

# IVI-IPO 2011 CHICAGO MAYORAL QUESTIONNAIRE - SECTION 1

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NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED \_\_\_ 91,000 \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER REQUIRED \_\_\_ 12,500 \_\_\_\_\_

***Please provide the following background information:***

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

- 1998-2001 United States Ambassador to New Zealand
- 1992-1998 United States Senator
- 1988-1991 Recorder of Deeds and Registrar of Titles of Cook County
- 1978-1988 State Representative
- 1973-1977 Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois

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

- 2004 President of the United States

C. What is your primary occupation?

- Organic foods entrepreneur

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

- Board of Directors Cathedral Shelter
- Board of Directors National Organization for Women
- Board of Directors Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
- Member Bretton Woods Institute
- Member United Nations Civic Board
- Member The Chicago Network
- Member The Collections Committee of the Field Museum

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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 am a businesswoman with an experience in both the executive and legislative branches of government at the local, state, national and international levels.

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

In addition to my own candidacies, I have supported progressive candidates at every level of government in elections going back to the 1970's. I have served primarily as a volunteer.

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

My candidacy for Mayor was announced on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, or 2 weeks ago, and has been endorsed by elected officials, but no institutions or organizations have yet endorsed.

H. As concisely as possible, 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?

My plan for public safety, public education, economic development and open government is most closely aligned with the aspirations of the people of Chicago. I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Chicagoan, I know how important the neighborhoods are to the character of the city, and I am committed to making city government responsive and accountable to them. I believe city government should be more open and accessible. I personally want to make all of Chicago as beautiful and vibrant as the downtown and lakefront.

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

We have budgeted \$3 million. We have raised \$1 million.

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

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*Most questions on this questionnaire can be answered by checking either YES or NO. Some are essay questions and all have the option of answering in greater detail. Just hit enter at the end of the question and begin typing your answer in the additional space.*

CITY COUNCIL REFORM AND ETHICS			
	YES	NO	
1.	X		Do you support allowing a single Inspector General of the City of Chicago, rather than a new City Council Inspector General, to investigate allegations of fraud or waste by aldermen and their staff?
2.		X	Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees?
3.		X	Will you employ or have you employed staff in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
4.		X	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 City?
5.	X		Will you direct your administration to contest unemployment claims by former employees who were fired for cause?

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6.	X		Will you pledge not to hire or contract the services of anyone previously fired for cause from the City or any other unit of government?
7.	X		Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
8.	X		Do you support redistricting of the wards based on non-partisan criteria and not to benefit any specific individual or political party?
9.	X		Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees?
10.			Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns?
		<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>Please explain your position Campaign finance is a multi billion dollar unregulated industry. Public finance would provide transparency, accountability, and open our democracy to people with more talent than money.</p> <p><i>I was a sponsor of the McCain/Feingold Campaign Finance Law, which brought more openness and accountability to National Contributions to campaigns. I support open and transparent public involvement in the political process.</i></p>
11.		<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?</p> <p><i>With 2-3 possible exceptions, most of our contributions are of modest amounts from miscellaneous donors.</i></p>
<b>REVENUE AND BUDGET</b>			
12.	X		Will you hire independent analysts to conduct a forensic audit of past City spending?
13.	X		Will you hire independent analysts to review the budget and recommend spending cuts?
			Will you institute any of the following as part of the budget process?
14.	X		public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?
15.	X		making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
16.	X		restoring city-wide community group budget hearings several months prior to the publication of the budget, as were held under the Washington and Sawyer administrations?
17.		<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose?</p> <p><i>As Mayor, I will seek to enhance city revenues through organic growth of our local economy.</i></p>
18.			Do you support casino gambling for Chicago?
19.	x		Will you support a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City?
20.		X	Do you support rolling back Mayoral and Aldermanic salaries to pre-2007 levels?
21.	X		Do you support limiting future Mayoral and Aldermanic salary increases to the same percentage as the lowest raise for any class of city employees?
22.		<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>What will you do to address the criticism that city staffing is top-heavy in upper-level management?</p> <p><i>A human resources audit of municipal employees must be conducted to ensure the most effective and financially responsible way of organizing the city's management workforce.</i></p>
23.		<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>What measures do you support to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency?</p> <p><i>I support engaging all relevant parties to together pursue an appropriate solution for all parties.</i></p>
24.		<b>Choose One</b>	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated

