

**IVI-IPO 2006 GUBERNATORIAL 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.

State Treasurer, State Senate, State Representative

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

C) What is your primary occupation?

State Treasurer

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

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

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

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

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

	YES	NO	Elections & Ethics
			Do you support:
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	moving the primary election date?
	ESSAY		If so, to what month?
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	keeping voters' political party preferences in the primary elections secret?
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reestablishing straight party voting in general elections?
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain.
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives?
	ESSAY		If so, please describe the plan you support.
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting?
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support changes in the way judges are selected?
	ESSAY		If so, please give a brief description of the system you support. <b><i>Public financing or Merit Selection</i></b>
8.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you believe that appointments to judicial vacancies should be based on nominations from local review panels?
	ESSAY		If not, would you recommend any changes in the current system? Please explain.
			Do you support:
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public financing of election campaigns?
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	limits on campaign contributions and political committee transfers?
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restricting campaign fundraising during legislative sessions?
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	limiting contributions to political campaigns by dollar amount or source?
			Do you support
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation to prohibit incumbency and political affiliation as criteria in the mapping process for Congressional, Legislative and local government electoral districts?
14.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly?
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently? <b><i>I would only on the stipulation that the compensation is less than 5 thousand dollars annually.</i></b>
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the State?
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees or outside contractors?

			<i>I will fight for campaign finance reform that prohibits such contributions. Until reform can be enacted, I must follow the rules already established.</i>
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. <i>I support employing the most qualified person for the job who shares my views of responsibility/ results oriented government.</i>
<b>Taxes and Economic Policy</b>			
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Do you support:
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	instituting a graduated income tax?
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding of education? <i>I believe we need to look at the problem before we discuss solutions.</i>
21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio in income taxes?
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support casino gambling in Cook County? <i>I do not believe it is right that Chicago is the only city prohibited from having casinos. I believe they should the same opportunity as others to bid on the 10<sup>th</sup> license.</i>
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded? <i>I do not favor the expansion of gambling.</i>
	ESSAY		If so, at which level and why?
			Do you support
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded private rights of action?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded rights of litigation?
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs?
28.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	provide for any other changes? Please specify.
			Do you support legislation
29.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	banning Pay Day loans?
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	banning or restricting ATM fees?
31.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	capping credit card interest rates?
32.	ESSAY		What are your economic development plans for Illinois?
<b>Education</b>			
33.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs?
34.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support vouchers or other means of public funding for private or parochial schools?
35.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position.

<b>Civil Rights &amp; Civil Liberties</b>			
36.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action? <i>I support diversity in the workplace; however, I oppose quotas.</i>
37.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
			Do you favor legislation
38.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	legalizing civil marriage between two people of the same gender?
39.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	providing legal recognition of domestic partnerships? <i>Individuals should be able to enter into contracts and the government should recognize those contracts.</i>
40.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibiting discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together?
41.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	for public sector employees? <i>I feel that mandatory drug testing is needed for some public safety positions.</i>
43.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	for private sector employees? <i>I feel that mandatory drug testing is needed for some public safety positions.</i>
	ESSAY		Under what circumstances?
44.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause?
45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation to include data on pedestrian, as well as motor vehicle, stops by police for the purpose of gathering statistics on racial profiling?
46.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support amending current racial profiling legislation to add collection of data on persons of Middle Eastern origin? <i>I'm against discrimination but I do feel that we need to allow Law Enforcement to have discretion when concerning homeland security issues.</i>
47.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees?
48.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
<b>Labor</b>			
49.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of state employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth? <i>I have never viewed a plan that satisfactorily remedied the disparity.</i>
50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support privatization of state services?
	ESSAY		If so, which services?

