

## IVI-IPO 2006 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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

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

I currently serve as Vice President of the Winnetka Park District Board of Commissioners. I was first elected to the Board in 2001, and reelected in 2003. I have been vice-president of the board since 2003.

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

None.

**C) What is your primary occupation?**

I am the founding partner in my own law firm, Zane Smith and Associates.

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

I currently serve as Vice President of the Winnetka Park District Board of Commissioners. I was first elected to the Board in 2001, and then elected to serve as vice-president since 2003.

I have been an adult Boy Scout leader in Winnetka for the past 7 years.

I was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1998 for providing legal services to poor residents of the Chicagoland area.

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

I wear two hats: one as an attorney and the other as a business owner. I decided on a career in law because I am passionate about seeking justice for my clients. I believe the United States is the best country in the world because our citizens have the right to seek justice through our legal system. Congress shapes the laws that dictate the policies of our courts. Although great, our country still has to make sure that each American is protected under it's system of justice. I believe my experience will positively impact American policy and ensure our country continues to be a key player on a global scale.

I am also a business owner. I understand the problems many business owners face. Perhaps the most important thing I have learned is the importance of investing in people. I want to be a voice for working men and women in Washington. I want to represent the

interests of small business owners who often have difficulty affording insurance and other benefits for their employees. Making it easier for them to do so, benefits them as a business and benefits their employees.

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

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

**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?**

I am the only candidate in the democratic primary who has served as an elected official. I believe that being a good Congressman means bringing forth the issues to Congress that are important to the district. I know our community leaders and am familiar with the concerns they have with many issues. I understand the responsibility of being accountable to the taxpayers, and I want to continue to be a fiscally responsible voice for our community. I firmly believe the values of our district have been compromised by our current representation in Washington. Mark Kirk's failure to support a clear plan to exit Iraq and his support of government intervention in the Terry Schiavo case demonstrate how out of touch with the values of the 10<sup>th</sup> District he has become. Tom Delay, the former Majority leader is facing money laundering charges and our representative still continues to side with him on many issues. In fact, he voted with Tom Delay 86 percent of the time.

I am the only candidate in the democratic primary who lives in the district. My wife, Joan and I have lived and raised our two children in Winnetka for 10 years. As both homeowners, and parents we understand the values of our community. I know our community wants to see the restoration of the power of the middle and working class families in Washington. Our government's inability to stop corrupt corporate interests from overtaking Congress has led to many unnecessary deaths for young men and women serving in Iraq. I want to bring the values of our community to Washington and fulfill the role as a community leader and not a corporate puppet.

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

We will raise and will continue to raise that amount of money that will be necessary to win this election.

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

I have one person on my campaign payroll. I have about 30 volunteers.

## **IVI-IPO 2006 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2**

### **Foreign and Military**

1.       ESSAY     What should be the US role in multi-national alliances such as the UN, NATO and the International Criminal Court?

I support all humanitarian efforts by the U.N. I oppose the expansion of NATO because it exploits foreign labor. I favor U.S. participation in the International Criminal Court to ensure a fair trial for all.

2.       ESSAY     What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?

I would like to do further research on this topic before answering.

3.       ESSAY     What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?

The United States is the wealthiest country in the world. We should use our money to improve humanitarian conditions world wide. We should focus on ensuring the global market does not exploit citizens in 3<sup>rd</sup> World Countries. I support committing our nation's military only when a threat to basic human rights is at stake.

**YES   NO**

     Should the US adopt a timetable for withdrawal of our troops from Iraq?

ESSAY     If so, within what timeframe?

4.             Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?

5.     X          Would you support legislation giving Governors veto power over deployment of their National Guard units overseas?

6.          X     Do you agree with the current proposed level of funding for the military?

ESSAY     If you agree, explain. If you disagree, how would you distribute the funds?  
I believe we are spending too much money on the military. Operations in Iraq have increased defense spending by nearly 41 percent since 2001. I understand the costs of Homeland Security and other new expenses since September 11<sup>th</sup>, however we can no longer justify the skyrocketing costs of the U.S. occupation in Iraq. That is why I support a clear and definite plan to exit Iraq. We cannot continue to increase funding for these efforts and ignore the budget deficit. Without investing in lowering the deficit, interest rates will increase and it will become harder for working families to pay off debt.

