

IVI-IPO 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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DISTRICT: 29th

PARTY: Democratic

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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 am serving my third term as the State Representative of the 29th District. I was elected into office in November 2000 and sworn in January 2001.

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. **None**

C) What is your primary occupation? **Dentist/Owner of Dr. David E. Miller and Associates, PC**

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. **Please see attached Bio.**

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

As a legislator and a healthcare provider, I am able to articulate health related matters from both a patient and doctor's perspective. I feel that this will be very important as the discussion and legislation towards healthcare delivery and HMO reform continue. As State Representative, I have utilized this background to debate on issues ranging from parental notification to workers compensation. I believe this has made a difference in the legislative process. As a dentist for 17 years, I have established a private practice in an underserved area where the majority of my patients were children. This makes me unique as a dentist and a candidate.

Prior to servicing office, I lobbied state and congressional officials on behalf of issues that effect my profession. I am a past president of the Illinois State Dental Society's Political Action Committee, DENT-IL-PAC. I am also a small businessperson who has established two dental practices. Therefore, I understand the needs of the other business owners.

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

Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. and Sen. Barack Obama in addition I have also supported State Senator James Meeks, Reps. William Davis and Robin Kelly and Cook County Tax Appeals Board Commissioner Larry Rogers Jr. prior to and during their initial campaigns. I have supported numerous local elected officials and have hosted fundraisers for various candidates.

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

Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr.
Mayor Don DeGraff, Village of South Holland
Mayor Richard A. Hofeld, Village of Homewood
Mayor Saul Beck, City of Ford Heights
Mayor Dan Porgeski, Village of Lansing
Mayor Jeanne Maggio, Village of Glenwood
Mayor Jack Swan, Village of Thornton
Buster Porch, Mayor of Calumet Park
Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, City of Calumet City
Mayor Robert Polk, Village of Burnham
State Sen. James Meeks
Illinois State Dental Society

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?

As State Representative, I have represented and reach out to the entire district. Inclusive politics have proved successful to ensure that residents across the district have representation in Springfield who will address their interest in their community. Keeping to this commitment, I am the only candidate who has received signatures during the petition phase of the majority of the cities that comprises the 29th District. I have worked hard to reach out to those mayors who did not support me in last election. This effort has proved successful since nearly all mayors in the district have endorsed me for the 2004 election. I embrace the diversity of my district. I have been able to appeal to the different geographical, racial, political and economic boundaries. One opponent has supported the comments that the district is “cut for a African American” and is supported by divisive, machine-style politicians. These statements use race to polarize our community. The Chicago Tribune describes the other opponent as a Former Gang Member and convicted felon. Although Illinois allows convicted felons to participate in the electoral process, I believe my proven ability and experience to provide leadership across the region over the years in needed during this period of tremendous budget deficit.

My vision is to ensure that the same opportunities that were made available to me growing up will be available to future generations. Guaranteeing that citizens in the 29th Representative District enjoy the same economical growth and viability as in other areas is a major priority. A strong local economy will help ensure a stable job market, a stable tax base and a ultimately a better quality of life. To this end, my priority is to address the economic disparities compared to the northern areas of Chicagoland. Other priorities include initiatives in education, consumer protection and health care.

Economic Development

A fully functional third airport in the Chicago area has tremendous economic benefits. As an economic engine, it will create jobs and a strong tax base for the Southland communities. New jobs bring new business opportunities in the form of new hotel developments, rental car companies, restaurants and many other auxiliary services. In addition, and sales tax revenues all curve to boost Chicago’s economy and strengthen its tax base.

Education

Local property tax district is the primary source of school funding in the state of Illinois. The Equal Assessed Valuations (EAV’s), which represent the taxable property base for schools as certified by the Illinois Department of Revenue, is supposed to assure equal valuation treatment across all 102 Illinois counties. Currently 80% of all the school districts in Illinois are undergoing deficit spending. Therefore, schools are financially strapped to provide students with quality education with very little resources. The state should be the primary provider for educational funding. Until there is meaningful comprehensive educational reform package (EFAB recommendations, property tax swap, dedicated revenue source and/or a tax increase), then we are only left with band-aid approaches. Working with many local area superintendents, budget specialist, community groups, I have attempted to address this problem. Legislatively, I am the Chief Sponsor of HB750

Universal Healthcare

One in every ten children in Illinois does not have any form of health insurance and 1.3 million Illinois citizens have no health coverage and millions more are under-insured. Everyday more and more individuals are added to the list of the

non-insured due to loss of job, retirement, disability, and welfare transition. In addition, health care coverage is needed for the thousands of working poor in Illinois. The Bernadine Amendment eliminates these issues by guaranteeing universal healthcare coverage to all Americans. Matching Federal programs must be maximized. I will continue to push for expansion of family care, streamline Kid Care enrollment, maximize All Kids, and expand the Circuit Breaker program to help address the healthcare crisis.

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

The estimated budget is \$100,000.00 with a little over \$35,000.00 raised to date.