51.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not? <i>Only if contracting with the in-state contractors was not cost effective for the state of Illinois.</i>
52.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the right of public employees to strike?
53.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment? <i>I do not support tying the hands of those on either side when considering employment disputes.</i>
54.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support family leave legislation for employees of private companies not currently covered by federal law? <i>Unless the size of the company makes it impractical.</i>
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers? <i>Minimum wage should just be a bridge to providing the training &amp; job skills to move people into better paying positions.</i>
56.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors?
57.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws?
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>			
58.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Will you support a single-payer health plan for Illinois?
	ESSAY		If so, how would Medicaid be incorporated into the program you support?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
59.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients?
60.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support: legislation which would guarantee that abortion remains legal in Illinois, to the extent it is currently available, in the event of Roe v. Wade being overturned or diminished?
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Medicaid funding for abortions?
62.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	insurance coverage of abortions for state employees?
63.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	parental consent/notification for minors seeking abortions?
64.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning so-called partial-birth abortions?
65.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify.
66.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you increase appropriations to the Department of Children and Family Services to increase the number of caseworkers? <i>I will assess the caseload being handled by the Department of Children and Family Services. Unlike the current Governor, I will not raid the funds that are designated to protect children in violent homes.</i>
67.	ESSAY		What services, if any, would you offer to those whose time on Welfare has run out and do

			not have adequate income to support themselves and their families? <i>I believe there is a need to allow for an extension on a case by case basis where individuals may have had extraordinary circumstances or where the unemployment rate of a certain area makes attaining employment unfeasible.</i>
<b>Housing</b>			
68.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor legislation banning housing discrimination against holders of Section 8 vouchers? <i>I oppose all discrimination in housing and would therefore oppose such in a situation where the voucher is of an equal amount to the advertised market rate of the property.</i>
			Would you support legislation
69.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units? <i>Yes, with exception given to situations deemed as legitimate emergencies.</i>
70.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions?
<b>Energy &amp; Environment</b>			
71.	ESSAY		What criteria would you implement in selecting members of the public utilities and insurance commissions? <i>Exhibiting judicial temperament, a fair and impartial outlook, personal integrity.</i>
72.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support an elected ICC?
73.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois institute a Renewable Portfolio Standard requiring all energy providers in Illinois to sell minimum amounts of their energy from renewable sources?
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois adopt the International Energy Conservation Code for residential buildings?
75.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support guarantees in the Great Lakes Annex Compact if to restrict out-of-basin diversion of Great Lakes waters?
76.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation that would provide state technical assistance funds to local communities to help them prepare and implement comprehensive smart growth plans to avoid the costs of rapid unplanned growth and urban sprawl?
77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation requiring registration and monitoring of confined feedlot waste treatment/disposal and licensing of third party waste haulers?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
			Do you support
78.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of O'Hare airport?
79.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which?
80.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	building a new airport in Peotone?
			Do you support
81.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	inter-city high speed rail?
82.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the current formula for allocation of funds to CTA, Metra and PACE?
<b>Criminal Justice</b>			

			Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
83.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	handguns?
84.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons? <i>I would support a ban on Fully Automatic Weapons.</i>
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
			Do you support
85.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
86.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation permitting the licensing of concealed weapons? <i>I would agree to the licensing of concealed weapons for Law Enforcement or those with a public safety need.</i>
87.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements? <i>I feel the current laws are sufficient.</i>
			Do you support:
88.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
89.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults? <i>I believe it would require consideration of the age at which the crime was committed and the specific crime which was committed.</i>
90.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
91.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing? <i>I feel these could be legitimate options for some non-violent acts.</i>
92.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
93.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping? <i>I would support electronic eavesdropping for some public safety purposes with probably cause.</i>
94.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps? <i>I would support roving wiretaps for some public safety purposes with probably cause.</i>
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you favor continuation of the current moratorium on capital punishment in Illinois?
	ESSAY		If not, how would you address the inequities enumerated in the report of the Commission on the Death Penalty? <i>I feel one technique to address inequities would be utilization of means such as the Capital Litigation Fund I established in the State Treasurers Office which allows for defendants to have the means to have adequate representation and resources to assure a fair trial. Another option would examine allowing judges the ability to evaluate and overturn death sentences in instances where NO DNA evidence has been established that links a defendant to the case.</i>