

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.
- **Chairman, Beverly-Morgan Park Community Watch Program, 1989-1992**
- B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.
- **Republican nominee for Mayor of Chicago, 1995**
 - **Republican nominee for Alderman, 19th Ward, 1999**
 - **Republican nominee for U.S. Congress, 1st District, 2000, 2002, 2004**
- C) What is your primary occupation?
- **Retired Entertainer and veteran**
- D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.
- **Member, American Legion, present**
 - **Manager, Neighborhood Watch, 1989-1995**
 - **Member, VFW, 2001**
 - **Member, 2nd Degree, Masons**
- E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?
- **Studied vocational theater at Goodman theater**
 - **As a professional actor and director, I know how to coordinate team efforts**
 - **Thrice nominated for U.S. Congress – far more experienced than incumbent in running a campaign**
- F) What candidates have you supported? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.
- **Endorsed & Campaigned for Dr. Kathuria for U.S. in 2004 primary election (IVI-IPO endorsed Kathuria as well in that election cycle)**
 - **Supported & Campaigned for Rhys Reed for State Treasurer in 2002**
 - **Endorsed & Campaigned for John McCain for President in 2000 primary election**
- G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.
Many examples, including:
- **JOHN MCCAIN, U.S. Senator from Arizona**
 - **DENNIS COOK, Exploratory Republican Candidate for 3rd District, 2006**
 - **THE VETERANS VOTING BLOC – Illinois Chapter**
 - **CAPITOL WATCH**
 - **REP. HISPANIC ASSEMBLY OF COOK COUNTY**

- 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?
The only other “Republican” candidate in this race is described by politics1.com as being a “neo-Nazi activist”. In this day and age, it is belong the pale that ANY party would nominate a fascist Nazi sympathizer. I am the ONLY mainstream Republican candidate in this race. I am not a Chicago machine “plant” like the last “Republican” candidate was suspected of being in 2004. I am Independent from political ties, owe no favors to anyone, and I am committed to reform and integrity in Republican Party.
- I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?
Several hundred dollars thus far. Contributions are ongoing. I do not take money from corporations or special interests, only individuals, so I answer only to the people. Please inquire further during interview.
- J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?
Half a dozen regular campaign staffers and a pool of 20-30 occasional 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 agree whole heartedly with Dr. Kathuria’s assessment in 2004, in which he told the IVI-IPO: “International alliances such as those listed above can provide great aid for humanitarian and charitable missions around the globe. At the same time, it is important the U.S. does not act as an aggressor towards far-flung nations because various individuals in these organizations want us to be the world’s policeman. The UN was a wise and prudent creation that must return to its roots. The United States should continue to fund the UN if they work towards noble goals.” The U.N. and NATO are in need of reform to enhance their effectiveness on the world stage. I want to mend, not end, our involvement in these organizations.
2. ESSAY What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?
We should be cautions about handing over our monetary sovereignty to global organizations that are not in the best interests of social justice or the environment. That said, I would be willing to help the IMF/World Bank create programs to sustain such countries but a long-term solution to get them back on their feet would have to be planned out first with the long-term consent of all parties involved.
3. ESSAY What should be Congress’ role in formulating foreign policy?
The buck stops at the capitol building. The constitution gives congress the sole power in regards to most foreign policy issues, including the grave decision to declare war.

ESSAY

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

If so, within what timeframe?

I don’t believe we should set a “timetable” in terms of an exact date, but rather, we should have a exit goal that would require specific safeguards to be in place to ensure Iraq is capable of self-governing and then require mandatory withdrawal of U.S. forces as soon as this goal is meet. The President says he does not indeed for troops to be there forever but he is being intentionally vague

about when the “freedom” will be completed, something he criticized President Clinton for doing back in 2000. We should certainly accomplish a sustainable Iraq by the 2008 election.

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

NO.

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

NO. It’s called the NATIONAL guard for a reason. The federal government has no business ordering state militias around, and Governor’s have no business telling national guard units where they can’t go.

ESSAY

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

If you agree, explain. If you disagree, how would you distribute the funds?

NO. Spending is out of control We are focused too much on spending billions on overseas operations instead of protecting our borders at home and improves the lives of disabled veteran’s here. It is a national disgrace. \$1 should be spent here for every dollar spent in Iraq, and we need to cut other non-defense spending greatly. Remember the Marshall plan after World War II? We need a Marshall plan back at home.

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

Civilian application is always preferable to more government buearucrats. The private sector is the key to cutting down too much government in our lives.

8. Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?

NO.

ESSAY

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

What would you change?

NO. The “war on drugs” has been a failure at the federal level. We should decriminalize marijuana for medical use, and take the “war on drugs” out the federal government’s hands and get some effective state and local juristrictions to provide harsh sentences to violent drug dealers and so on.