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

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	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? I support moving the primary election date to September. Moving the primary will allow campaigning to occur during the spring and summer instead of the fall and winter. I believe this will encourage more voters to participate in the election process. More importantly, it will reduce the amount of dollars spent during the general election.
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 campaigns financed a little differently. Elected officials should be able to spend more of their time working on public policy and keeping in touch with their constituents. I would like to see campaign finance reform that will allow officials to spend less time raising funds and more time serving their districts.
5.	<input 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. Cumulative voting would help minority representation throughout the state. Illinois eliminated multi member districts as an initiative to reduce the size of government. Once the current fiscal downturn of the State has been reversed, reestablishing cumulative voting should be reconsidered.
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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. Yes, I do support changes in the way judges are selected. My vision for a new system would include greater voter participation. I am concerned that many voters are overwhelmed and unfamiliar with the multitude of judges on the ballot. I would like to see a system in which candidates seeking judicial appointments are first screened by a panel <u>elected</u> by the people. This elected panel would

			recommend to the voters which candidate meets the criteria of “best qualified” or “highly qualified”.
8.	X	<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. Above
			Do you support:
9.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of election campaigns?
10.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	limits on campaign contributions and political committee transfers?
11.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	restricting campaign fundraising during legislative sessions?
12.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	limiting contributions to political campaigns by dollar amount or source?
			Do you support
13.	X	<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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	creation of a non-partisan Commission to draw maps instead of the General Assembly?
15.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support permitting state employees to hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support patronage?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. There are currently investigations of corruption at all levels of government in Illinois. A majority of these investigations center on “favors” to the best-connected person, not the most qualified. Eliminating patronage I believe would be a fairer
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			Do you support:
17.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	instituting a graduated income tax?
18.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing income taxes to relieve or replace local property taxes and increase state funding of education?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	maintaining the current corporate/individual ratio in income taxes?
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support casino gambling in Cook County? Depends where it is placed.
	YES	NO	
21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support legislation requiring citizen referenda at the state or local level before casino gambling is expanded? Possible
	ESSAY		If so, at which level and why?
			Do you support
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prohibit confession of judgment clauses in consumer contracts? Confession of judgment clauses enables creditors to include in consumer contracts certain provisions that severely damage those unable to repay their loans. The judgment could have nothing to do with the current contract that is being considered. This could lead to an unfair representation of the consumer. Although I would have to further research this issue, I would strongly consider prohibiting this clause.
23.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded private rights of action?
24.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	allow expanded rights of litigation?
25.	X	<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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	banning Pay Day loans? I was the chief sponsor of HB 1100 , The Payday Loan Reform Act
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? Every child should have the opportunity to receive a quality education. All schools should be held to the same standard of excellence and performance measures. Vouchers may provide students with an opportunity to attend private schools, but it should not be at the expense of public schools. State funding should go towards public schools. Vouchers may further abandon poorer school districts. Efforts toward strengthening the poorer school districts should be made. Funding for vouchers should be a separate line item and not a part of public school appropriations.
32.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Do you support public funding of charter or contract schools?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. (see above)
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?
		X	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? Mandatory drug testing should occur only when public safety is at risk.
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Would you support amending current racial profiling legislation to add collection of data on

			persons of Middle Eastern origin? No, not if the sole justification is that they are Middle Eastern
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of state services? (See below)
	ESSAY		If so, which services? I do not support privatization that would result in loss of jobs, benefits and quality of service.
48.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Illinois? Why or why not? Depending on the uniqueness of the services or products and the potential cost savings.
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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? I would need specific details in regards to any changes in our healthcare delivery system. I believe that healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Healthcare that allows coverage for everyone for all medically necessary services is very important. There have been many different universal healthcare plans introduced over the years; the Bernardin Amendment that guarantees universal healthcare coverage for all Americans is one such plan. The implementation of any health care plan however, must be critique to ensure proper delivery of service, care and funding. The lack of this will result in a poor healthcare delivery system.
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	parental consent/notification for minors seeking abortions? <p>I realize that it is a very difficult decision for many minors to discuss having an abortion with a parent. Notification of parents may not be an option (in cases of incest and other abuses) to the child. In addition, the emotional trauma of speaking with a parent may, with some children, cause a delay in care that is needed.</p> <p>Nevertheless, I would strongly encourage support (if available) of an adult (aunt/uncle, older brother/sister, councilor, clergy...) that the minor is comfortable with. This adult could provide support and also serve to protect the minor at a very vulnerable and difficult time.</p> <p>The judicial bypass is a legal means to help assist minors who are not able to inform parents. Unfortunately it does not realistically address the problem and is not likely to be affective. The judicial bypass should remain available until mandatory parental notification legislation is eliminated.</p>
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	banning so-called partial-birth abortions?
62.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 skills, educational programs first.
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.	<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? Need more information
70.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should Illinois adopt the International Energy Conservation Code for residential buildings?
71.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support ratification of the Great Lakes Annex Compact if it restricts out-of-basin diversion of Great Lakes waters? Need more information
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 type="checkbox"/>	X	expansion of O'Hare airport? Did not include Peotone
75.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	expansion of other regional airports? If so, which? (See Below #76)
76.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	building a new airport in Peotone?
			Do you support
77.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	inter-city high speed rail?
78.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	handguns?
80.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
	YES	NO	
			Do you support
81.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
82.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation permitting the licensing of concealed weapons?
83.	X	<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 type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
85.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
86.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing? In some cases, habitual criminals should fulfill their sentence
87.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	work release, home monitoring, other alternative sentencing?
88.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
89.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	electronic eavesdropping?
90.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	roving wiretaps?
91.	X	<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?