

**IVI-IPO 2006 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN 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.

Elected Cicero Township Committeeman 1998-2002

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

Cicero Town President Democratic Candidate 1997

C) What is your primary occupation?

Investigator, Cook County 1999-present

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

Cicero Township Regular Democratic Organization Committeeman

Loretto Hospital Citizens Advisory Board

Salvation Army, Cicero Chapter Advisory Board

Board of Governors of the United Way Community Chest of Cicero

Rotary Club of Cicero

Advisory Board of Latino Organizations of Berwyn/Cicero (L.O.B.O)

Board of Directors, Cicero Boys Club

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

MPA, Public Administration, DePaul University

BA, Political Science, Eastern Illinois University

Intergovernmental Executive Development Program, Chicago City Colleges

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

I have always supported the endorsed Democratic candidates and recently, I have supported two Independent candidates, Larry Dominick of the Cicero Voter's Alliance and Michael O'Conner of Berwyn in both their elections for mayor.

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

Hispanic American Labor Council

**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 should be endorsed for taking the town of Cicero from a one-party (Republican) to a two-party system of government which has emerged into a non-partisan government able to endorse the best candidate for the people.

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

The campaign budget is about \$10,000 for the primary election for committeeman of which \$1000 has been raised as of this date.

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

My campaign staff consists of four dedicated individuals:

Office Manager, Field Operations, Public Relations, Election Judge Coordinator

There are over 100 volunteers at this time, not including the 150 election judges.

## **IVI-IPO 2006 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2**

1. Currently, there is no provision in the law for replacing a ward or township Committeeman who leaves office during her/his term. Should there be such a mechanism and, if so, what mechanism should exist?

I believe that the membership of the organization should vote on who should replace a committeeman during his/her term.

2. What are your views on slating, the selection of candidates by the party or party committees prior to a primary or non-partisan elections? If you are opposed to slating, will you participate in slating sessions?

I believe that the slating process in non-existent, various caucuses take place prior to the date of slating and provides the candidates who are then endorsed I have and will continue to participate in the slating sessions, if only to be a vocal opposition to candidates that I feel unqualified.

3. Does a committeeman have a responsibility to support the party's candidates after they have been selected in a primary election?

It is always the committeeman's responsibility to support the party ID candidate and after the primary it is even more significant.

4. What could improve the current operation of the central committee of your party's Cook County organization?

The Central Committee of the Cook County Democratic Organization could be more inclusive of its various suburban committeemen.

5. What is your position on the current slate of your party's County organization?

Currently I belong to the Judicial Selection Subcommittee.

6. Have you or would you send letters to government officials soliciting jobs or promotions for individuals?

I believe that any individual who is seeking a job or a promotion should be chosen on their seniority, experience, and merit. I feel that sending letters to government officials soliciting jobs or promotions for individuals interferes with this process and may produce a mediocre employee, and mediocrity has no place in public service.

7. Have you formed or would you form a township organization? Discuss structure, meetings, membership, staff and budget.

I have formed a Cicero Township Organization which meets monthly, has officers, soliciting members and does fundraising.

8. How do you propose to finance your township operations?

Fundraising is the only method of financing the township's operations.

9. What plans do you have to enhance voter registration and voter turn out in your township?

Provide additional candidate information to the voting public by developing a website available to the voters on the individual candidates and events relating to the election.