9. Do you support normalization of relations with Cuba?

NO.

10. the Helms-Burton Act?

NO.

Energy & Environment

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

Alaska, YES. “Other protecting Wilderness”, please cite specific locations. In the great lakes, NO.

12. Do you support pollution credit schemes?

NO.

13. Do you support legislation establishing a national Energy Efficiency Resource Standard to set energy saving targets for utilities?

UNDECIDED. Sounds like an intriguing idea.

15. Do you support the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2005?

YES

16. Do you support legislation to increase revenue sources by removing federal land use regulations from federal land claims?

YES.

Transportation

17. Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for infrastructure improvements?

NO. Equal authority exists on the federal, state, and local levels.

18. highways?

YES

19. mass transit?

YES

20. high-speed rail?

NO

21. Amtrak?

NO.

22. Air transportation?

YES

ESSAY Please explain your answers

Highways deal with instate commerce. Air transportation deal with international flight issues. The jurisdiction is clearly more of a responsibility with the feds. Other transportation, such as the MetraRail, is 90% a northeastern Illinois issue except in rare cases when they stop in Wisconsin and Indiana.

Taxes and Economic Policy

Do you favor

23. a more progressive income tax?

NO.

24. a flat tax?

NO.

25. a national sales tax?

YES.

26. reduction of the capital gains tax?

NO.

27. reduction or elimination of the estate tax?

YES

28. elimination of the corporate alternative tax?

YES

29. tax cuts on stock dividends?

NO

30. any other changes in our tax structure?

ESSAY Please explain.

I am a supporter of the fair tax. It is a smarter, simpler, more progressive way for the federal government to collect revenue that the current nightmarish IRS forms. Most states have a progressive sales tax system – why not the feds?

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

NO. The cuts given to the middle class and working class, for instance, should be maintained.

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

YES

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

ESSAY Please explain.

As a senior citizen myself, I have more credibility on this issue than my opponent. It is one of my top priorities in Congress. I strongly oppose efforts to completely privatize the social security trust fund. Social Security was our promise to seniors that they would have fiscal stability in their old age, and we need to make sure social security remains viable in the future.. I support efforts to reform social security but I oppose all efforts to change the current status of social security benefits for today's seniors.

34. ESSAY What is your position on federal deficit spending vs. balanced budget?

The currently “fiscally conservative” Congress is anything but what they claim. Republicans must return to their roots. Increased federal spending must be done at responsible levels. We need to return Congress to the kind of balanced budget we had in the 90s and support a balanced budget amendment.

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

UNDECIDED.

Consumer Rights

Do you support

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

YES.

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

NO.

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

NO.

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

YES

Government and Ethics

39. Do you support term limits?

YES

- Do you support
41. public financing of Congressional campaigns?
NO.
42. spending limits?
YES.
43. abolition of PACs?
NO
44. Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?
YES.

ESSAY Why or why not?

Good government reform demands rooting out corruption wherever it occurs. The high profile level of changes and allegations at the government in recent years is a call for action. As a Republican, I am also confident that a well constructed oversight committee will find that many Democrats, as well as Republicans, are to blame for these problems and we can weed out the contractors who deserve the job vs. those who are only their to line their pockets and enrich others.

45. Do you support patronage?
Absolutely NO. I am sick and tired of half our “public servants” getting the job solely because they are someone’s son or daughter. In this campaign, it even applies to the incumbent Congressmen and my likely rival in November.

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?
No. Canada has universal health care and they wait years to receive the best treatment, and end up paying out of their own pocket to get a doctor here when the situation is critical. I believe that everyone has a right to healthcare but the smart way to do it is creating a plan for every American to afford high quality private health care By using the tax credit vouchers or giving them assured the right to buy private health insurance, that's the way to move them into the system.. We need to make it easier for seniors in America to access more affordable, but safe, prescription drugs from Canada. We need to make sure our children and seniors have good health care coverage. We have to make family health care more affordable and realize that dollars spent on prevention will return benefits many times over in the future with savings on more expensive operations. We should expand COBRA so that laid off workers will always have the option to continue coverage at their employer’s rate. More dollars must be released for Medicaid so that our senior citizens, whose money has run out, still have adequate funding for skilled nursing home care. Small businesses are paying higher premiums for their employees. Ways must also be found to pool small businesses into larger buying groups, thereby bringing down the cost of insuring employees.
46. Should the FDA approve importation of drugs from countries whose manufacturing and safety standards are equal or superior to those in the US?
YES
47. Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services?

