

IVI-IPO 2006 STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE(WO)MAN QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED: 900 NUMBER REQUIRED: 100

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

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

Alderman of the 22nd Ward since January 12, 1993

Democratic Committeeman of the 22nd Ward since Primary of 2000

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

Dean Delegate 2004

C) What is your primary occupation?

Alderman of the 22nd Ward

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

Alderman Munoz is equally generous with his time, organizing block clubs and weekly clean-ups of streets, alleys and vacant lots. Munoz also teaches classes on leadership at local schools. (from biography)

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.

- a. 2006 Debra Shore for MWRD, Campaign co-chair
- b. 2004 Xotchil Flores for MWRD, endorsed
- c. 2003 Manuel Flores for 1st Ward Alderman, endorsed
- d. 2004 Dean for President, ran as a delegate

- e. 2005 Michael O'Connor for Mayor of Berwyn
- f. 1992, 94, 96, 98 State Senator Jesus Garcia, 1st District Campaign Manager

In the last 13 years as an elected official and as a Democratic Ward Committeeman I have endorsed a wide array of candidates for a variety of public offices. These are just a few of the notable recent endorsements. We have traditionally utilized the IVI-IPO list of recommended candidates. A complete list can be made available upon request.

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

- a. 22nd Ward Independent Political Organization
- b. Alderman Rey Colon
- c. Commissioner Roberto Maldonado
- d. Alderman Manuel Flores

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 position of the State Central Committeeman can have a direct impact on voters all over the state by setting the standards for endorsements, slating, and candidate selection. I want to ensure that this office is used toward the empowerment of democrats all over the state of Illinois.

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

- a. Campaign budget has yet to be determined given that both my opponents are members of the HDO, we have to wait and see if one of them stays in or they are both on the ballot. This distinction has a direct impact on the budget.
- b. We will be filling our 2005 disclosures with having raised about \$90,000. The disclosure report is still being worked on.

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

- a. I have a campaign manager: Manuel Heredia and a Director of Development: Lucia Flores-Nunez
- b. 100

IVI-IPO 2006 STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE(WO)MAN QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

1. What should be the State Central Committee's role in encouraging and supporting candidates?

As the Board of directors to the State Democratic Party, the State Central Committee should be very active in it's outreach efforts in order to recruit and assist qualified Democrats.

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?

As an organization, the Democratic Part has historically used the concept of slating to “balance” the state-wide ticket. That notion has historically not been a particularly inclusive or open process. It is the central committee’s responsibility that the slating process be as transparent and fair as possible in order to recruit and assist qualified democrats.

3. What criteria will you apply in deciding which candidates to support?

First and foremost, we must consider qualifications. As a progressive, reform minded elected official, I, and out 22nd Ward Independent Political Organization, have always sought to support candidates that are fair, forward thinkers and can help build the coalitions necessary to further a progressive agenda.

4. What would you do if the candidate of your choice were not supported by the Party?

Depends on whether or not, the party was fair, transparent and genuine in its efforts to endorse someone other than our candidate of choice.

5. What changes, if any, would you advocate in the process by which the Party adopts its platform?

The process needs to be more inclusive and transparent.

6. Would you support changing any positions or issues in the last Party platform?

Yes.

7. What changes, if any, would you advocate in the structure or operations of the State Central Committee?

The Party itself needs to be in closer contact with the democratic voters of Illinois. On the issue of structural and operational changes, I believe that the Democratic Party needs to be more inclusive and transparent in order to better reflect the agenda of democrats all over the state. Furthermore, the Democratic party can take a leadership role in advancing the use of early voting, and bilingual ballot initiatives to ensure that voting is made easier and more user friendly. Additionally, serious consideration should be granted to reforming the election calendar so that Illinois' harsh weather does not hinder a voter's participation in what is supposed to be an open and inclusive process.

8. Should precinct captains in Cook County be elected by the voters?

No.

9. Do you favor economic disclosure for parties and party officials?

Yes.

10. Has your campaign filed as a political committee?

Yes.