7.               Do you support funding to assist conversion of the defense industry to civilian applications?

8.          X     \*\* Need to see legislation  
Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?

9.          X     Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?

ESSAY     What would you change?  
Increase funding while at the same time support policies that reduce the incentives to produce and sell illegal drugs.

10.    X          Do you support  
normalization of relations with Cuba?

11.         X     the Helms-Burton Act?

## Energy & Environment

12.         X     Do you support oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?

13.  X Do you support pollution credit schemes?
14. X  Do you support legislation establishing a national Energy Efficiency Resource Standard to set energy-saving targets for utilities?
15. X  Do you support the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2005?
16. **YES**  **NO** X Do you support legislation to increase revenue sources by removing federal land use regulations from federal land claims?

### **Transportation**

17. X  Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for infrastructure improvements?
18. X  highways?
19. X  mass transit?
20. X  high-speed rail?
21. X  Amtrak?
22. X  Air transportation?

ESSAY Please explain your answers

Government should be a primary funding source for transportation because it ensures accountability and a consistent national policy.

**Taxes and Economic Policy**

23.   Do you favor  
a more progressive income tax? \*\*Need to see legislation
24.   a flat tax?
25.   a national sales tax?
26.   reduction of the capital gains tax?
27.   reduction or elimination of the estate tax?
28.   elimination of the corporate alternative tax?
29.   tax cuts on stock dividends?
30.   any other changes in our tax structure?

ESSAY Please explain.

I believe in reducing taxes for lower and middle class families. Our country's recent recession has been difficult on these families in particular. I support tax incentives that enable them to pay for their child's college education, and to afford their own home.

31.   Do you favor a roll-back of the Bush tax cuts?

I want to return government to the people. The Bush tax cuts benefited only the richest 5 percent of Americans.

32.   Do you support cutbacks in discretionary spending to fund Katrina rebuilding efforts?

33.   Do you support any privatization of the Social Security fund?

ESSAY I would not support a Social Security plan that would put guaranteed benefits at risk.

34. ESSAY A balanced budget is always the goal-but it must be fair.

35.   Would you support legislation that prevents federal contractors and federally funded state agencies from using offshore facilities in the execution of a contract?

\*\*I support measures that prevent exploitation of labor and harm the environment.

### Consumer Rights

36.   Do you support banning the use of Social Security numbers as identification in consumer transactions?

37.   federal legislation to cap interest rates on consumer loans?

38.   federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?

39.   allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?

### Government and Ethics

40. **YES** **NO**  
  Do you support term limits?

41.   Do you support public financing of Congressional campaigns?

42.   spending limits?

43.   abolition of PACs?

\*\*I support the abolition of PACs if public financing becomes law.

44. X  Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?

ESSAY Why or why not?

Congressional oversight of federal contracting will ensure contracts are rewarded fairly. The Bush Administration has demonstrated a great deal of patronage in contract work in Iraq. Halliburton, Dick Cheney's former company has made billions of dollars on contracts since the beginning of the war. This needs to change. With the approval of Congress, contracts would be awarded to companies who cost the least instead of who has given the greatest contributions to the President.

45.  X Do you support patronage?

### Health & Human Services

46.   Do you support comprehensive, universal, single-payer health care?

ESSAY If not, how would you address the need for healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured?

Health care is a right, not a privilege. The United States has the best health care in the world and yet many Americans cannot go to the doctor because they are uninsured. With the increasing costs of providing health care coverage many small businesses are unable to provide policies for their employees. Many insurance companies are able to turn prospective clients away because they are old or have pre-existing conditions. We cannot continue to support a system that turns away people who are in the greatest need of health care. I propose insurance reform that prohibits discrimination based on an individual's medical history. I also support a program to help small businesses pool purchasing power so they can provide insurance for their employees at an affordable cost.