YES

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

I agree with the President on this issue. To quote from his state of the union address: "Today, on the continent of Africa, nearly 30 million people have the AIDS virus, including 3 million children under the age of 15. There are whole countries in Africa where more than one-third of the adult population carries the infection. More than 4 million require immediate drug treatment. Yet across that continent, only 50,000 AIDS victims -- only 50,000 -- are receiving the medicine they need. Because the AIDS diagnosis is considered a death sentence, many do not seek treatment. Almost all who do are turned away. A doctor in rural South Africa describes his frustration. He says, "We have no medicines, many hospitals tell people, 'You've got AIDS. We can't help you. Go home and die'." In an age of miraculous medicines, no person should have to hear those words.... I propose the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, a work of mercy beyond all current international efforts to help the people of Africa. This comprehensive plan will prevent 7 million new AIDS infections, treat at least 2 million people with life-extending drugs and provide humane care for millions of people suffering from AIDS and for children orphaned by AIDS. I ask the Congress to commit \$15 billion over the next five years, including nearly \$10 billion in new money, to turn the tide against AIDS in the most afflicted nations of Africa and the Caribbean."

Do you support

48. federal funding for stem cell research?

YES. There are many promising developments in medical research using stem cells, such as umbilical cord cells and adult skin cells. I support federal funding for all stem cell research, except when it involves destroying human embryos

49. legislation prohibiting stem cell research?

NO, unless the legislation is solely to prohibit embryonic stem cell research.

Do you support

50. the Human Life Amendment?

YES.

52. The Freedom of Choice Act?

NO.

53. parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion?

YES.

54. restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?

YES.

55. a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?

YES.

56. insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?

NO.

Do you favor increased funding for:

57. supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?

YES.

58. food stamp allowances?

YES.

59. Head Start?

YES.

60. school lunch programs?

YES.

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?

Basic human services and dignity should of course be provided, including access to food, shelter, and clothing. Emergency medical care would also be provided on a needed basis. I would work to ensure every effort was made to move individual from welfare to workfare under these circumstances. I also believe it's important that state and local agencies chip in on the costs of basic provisions.

Do you support

62. increased funding to develop affordable housing?

YES.

63. restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?

NO.

64. a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund to build, rehabilitate and preserve at least 1.5 million units of primarily rental, primarily deeply targeted housing?

YES.

65. protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?

YES.

Do you favor

66. increased federal aid to public education?

YES.

67. vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?

Previously supported, now UNDECIDED.

68. Are the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act the most effective way to advance student achievement?

NO.

ESSAY If not, what plan would you propose?

We don't need another mammoth federal "achievement" plan to come in and tell local schools whether they meet some criteria on the other side of the country. We need to diversify our achievement tests rather than just rely on the SAT and ACT to determine college fitness and we need to encourage more home schooling and smaller classroom size to ensure each student gets the individual attention they deserve.

Law, Justice, and Correctional System

Do you support:

69. admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?

NO.

70. electronic eavesdropping?
NO, not on the domestic front.

71. roving wiretaps?
NO, not on the domestic front.

72. capital punishment?
In circumstances such as terrorism and dangerous murderers, YES.

73. criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
YES.

74. mandatory sentencing?
YES

75. criminalization of hate crimes?
YES

76. Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
YES

77. Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
NO.

78. Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
YES.

79. Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals?
ESSAY Please explain your position.

Military tribunals should not be secret. If someone is truly guilty of heinous human rights violations and terrorism, let the public see for themselves what a vicious war criminal they are and the court of public opinion will support their conviction. The Nuremberg trials weren't a secret, were they?

80. Do you support legislation banning torture and inhuman treatment of detainees under US control?
YES. I support the McCain plan.

Do you support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of

81. handguns?
NO.

82. assault weapons?
YES.

Do you support legislation

83. mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
YES

84. increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?

YES

85. ESSAY What restrictions, if any, should Congress enact or repeal regarding the scope of federally funded legal services for the poor?

Services should be accessible to U.S. citizens.

Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

86. Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?

REPEAL, NO. REFORM, YES.

87. Do you support repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?

I support REPEAL.

88. Do you support federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?

YES

89. repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?

NO

90. a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?

YES

91. Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?

NO, grave hate crimes could be committed against openly gay recruits and such a bill could endanger their safety.

92. Do you support prior government restraint of the press?

I strongly support freedom of the press.

93. Do you support NEA funding for controversial artists whose work is considered by a peer-review committee to have artistic merit?

It depends on the individual circumstance. Controversial can mean though-provoking and challenging to the establishment or just crass and disgusting without any "message"

Do you support

94. prayer in public schools?

On an individual basis, but not group prayer

95. moment of silence?

YES

Do you support mandatory drug testing

96. in private employment?

NO

97. in public employment?

YES

98. Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?

