

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>Alderman, 29th Ward</i>	<i>1979-1990</i>
<i>Cook County Commissioner, 1st District</i>	<i>1990-1996</i>
<i>Ward Committeeman 29th Ward</i>	<i>1984-2000</i>
<i>Democratic State Central Committeeman, 7th District, IL</i>	<i>1998-present</i>
<i>Board Member, National Corporation for Housing Partnerships</i>	<i>1994-1996</i>
<i>U.S. Congressman, 7th District</i>	<i>1997-present</i>

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

Mayor, City of Chicago

C) What is your primary occupation?

Member of Congress

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

Since 1979 I have devoted my full time to public service. I have been active in supporting causes, issues and constituencies which I feel deeply about including such issues as peace and an end to the arms race, justice and equality for every member of our society, jobs with living wages for everyone who can work, quality, accessible health care for all, a quality education for every child, an end to discrimination because of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or indigence, protection of a woman=s right to choose, preservation of our environment, a fair taxation system, open, honest and participatory government and full involvement of the people in our democratic system. I believe in empowering people including active support for organizing people on their jobs into labor unions, in their neighborhoods into community organizations, and regionally into political and issue groups.

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 hold a Ph.D. in public administration. I have had productive careers in education, health planning and community organizing which have exposed me to a broad array of concerns and individuals which enabled me to grow and develop. In my time as an elected official I have had the opportunity to study many of the issues which face us locally, nationally and internationally up close and in depth. I have been able to travel and learn from the experiences of others across the country

and abroad. I have been fortunate in having the support and counsel of activists and leaders from many organizations which share parts of my philosophy, outlook and commitment.

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

Over the years I have supported dozens of candidates who I felt shared my views and commitment on the issues of the day. I was active in supporting Harold Washington for Mayor. I was co-chair of the Clinton-Gore Illinois campaign and the Carol Moseley-Braun campaign. I was co-chair of the Obama for Senate campaign. It is a matter of principle for me, and a matter that I take great pride in, that I have always chosen candidates to support based their views and record, and the best interests of the people.

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

List in formation.

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 respectfully request the IVI-IPO endorsement based on 1) the confluence of my views and those held to be central to the meaning and mission of IVI-IPO 2) my voting record in the Congress 3) My record as an elected official which has been recognized by IVI-IPO numerous times including as winner of the coveted Leon Despres Award 4) my activism and leadership on the many issues which IVI-IPO holds dear 5) the need for active, committed, honest and experienced leadership to build the peace, extend equality and justice, end poverty, racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, meet our nation=s needs for health care, education, civil, labor and human rights, honest and open government, protect the environment and stand up in the face of the attacks on the people by the ultra-right.

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

No budget has been set to date. My campaign fund has about \$350,000 on hand. My campaign finances may be inspected on the Federal Election Commission website: www.fec.gov

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

I have no paid campaign staff. There are hundreds of volunteers on my campaign lists.

