

IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

DATE: 1/15/06 **DISTRICT:** 26th Representative **PARTY:** Democratic

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 2,500 **NUMBER REQUIRED:** 500

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

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

Delegate to 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004 Democratic National Conventions.

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

None.

C) What is your primary occupation?

Full-time state legislator.

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

I served on the boards of the following organizations: Woodlawn Organization (1999-present), Human Resources Development Institute, Inc. (1999-present), Lakeside Community Committee (1999-present), and Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. (1999-present). I have also served as a member of the St. Ambrose school board (1996-2002) and continue to work with Operation PUSH (1965-present). I am also a lifetime member of the NAACP.

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 received a degree in business administration from Ohio State University. My service with community organizations, the City of Chicago Department of Human Services, and as a member of a local school board, have given me firsthand experience in identifying the specific needs of our children and our city’s most vulnerable citizens. In my nearly 20 years as a legislator, I have gained invaluable experience to help address local concerns and issues in the areas of criminal justice reform, human services, education quality and funding, and public safety.

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

I have worked for the following candidates and public officials as a volunteer: Ralph Metcalf, Sr., Harold Washington, Jim Thompson, Carol Mosley-Braun, Neil Hartigan, Chuck Percy, Paul Simon, and Dick Durbin.

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

I have been endorsed by Alderman Dorothy Tillman, Toni Preckwinkle, Leslie Hairston, and Burt Natarus; Cook County Board President John Stroger; and Secretary of State Jesse White.

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 state continues to be faced with challenges both socially and fiscally. I believe my 18 years as a lawmaker is an important asset in helping the state address significant funding issues in the areas of human services and education. I will continue in my role as Chairperson of the House Public Safety Appropriations Committee to fight for adequate funding for Illinois' correctional facilities and infrastructure needs; work to fully fund public education and health care; and develop viable community alternatives to incarceration and support services to ex-offenders to help reduce recidivism.

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

Information.

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

Nine and 200.

IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY 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? A warm weather month, preferably May or June.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in Illinois' election laws?
	ESSAY		Please explain. I would like to see certain safeguards for votes cast using touch-screen voting, including auditable paper trails.
			Do you support restoration of cumulative voting for the Illinois House of Representatives?
	ESSAY		If so, please describe the plan you support. Cumulative voting helps ensure that minority viewpoints from all parts of the state are more likely to be taken into consideration.
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois institute instant run-off voting?
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.
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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly?
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support permitting state employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. Jobs should go to the most qualified individuals, regardless of their political affiliations or work on political campaigns.
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			Do you support:
17.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	instituting a graduated income tax?
18.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding

			of education?
19.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio in income taxes?
20.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support casino gambling in Cook County? I believe that some casinos located in financially distressed communities have helped those areas with a much needed funding boost.
	YES	NO	
21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded?
	ESSAY		If so, at which level and why?
			Do you support
22.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts?
23.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded private rights of action?
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded rights of litigation? If current laws limit the ability of consumers to redress grievances – similar to the issue of private rights of action – I would support changes.
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandate attorney fees to be awarded to successful plaintiffs?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	provide for any other changes? Please specify.
			Do you support legislation
27.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	banning Pay Day loans?
28.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning or restricting ATM fees?
29.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	capping credit card interest rates?
Education			
30.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase state funding to at least 50% of public education costs?
31.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support vouchers or other means of public funding for private or parochial schools?
32.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. I support a strong public schools system. When we give our schools, kids and teachers the resources they need to succeed, public schools do a very fine job of preparing their students to be productive members of our democracy.
Civil Rights & Civil Liberties			
33.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action?
34.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment?
			Do you favor legislation
35.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legalizing civil marriage between two people of the same gender?
36.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	providing legal recognition of domestic partnerships?
37.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibiting discrimination in housing against unmarried individuals residing together?
38.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?

			Do you support mandatory drug testing
39.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	for public sector employees?
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	for private sector employees?
	ESSAY		Under what circumstances?
41.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Should state police be allowed to stop vehicle operators to test for DUI on grounds other than probable cause?
42.	X	<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?
	YES	NO	
43.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support amending current racial profiling legislation to add collection of data on persons of Middle Eastern origin?
44.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support repeal of legislation that permits employers to eavesdrop on the telephone conversations of their employees?
45.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
Labor			
46.	X	<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?
47.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support privatization of state services?
	ESSAY		If so, which services?
48.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not? We need to ensure that we are supporting Illinois workers in every possible situation.
49.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the right of public employees to strike?
50.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning the replacement of strikers in private employment?
51.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support family leave legislation for employees of private companies not currently covered by federal law?
			Do you support
52.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	raising the minimum wage to establish a living wage for Illinois workers?
53.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	establishing a lower minimum wage for minors?
54.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	including farm workers and household employees under existing labor laws?
Health & Human Services			
55.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support a single-payer health plan for Illinois?
	ESSAY		If so, how would Medicaid be incorporated into the program you support? Along the lines of KidCare and FamilyCare – with its recipients eligible for the same level of services

			as anyone else.
56.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support sufficient funding to provide community based services for discharged mental health patients?
			Do you support:
57.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
58.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medicaid funding for abortions?
59.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage of abortions for state employees?
60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	parental consent/notification for minors seeking abortions?
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	banning so-called partial-birth abortions?
62.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	any other restrictions on abortions? Please specify.
	YES	NO	
63.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increasing appropriations to the Department of Children and Family Services to increase the number of caseworkers?
64.	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? Job training, child care, assistance with transportation to get to jobs and job interviews.
Housing			
65.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor legislation banning housing discrimination against holders of Section 8 vouchers?
			Would you support legislation
66.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating that landlords give tenants notice prior to entering their units?
67.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	assessing penalties against landlords who engage in illegal or retaliatory evictions?
Energy & Environment			
68.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support an elected ICC?
69.	X	<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?
70.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois adopt the International Energy Conservation Code for residential buildings?
71.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support ratification of the Great Lakes Annex Compact if it restricts out-of-basin diversion of Great Lakes waters?
72.	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?
73.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation requiring registration and monitoring of confined feedlot waste treatment/disposal and licensing of third party waste haulers?

			Do you support
74.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of O'Hare airport? I support the current modernization project.
75.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which?
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building a new airport in Peotone?
			Do you support
77.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	inter-city high speed rail?
78.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the current formula for allocation of funds to CTA, Metra and PACE?
			Criminal Justice
			Do you support state legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
79.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	handguns?
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
	YES	NO	
			Do you support
81.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
82.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legislation permitting the licensing of concealed weapons?
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
			Do you support:
84.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
85.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
86.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing?
88.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
89.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
91.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?