UNDECIDED

99. Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?

YES. Who wouldn't?

100. Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?

Not as written.

Labor

101. Do you support repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?

Undecided.

102. Do you support a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?

YES.

103. Do you favor giving federal employees the right to strike?

YES.

104. Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts?

I support affirmative action but I am against quotas.

105. 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?

YES.

106. 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?

YES.

107. 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?

YES.

108. Would you support legislation to prevent labor agencies from outsourcing, leasing or subcontracting H1-Bs as long term temps?

YES

Family Man.
Disabled Veteran.
Community Activist.
Benevolent Leader.

All of these phrases describe Raymond G. Wardingley, although you wouldn't know it from the kind of coverage he gets in the media. With overemphasis on his multiple campaigns and his charity work as a clown, the media misses the whole picture and the motivation that drives these passions. The man behind the headlines has quite a fascinating life story.

The Ray Wardingley Story: His Biography

Raymond G. Wardingley was born in the heart of depression-era Chicago, one of twelve children in a working class family. Unlike his opponent, Ray has spent his whole life living in the Chicago area (rather than the last two years) and knows this region like the back of his hand. Ray was raised with strong Christian values, and attended St. Patrick's Grammar School on Chicago's south side. He graduated from Mendel Catholic High School in the 1950s, when the school was new and Chicago was still growing like wildfire.

The Democrats seem to have a 2006 campaign theme of running "veterans" for Congress who parade around accusing Republicans of being "chicken hawks", but in this election, the roles are reversed. Unlike his opponent, Ray volunteered for the military and served America honorably in the Air Force several decades ago. During those years, Ray's hearing was damaged in the service of country--being a disabled vet has shown Ray the plights of other veterans in situations far worse than him; and he has vowed to help Veterans should he have the honor of serving in Congress.

Ray Wardingley is also an retired entertainer, unlike the typical drab career politician He studied at the distinguished Goodman Theater for one year, where his college training turned Ray into a successful, self-man entertainer. Since 1962, Ray has entertained huge crowds and remains a feisty humorist and speaker. In fact, Ray's background in entertainment brought him into the limelight as well. He once led a roller-skating rally from Chicago to Springfield to raise awareness and funds for children with Leukemia. And his so-called "clown act" was done not only for charity but brought joy to hundreds of sick children. Due to his deceive leadership in raising money for St. Jude's hospital; Ray received two awards from the State of Illinois.<>

Community activism is also on Ray's resume. From 1989 to 1992, Ray headed the Neighborhood Watch program in the Beverly-Morgan area, where Ray fought

crime on a firsthand basis and realized the tough measures that need to be passed to control it and protect law-abiding citizens. font>

Political activism, formerly a lark for Ray, became a serious endeavor when he won a surprise upset in the 1995 mayoral primary. With a victory over a much better known Republican party insider, Chicago Republicans voters gave Ray a mandate to be their standard bearer against the incumbent machine. While Ray did not have the name recognition to reverse 60 years of Democratic rule, he nevertheless made an impressive showing in the race and received thousands of votes. In 1999 both and in the early 2000s, Ray was nominated for Alderman as well as Congress in overwhelmingly Democrat districts. Ray ran the first active general election campaign in years and received high profile endorsements from groups like CapitolWatch, The Cook County Hispanic Assembly and state Senator Patrick O'Malley. He went on to nearly defeated his Democrat opponent in an one-party city when an early CNN exit poll nearly claimed him as the victor in 2002. All of this occurred in a city where George W. Bush and other Republicans routinely get 17% of the vote or less. .

When the state's Congressional map was redistricted in the early 2000s, Ray found them in the state's third district rather than the first, even though he never changed locations. Ray remained active, co-founding C.R.O.S.S. (Co-alition for Restoring Social Standards) in 2003 and made headlines for petitioning for the excommunication of Catholic politicians who vote against their own church's non-negotiable moral positions. His Eminence Cardinal Francis George has taken the drive very seriously and recently issued an order to parish priests to refuse communion to one such group, a major victory for C.R.O.S.S. In 2005, Ray also became involved with the I.C.R.C. (Illinois Center Right Coalition) working for various reform efforts such as the effort to return the Illinois state legislature to a part-time system and save tax payers millions of dollars. Ray is also writing an autobiography. In the meantime, he has filed for Congress again in response to the outrage over the previous Congressman installing his son through less than ethnical means. Ray has pledged to fight for the voters of the third District who demand new leadership. Unlike career politicians, Ray never got a cent from special interest groups-- he's even spent his own social security and veteran's check on the campaign to make up the difference. As always, Ray believes in a cause greater than himself.

Today, Ray is retired and continues to reside in the Beverly Hills community with his wife, Karen.