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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?	
<p><i>I think we must look at each alliance in its context. I believe that the UN has the potential to play an important role in international relations in accordance with its charter: To maintain international peace and security; To develop friendly relations among nations; and To achieve international cooperation in solving economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian [problems] and in encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms. Its various agencies such as UNHCR (High Commissioner for Refugees), UNESCO (Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization), UNICEF (Children), FAO (Food and Agriculture), UNCTAD (Trade and Development) play an extremely valuable role in world affairs.</i></p> <p><i>The United Nations Security Council, while in need of modernization, plays an important role in World Diplomacy and maintenance of the peace. Our failure to utilize the potential of the United Nations for building consensus and coalitions essential to world peace and stability has been tragically highlighted in the Bush administration policy toward Iraq and our new, highly dangerous policy of pre-emptive military action. The potential for International Criminal Court has yet to be fully explored. However it is clear that there is an important role for the court in cases such as genocide. In the future its role may well include trafficking in weapons, environment, worker/child/human rights, the law of the sea and outer space and other issues.</i></p> <p><i>The future of NATO is more difficult to discern since its mission as a military bloc dedicated to containing communism seems irrelevant today. With the end of the cold war new possibilities for peaceful, productive relations between the nations of Europe have emerged along with new dangers of trade blocs and potential trade wars. We must carefully consider what kinds of organizations will facilitate exploration of the new possibilities and assuagement of the potential dangers.</i></p>			
2.	ESSAY	What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?	
<p><i>I support a policy of debt forgiveness for the Highly Indebted Nations and an end to the use of the IMF to enforce policies which cause massive reduction in quality of life on the respective populations in exchange for financial assistance.</i></p>			
3.	ESSAY	What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?	
<p><i>I believe that Congress must play the role assigned by the Constitution: Congress shall have Power To ... provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States ... To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations ... To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations ... To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water [and] ... To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers. In other words, Congress has a major responsibility for the development of foreign policy and must be an active participant in promulgating such policy.</i></p>			
	YES	NO	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should the US adopt a timetable for withdrawal of our troops from Iraq?
	ESSAY		If so, within what timeframe?
<i>As quickly as possible with all due regard for the safety of the troops.</i>			
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation giving Governors veto power over deployment of their National Guard units overseas?

6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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?
<p><i>I am supporting the Progressive Caucus legislation: the Common Sense Budget Act of 2005</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Increases federal investment in programs that build strong communities here and abroad,</i> ■ <i>At no additional expense to the American taxpayer,</i> ■ <i>Using \$60 billion of funds recouped by eliminating Pentagon spending on weapons systems designed to thwart the former Soviet Union which no longer exists,</i> ■ <i>Maintains America's ability to defend itself from terrorism or other threats.</i> <p><i>The resulting \$35 billion available annually for domestic human needs programs would be allocated to the states based on their population, so that every American community would benefit from these tradeoffs. This would result in over \$1.5 billion in additional investments in Illinois. This bill will serve as a cornerstone for the alternative budget work that the Progressive Caucus will coordinate with the Congressional Black Caucus and others in late winter when the House takes up the FY07 Concurrent Budget Resolution.</i></p>			
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support funding to assist conversion of the defense industry to civilian applications?
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
	ESSAY		What would you change?
<p><i>No. The war on drugs has been a disaster. It has resulted in mass incarceration, especially among African Americans. It has become a cover for support for right wing dictatorship abroad (Columbia for example). It has not reduced addiction. I support drug treatment on demand and I led the effort to place a successful referendum on this question on the ballot here in Illinois. I support reform of our laws on drug sentencing and expungement. I support expanded research on the causes and treatment of addiction. I support regulating nicotine by the food and drug administration</i></p>			
			Do you support
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	normalization of relations with Cuba?
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Helms-Burton Act?
Energy & Environment			
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support pollution credit schemes?
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation establishing a national Energy Efficiency Resource Standard to set energy-saving targets for utilities?
15.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2005?
	YES	NO	
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to increase revenue sources by removing federal land use regulations from federal land claims?
Transportation			
			Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for

