

## IVI-IPO 2006 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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**NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED:** 3,800 **NUMBER REQUIRED:** 890

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

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

2002 - Current Local School Council Henry J. Clissold Elementary School

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

none

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

Assistant State's Attorney Office Cook County State's Attorney Office (on leave)

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

Carbrini-Green Tutoring Program

St. Susanna Homeless Shelter, Harvey, Il

Crescent Park Civic Association

Beverly Ridge Homeowners Association

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

Majored in Political Science and History, Minor in Philosophy and Theology

Harvard University Model United Nations

Congressional Intern

Spent six months in Mexico studying language and culture

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

Senator Richard Durbin Research Director, Deputy Research Director, Deputy Press Secretary, Advance

Jim Burns for Governor Press Secretary

John Somerville Aldermanic Candidate 19th Ward (vs Ginger Rugai)

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

**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?

My views are the closest to IVI-IPO positions. I believe we should bring our troops home from Iraq, protect a women’s right to choose and guarantee universal healthcare for all Americans.

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

\$400,000 budget. First Federal Filling period \$55,000

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

8 on staff. 100 volunteers

Kurth Lampe (Kitty Kurth & Kevin Lampe) General & Media Consultants

Lake Research Partners (Celinda lake & Bob Meadow) Pollster

Rodriguez Communications Group

Mia Phifer Fundraiser

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

<b>Foreign and Military</b>		
1.	ESSAY	<p>What should be the US role in multi-national alliances such as the UN, NATO and the International Criminal Court?</p> <p><i>The US should honor multi-national alliances such as the UN, NATO and the International Criminal Court.</i></p>
2.	ESSAY	<p>What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?</p> <p><i>We should forgive debt and provide aid in a manner that is culturally and geographically appropriate.</i></p>
3.	ESSAY	<p>What should be Congress’ role in formulating foreign policy?</p> <p><i>Congress should play a vital role in the formation of foreign policy, especially considering Congress’ control of foreign aid funding.</i></p>
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Should the US adopt a timetable for withdrawal of our troops from Iraq?	
	ESSAY	<p>If so, within what timeframe?</p> <p><i>I support the timetable laid out by Congressman Murtha.</i></p>

4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?
5.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation giving Governors veto power over deployment of their National Guard units overseas? <i>Except in wars legally declared by Congress</i>
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	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>We should spend more money on domestic priorities such as healthcare and education while safeguarding the health and welfare of our soldiers.</i>
7.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support funding to assist conversion of the defense industry to civilian applications?
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
	ESSAY		What would you change? <i>Many of the tools given to law enforcement officials to combat illegal drugs are not focused on preventing use or sale by the most destructive participants in the drug trade. For example, the federal government has imposed very long mandatory sentences on people convicted of possession or trafficking of narcotics, but too often those at the top of the illegal drug distribution pyramid manage to plea-bargain their way to lighter sentences. Yet, the top of the distribution pyramid directs and controls most of the violence associated with the drug trade.</i> <i>On the other end of the spectrum, the current system of criminal sanctions deters only those people who occasionally abuse illegal drugs. However, the sanctions available to prosecutors and judges do not really deter drug addicts from seeking out illegal drugs. Addicts, however, drive the demand for illegal drugs.</i> <i>The evils associated with illegal drug use in this country are most effectively addressed by focusing on deterrence and punishment for dealer at the top of the drug distribution chain who condone and approve violence; and by increasing treatment options to addicts who drive the demand for illegal drugs.</i>
			Do you support
10.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	normalization of relations with Cuba? <i>Only after international human rights violations have been adequately addressed.</i>

11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	the Helms-Burton Act?
<b>Energy &amp; Environment</b>			
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support pollution credit schemes?
14.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation establishing a national Energy Efficiency Resource Standard to set energy-saving targets for utilities?
15.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2005?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support legislation to increase revenue sources by removing federal land use regulations from federal land claims?
<b>Transportation</b>			
			Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	infrastructure improvements?
18.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	highways?
19.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	mass transit?
20.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	high-speed rail?
21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Amtrak? <i>I support increased Amtrak subsidies, however.</i>
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Air transportation? <i>I support federal funding for airports.</i>
	ESSAY		Please explain your answers
<b>Taxes and Economic Policy</b>			
			Do you favor