47. X  Should the FDA approve importation of drugs from countries whose manufacturing and safety standards are equal or superior to those in the US?

48. X  Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services?

ESSAY Please discuss compulsory licensing of essential drugs where needed, in the US, Africa, Asia and elsewhere.

49. X  Do you support federal funding for stem cell research?

50.   legislation prohibiting stem cell research?
51.   Do you support  
the Human Life Amendment?
52.   The Freedom of Choice Act?
53.   parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion?
54.   restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
55.   a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
56.   insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?
57.   Do you favor increased funding for:  
supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
58.   food stamp allowances?
59.   Head Start?
60.   school lunch programs?
61. ESSAY What services, if any, should be offered to those whose time on Welfare has run out and do not have adequate income to support themselves and their families?

We should have a policy that allows for some discretion in continuing programs on an emergency basis.

- |     | YES                                 | NO                                  |   |
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| 62. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Do you support increased funding to develop affordable housing?   |
| 63. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?<br>** I support giving incentives for providing low-income housing as opposed to mandating a certain percentage of homes be provided as low-income housing. |
| 64. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund to build, rehabilitate and preserve at least 1.5 million units of primarily rental, primarily deeply targeted housing?   |
| 65. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?  |
| 66. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Do you favor increased federal aid to public education?   |
| 67. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?  |
| 68. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Are the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act the most effective way to advance student achievement?   |

ESSAY      If not, what plan would you propose?  
                 \*\*I favor local control. I believe local school districts know what their schools need to be successful. A one size fits all approach for education nationwide is not the answer. I believe in increasing federal money for education, but I do not support imposing mandates on schools at the federal level.

### **Law, Justice, and Correctional System**

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| 69. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Do you support: admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?           |
| 70. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | electronic eavesdropping? ** With proper court supervision, or warrant. |
| 71. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | roving wiretaps?  |

72.   capital punishment?  
 \*\*I believe we must continue the moratorium on capital punishment. We must reform our judicial system so we do not commit further mistakes that lead to wrongful convictions and executions. I support all further studies until a consensus can be reached.
73.   criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?  
 \*\* This should be at the discretion of the judge. Each case should be evaluated individually to ensure a fair trial.
74.  X mandatory sentencing?
75. X  criminalization of hate crimes?
76. X  Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
77.  X Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
78. X  Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
79.   Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals?
- ESSAY Please explain your position.  
 \*\* I must see legislation.
80. X  Do you support legislation banning torture and inhuman treatment of detainees under US control?
81.   Do you support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of handguns?  
 \*\*While I support an individual's 2nd Amendment rights, I believe this issue is best left to local governments.
82. X  assault weapons?

- Do you support legislation
83.    **YES**    **NO**  
       X            mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
84.    X            increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
85.    **ESSAY**    What restrictions, if any, should Congress enact or repeal regarding the scope of federally funded legal services for the poor?  
                       \*\*I believe we must have some legal services available to the poor for certain criminal and civil cases. However, I would need to see legislation.

**Civil Liberties and Civil Rights**

86.    **YES**    **NO**  
               Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?  
                       \*\*I believe in repealing *provisions* of the Patriot Act.
87.        X        Do you support repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
88.    X            Do you support federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
89.    X            repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?
90.        X        a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?
91.    X            Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
92.        X        Do you support prior government restraint of the press?



- |      | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b>                |  |
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| 103. | X          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you favor giving federal employees the right to strike?   |
| 104. | X          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts?  |
| 105. | X          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support legislation to restructure the wage scale of federal employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?  |
| 106. | X          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support a federal living wage law to guarantee that a person working forty hours a week would be able to afford housing, food, utilities, transportation and health care?   |
| 107. | X          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you support legislation that would require companies to post job openings before filing a request to fill the position with a nonimmigrant H1-B and would recalculate prevailing wages to equal those competed for under EEOC guidelines? |
| 108. | X          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would you support legislation to prevent labor agencies from outsourcing, leasing or subcontracting H1-Bs as long term temps?  |