17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	infrastructure improvements?
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	highways?
19.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mass transit?
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	high-speed rail?
21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amtrak?
22.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air transportation?
	ESSAY		Please explain your answers
<p><i>I favor the development of mass transit and high speed rail and have consistently supported expanded federal assistance in infrastructure improvements for them. I believe that mass transit, Amtrak, and high speed rail offer cheap, clean, safe, convenient alternatives to automobile travel if properly developed and operated and I support efforts to make Chicago a major hub for high speed rail. I have supported the most recent, limited proposal for a third airport put forth by Representative Jackson, Jr.</i></p>			
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in our tax structure?
	ESSAY		Please explain.
<p><i>The past few years have seen an unprecedented perversion of our tax system, shifting the burden of taxes from those most able to pay to poor and working people. Corporate welfare has continued to expand. The result has been recession, hardship, deficits, reductions in critical public services and new burdens for generations to follow us. I support a fundamental restructuring to make our tax system fair and progressive, end structural deficits, ensure the viability of Social Security, Medicare and the full array of public services and end corporate welfare. Such a restructuring would enable us to launch universal single-payer health care which would have a great impact, sharply reducing the long term deficit, and resolving some of the most thorny problems in labor relations facing workers today.</i></p>			
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.
<p><i>Social Security is probably the most successful public program in our nation's history. It is the main life line for seniors, widows and disabled American's and has served all Americans well. Social Security is our nation's promise to our seniors. Benefits have been paid on time and in full every single month for almost 70 years.</i></p> <p><i>Social Security is highly efficient. On average, less than 0.6 cents of every dollar paid out in Social Security benefits goes to pay administrative costs. By comparison, systems with individual accounts, like England and Chile cost 15 cents of every dollar paid out in benefits on administrative fees.</i></p> <p><i>Social Security has funding for at least another 36 years with no reduction in benefits. Even if we do nothing it has funds to pay 74% of all benefits after that (that would still be a higher benefit than current retirees receive). Social Security is more sound today than it has been in most of its almost 70 year history.</i></p> <p><i>Over the next 75 years, the cost of the Bush administration tax cuts for just the top 1% of the population would cover 91% of the shortfall in projected revenues in the Social Security Trust Fund according to the Trustees estimate (\$3.4 trillion out of \$3.7 trillion). Another way of judging the size of the shortfall: if the ceiling on Social Security taxes were raised to \$110,000 to cover 90% of wages (the level set by the Greenspan</i></p>			

Commission in 1983) it would eliminate approximately 40% of the projected shortfall. Still another way to judge the size of the shortfall: the increase in annual defense spending since 2001 (more than 1% of GDP) is almost twice the size of the projected shortfall.

I remain committed to the promise we made our seniors: now and in the future. I will oppose any attempts to cut benefits for our seniors. Privatization will undermine funding for Social Security and place beneficiaries at risk. I strongly oppose all attempts to privatize Social Security. I remain confident that with a little good will and honesty this Congress can ensure that Social Security will be solid for generations to come.

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

I generally favor balancing our federal budget except in times of war or recession when public spending is required to meet the needs of the people and the nation.

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

Consumer Rights

Do you support

36. **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

YES **NO**

40. **Do you support term limits?**

Do you support

41. **public financing of Congressional campaigns?**

42. **spending limits?**

43. **abolition of PACs?**

I support abolitions of PACs as soon as public financing is enacted

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

ESSAY **Why or why not?**

The waste and theft of billions of dollars by contractors in Iraq and to a lesser, but still very significant extent after Katrina once again confirms the urgent need, which I support for sharply stepped up oversight by Congress.

45. **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?**

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

48. **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>I support compulsory licensing where needed to address public health crises. Much, if not most of the basic research for these drugs is funded by the public and much, if not most of the cost of the consequences of lack of care will be borne by the public. It is logical, just and legal to require such licensing especially when the massive profits of the drug companies remains largely protected.</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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
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>I favor ending time limits until we have a system of guaranteed employment for all those able to work and income for those unable to work or work at reduced capacity.</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?
Law, Justice, and Correctional System			
			Do you support:

69.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
70.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
71.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
72.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
73.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
75.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminalization of hate crimes?
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
78.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
79.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
<i>I would support legislation prohibiting secret military tribunals which I view as inconsistent with our Constitution and with our basic notions of democracy and justice.</i>			
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	handguns?
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
			Do you support legislation
	YES	NO	
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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>Ifavor restoring the right of federally funded class action suits, and additional services for worker rights. I favor greatly increased resources for federally funded legal services for the poor to ensure that every one of our people has access to his or her full array of rights and protections under the law regardless of income.</i>			
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights			
	YES	NO	
86.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?
87.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
			Do you support
88.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?

90.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?
91.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
92.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support prior government restraint of the press?
93.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support 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?
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	moment of silence?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
96.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	in private employment?
97.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	in public employment?
			<i>Except in certain limited cases involving public safety.</i>
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
99.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
100.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
Labor			
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?
	YES	NO	
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?

