comments, and opinions.

PLANNING, ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT

4. Mixed retail and residential is the appropriate mix for our downtown area.
5. There has been a three year planning process involving hundreds of citizens.
6. The Council just approved the Downtown Plan for our future.

HOUSING

7. a .Evanston has been hit by foreclosures much the same as other communities.
b.We have appointed a Housing Task Force to develop strategies to work with banks and homeowners, using federal \$ to aid struggling families.
8. New federal housing recovery dollars are aimed at pre-foreclosure situations which will reduce monthly mortgage payments.
9. Section 8 voucher holders should not be discriminated against in any way.

EDUCATION

10. Our best way to improve the schools (which are outside our duties) is to increase the tax base, since that is their only source of raising revenue.

ENVIRONMENT

11. We have passed a Climate Action Plan, hired a sustainability coordinator, and are working to put green building practices into place.

REVENUE AND BUDGET

12. We have not filled vacancies in order to hold expenses down, and this may have to continue for a year. We need to share expenses with the university and the township in order to maximize our efficiency.
Revenue will come from increased economic activity in the city. I'm not in

favor of raising taxes...we didn't do so this year.

CIVIL RIGHTS

13. Evanston has a MWBA (Minority, Women in Business Program) to ensure that a percentage of employees seeking a contract with the city qualify. We also have an ordinance now to provide 5% of jobs to local Evanstonians.
14. Comparable worth has not been a workable program endorsed by the courts. Too difficult to enforce.

ETHICS AND CAMPAIGNING

15. No.
16. No. and No.
17. Consultants are brought in for their expertise in a specific area, to be independent in their judgements (such as auditors, actuaries, etc.) There are no current abuses that I am aware of. All were bid out.
18. I am endorsed by the PAC of the local firefighters' union 742.
19. I think the largest contribution came from the firefighters - \$500, and a \$200 contribution came from a resident. All others were smaller contributions from individuals under \$149.