

IVI-IPO 2006 COUNTY COMMISSIONER QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE 1/14/2006 DISTRICT: 5th PARTY: Democrat

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 2,300 NUMBER REQUIRED: 597

Please use an additional sheet to complete the following background information:

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.

Appointed in 1995 until the present as a commissioner on the African-American Family Commission by the last three governors. Also appointed in 1996 to the Community Development Council by Mayor Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago.

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

None

C) What is your primary occupation?

Social Worker (Administration) Executive Director of the Metropolitan Family Services (The Calumet Center)

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.

William Leonard Public Library Friends Board, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Roseland Community Hospital, Immediate Past President of Chicago Chapter of National Association of Black Social Workers, Chair African American Family Commission Legislative Committee, Member Board of Directors Greater Roseland Family YMCA, Chair Board of Trustees New Life Christian Ministries of Greater Chicago, Secretary, Board of Directors Dorothy Sutton Branch Head Start, Member Neighborhood Housing Services Roseland Redevelopment Designation Committee

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

Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago's Jane Adams School of Social Work. In addition, more than twenty years of management experience where I currently manage twenty-six programs, more than eighty staff members and a four million dollar budget. To prepare for elected office I participated in Illinois Women Institute for Leadership, class of 2005.

F) What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.

I supported Congressman Benny Thompson of Mississippi.

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

National Association of Social Worker PAC

H) As concisely as possible, please 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?

Because of my educational background and the many years that I have worked on behalf of the community along with the many experiences and leadership roles I have had in many varied organizations I should be endorsed. I will be a commissioner who make decisions based on the needs and welfare of the entire district.

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

The budget is \$100,000. To date we have raised \$15,000. We are a grassroots community centered organization that is relying on human resources.

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

We have a volunteer staff of 20. To date we have approximately 200 volunteer campaign workers.

IVI-IPO 2006 COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONER QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

	YES	NO	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support removing the cap on the number of abortions performed at Stroger Hospital? <i>I am currently undecided.</i>
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the distribution of County funded health facilities sufficient?
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does your district need additional health care facilities? ESSAY Please elaborate. <i>It is a district that is home to some of the poorest communities in the state of Illinois. There are many uninsured families with major heal care needs that are not being met.</i>
4.	ESSAY		How would you solve the budget gap while still ensuring that health and other basic human services would continue to be provided? <i>We will look for more efficient ways to spend existing dollars.</i>
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor a freeze in the property tax rate? <i>This may help relieve citizens from foreclosures.</i>
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support extension of the 7% property tax cap beyond the expiration date?
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should County Board approval be required prior to the creation of TIF districts in Cook County? <i>We need to have more information about how these would impact a community.</i>
8.	ESSAY		What should be done by the County Board to foster affordable housing, including subsidized housing? <i>Work to get more federal funding for affordable housing. Educate citizens on financing.</i>

9.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support equitable geographic distribution of affordable housing throughout the county?
			Will you support an amendment to the County Human Rights Ordinance to protect Section 8 voucher holders from discrimination in housing? <i>Yes</i>
10.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	in buildings of any size without exemptions?
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	if owner occupied buildings of 6 or more units were exempted?
12.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support lifting the moratorium on restoration of Forest Preserve land?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support the sale or transfer of forest preserve land to private interests?
			Please explain your answer. <i>The forest preserve land is a very important entity in our community. We must preserve our green space.</i>
14.	ESSAY		What proposals do you support to reduce overcrowding at Cook County Jail and the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center? <i>Rehabilitation to prevent recidivism, also more electronic monitoring.</i>
15.	ESSAY		What should the County Board do to ensure that the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center provides adequate educational and vocational services to detainees? <i>Staff that are specifically trained to work with youth.</i>
16.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support separating violent from non-violent offenders?
17.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support separating juvenile from adult offenders?
18.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor work-release, electronic monitoring and other alternative sentencing programs?
19.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support drug testing of potential or current County employees?
20.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action?
21.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of county employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support patronage?
23.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor extending the Civil Service System to replace patronage in County employment?
24.	ESSAY		What should be done to eliminate patronage abuse in county government? <i>All should be a standard employment process for all job candidates.</i>
25.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor permitting county employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
26.	ESSAY		In what circumstances should the County contract for outside professional services? <i>When it is clear that it is cost effective and not in conflict with collective bargaining agreements.</i>
27.	ESSAY		In what circumstances should competitive bidding for contracts be required? Please comment

			on any existing abuses. <i>It seems that the bidding process should be a standards based process, this should eliminate abuse.</i>
28.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside of Cook County? Why or why not?
29.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Will you accept or have you accepted campaign contributions from current or potential suppliers, employees or outside contractors?
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the County Ethics Ordinance adequate? ESSAY Why or why not?
31.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public financing of campaigns for this office?
32.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a campaign expenditure limit?
33.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you be a full-time Commissioner?
34.	ESSAY		What other employment, if any, do you intend to hold? <i>None, I plan to be a full-time commissioner, However, I will probably continue to be an active volunteer in my community.</i>
35.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you open an office in your district?
36.	ESSAY		What will you do to ensure community involvement in identifying the concerns of the residents of your district? <i>Quarterly community meetings for each township and an open door policy will be our goal. We also have annual focus groups within the 5th District.</i>
37.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should candidates for Board President be prohibited from running concurrently from a district? <i>At this point I am not clear about the impact this has on their ability to serve their district.</i>