23.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a more progressive income tax?
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a flat tax?
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a national sales tax?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction of the capital gains tax?
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction or elimination of the estate tax?
28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	elimination of the corporate alternative tax?
29.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	tax cuts on stock dividends?
30.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		any other changes in our tax structure?
	ESSAY		Please explain. <i>We need to close corporate tax loopholes</i>
31.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor a roll-back of the Bush tax cuts?
32.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support cutbacks in discretionary spending to fund Katrina rebuilding efforts?
33.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support any privatization of the Social Security fund?
	ESSAY		Please explain. <i>Social Security was and is a vital safety net for Americans that must be guarded from the risks of the marketplace.</i>
34.	ESSAY		What is your position on federal deficit spending vs. balanced budget? <i>We should work to balance the budget. We must reduce the deficit. Deficit reduction will reduce interest payments thus making those funds available for vital federal programs.</i>
35.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation that prevents federal contractors and federally funded state agencies from using offshore facilities in the execution of a contract?
<b>Consumer Rights</b>			
			Do you support

36.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning the use of Social Security numbers as identification in consumer transactions?
37.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to cap interest rates on consumer loans? <i>Credit card revolving charges and so-called "payday" loans.</i>
38.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
39.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?
<b>Government and Ethics</b>			
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support term limits?
			Do you support
41.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of Congressional campaigns?
42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	spending limits? <i>Except to the extent allowed by Buckley v. Valeo.</i>
43.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	abolition of PACs?
44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?
	ESSAY		Why or why not? Congress should have federal oversight to stop waste and corruption
45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support patronage?
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>			
46.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
47.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 <i>We need to make sure sick people get the drugs they need - safely and efficiently.</i>
			Do you support
49.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal funding for stem cell research?
50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	legislation prohibiting stem cell research?
			Do you support
51.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	the Human Life Amendment?
52.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Freedom of Choice Act?
53.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion?
54.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions? <i>Not unless it provides protections for the life and health of the pregnant woman.</i>
56.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?
			Do you favor increased funding for:
57.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
58.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	food stamp allowances?
59.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Start?
60.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?  <i>They need access to above listed programs.</i>
	YES	NO	

			Do you support
62.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased funding to develop affordable housing?
63.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?
64.	X	<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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?
			Do you favor
66.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased federal aid to public education?
67.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?
68.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	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>A system where improvement is measured by individual gains not arbitrary national quotas.</i>
<b>Law, Justice, and Correctional System</b>			
			Do you support:
69.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
70.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	electronic eavesdropping? <i>Except with a warrant upon a finding of probable cause.</i>
71.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	roving wiretaps? <i>Except with a warrant upon a finding of probable cause.</i>
72.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment? <i>Answering this question is inappropriate, given my duties as a prosecutor.</i>
73.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? <i>Except in extraordinary circumstances involving minors over 13.</i>
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	mandatory sentencing?
75.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminalization of hate crimes?
76.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?

77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
78.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
79.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. There must be Congressional oversight of this process.
80.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning torture and inhuman treatment of detainees under US control?
			Do you support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
81.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	handguns? <i>I support a ban on so-called "Saturday Night Specials."</i>
82.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
			Do you support legislation
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
83.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
84.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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>They should provide funding for legal aid. Everyone deserves legal representation.</i>
<b>Civil Liberties and Civil Rights</b>			
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
86.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions? <i>We need Judicial safeguards to protect civil rights and liberties.</i>

87.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
			Do you support
88.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
89.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act? <i>On the federal level, I believe that the US Constitution governs this matter.</i>
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?
			Do you support
91.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
			Do you support
92.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	prior government restraint of the press?
			Do you support
93.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	NEA funding for controversial artists whose work is considered by a peer-review committee to have artistic merit?
			Do you support
94.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	prayer in public schools? <i>I do not support mandatory prayer in public schools.</i>
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	moment of silence? <i>I do not support a mandatory moment of silence in public schools without adequate guarantees that teachers cannot proselytize and impose their religious beliefs on the students.</i>
			Do you support
96.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	mandatory drug testing in private employment? <i>Except for some positions involving public safety (e.g., airline pilots).</i>
97.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	in public employment? <i>Except for some positions involving public safety (e.g., air traffic controllers, policemen.)</i>
			Do you support
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
			Do you support
99.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
			Do you support
100.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?

<b>Labor</b>			
101.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?
102.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
103.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving federal employees the right to strike? <i>Except for employees essential to public safety.</i>
104.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts? <i>I support programs designed to increase the number of employees from minority groups, and the number of contracts and grants given to minorities without the use of numeric quotas.</i>
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?