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			equally to each ward
			based on the size of each ward
		X	based on the needs of each ward
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<b>25.</b>		X	Will you reorganize the Department of Streets and Sanitation by compact districts rather than wards?
<b>PRIVATIZATION</b>			
<b>26.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?</p> <p><i>In general I do not support privatization of essential city assets. I am open to the discussion of non-essential assets, provided the process of privatization is open and transparent through the inclusion of relevant parties.</i></p>
<b>27.</b>	X		Will you order an independent analysis of any lease or outsourcing arrangement prior to submitting it to the City Council for approval?
<b>28.</b>	X		Will you provide at least 30 days for the Council to review leases and contracts prior to approval?
<b>29.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>What will you do to ensure privatization contracts deliver the maximum return and best service for city residents in the long term?</p> <p><i>I will work with the city council to review relevant privatization deals, and allow for an independent analysis of the terms to ensure the desired returns for the city. I will also include the public has input in the process.</i></p>
<b>30.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>What procedures will you implement to ensure that privatization arrangements are not being used to move patronage workers outside of the scope of the Shakman decree?</p> <p><i>I support increasing the openness and accountability of all procedures relevant to the privatization process.</i></p>
<b>PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<b>31.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>How will you involve city residents in planning?</p> <p><i>I support holding open forums on relevant issues when the public is involved.</i></p>
<b>32.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>What is your long-range plan for the development for Chicago?</p> <p><i>I plan to focus on neighborhood development through investing in Chicago's infrastructure, such as improving transportation and welcoming more green technologies to our city.</i></p>
<b>33.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts?</p> <p><i>I support more transparency to information concerning TIFs, including an accessible database open to the public, and including TIFs in the city's budget. I also believe the public should have input during the process of creating a TIF district.</i></p>
<b>34.</b>	X		Will you agree to terminate a TIF if the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before the 23 year period is ended?
<b>35.</b>			Will you return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?
<b>36.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development?

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			<i>The process for allocating tax dollars to CPS needs to be reevaluated to ensure proper funding for operational procedures necessary for improving the quality of public education.</i>
37.		X	Will you declare a moratorium on the creation of any new TIF districts until new funding sources are identified to replace the revenue diverted to the TIF?
38.	X		Do you support an ordinance requiring that large corporate entities receiving \$250,000 or more in public subsidies, and their tenants, must pay their workers a living wage (currently \$11/hour)?
39.	X		Will you invest substantially more in job-training and the creation of transitional job programs in disadvantaged communities, including the formerly incarcerated, homeless, youth, and non-English speakers?
<b>HOUSING</b>			
40.	X		Do you support the Sweet Homes Chicago ordinance?
41.	X		Do you support amending the Vacant Properties Ordinance to require mortgage servicers to register their properties?
42.	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>What will you do to guarantee that some of the foreclosed properties saved through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program are made affordable to families at 40% and 60% of AMI?</p> <p><i>My over 30 years in public service proves a strong commitment to the progressive agenda. As mayor, I plan to include all the invested parties, public and private, to reach a conclusion that provides opportunity to those who need to get back on their feet.</i></p>
43.	X		Do you support an inclusionary zoning ordinance which would require developers to set aside 30% of residential new construction or renovation for the creation of affordable housing?
44.	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>What will you do to ensure that there is an adequate supply of affordable family sized units available to families in the Section 8 program?</p> <p><i>I support working with community organizations and leaders to increase the availability of affordable housing.</i></p>
45.	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>What will you do to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals and families who are not served by any existing programs?</p> <p><i>Creating more openness and awareness of current programs are an important step in addressing those currently not receiving aid.</i></p>
46.	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>What will you do to increase housing stock that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of AMI?</p> <p><i>Addressing the increasing of the housing stock begins with public engagement.</i></p>
47.	<b>Choose One</b>		Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?
			AMI of the Metropolitan region
	X		AMI of Cook County
			AMI of Chicago
			AMI of the Community Area
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
48.	<b>Choose One</b>		Which of the following options for selecting the School Board do you support?
			Popular Election
			Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives
	X		Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	

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49.	x		Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
50.	X		Will you support LSCs in maintaining full powers, and support them through adequate funding levels that provide training and supports for LSCs to do their jobs?
51.	X		Will you declare a moratorium on school closings until a detailed analysis of the impacts of shuffling children is completed, and a real plan to address the quality of education and safety for every child is in place?
52.	X		Will you support development and implementation of a more comprehensive, and accurate approach to evaluate student and teacher performance than reliance on the ISAT and ACT tests?
53.	ESSAY		<p>What is your assessment of Renaissance 2010? Please include in your assessment, the role of charter schools as well as the power to reconstitute schools.</p> <p><i>I do not support the privatization of public education, and as Mayor, will focus on improving our public school system.</i></p>
54.	ESSAY		<p>What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools?</p> <p><i>I support better allocating current funds to operational costs, as well as using my experience on the state and national levels for more adequate support from Springfield and Washington.</i></p>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>			
55.	X		Will you implement the blue cart recycling program throughout the City?
56.	X		Do you support the Clean Power Ordinance?
57.		X	Do you support privatization of Chicago's water delivery system?
58.	X		Will you implement a citywide ban on Styrofoam food containers in the public schools?
59.		X	Do you support a citywide ban on Styrofoam food containers by restaurants and food delivery businesses?
60.	X		Do you support adoption of the water quality standards recommended by the Pollution Control Board?
61.	ESSAY		<p>What will you do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy?</p> <p><i>As mayor, I plan to invest in green technologies by working to create incentives for entrepreneurs to create whole new industries that will not only preserve our air and our water and our soil here, and deal with energy shortfalls and difficulties, but also give us a product to sell to the rest of the world.</i></p>
62.	ESSAY		<p>What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose?</p> <p><i>I support the enforcement of standards the National Clean Air Act of 1977 to ensure factories that are currently legally exempt from these standards, are not harming our communities and not unnecessarily costing our tax payers millions in health care costs.</i></p>
<b>PARKS</b>			
63.		X	Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?
64.		X	Do you support increased privatization of park facilities and services?
	ESSAY		<p>Why or why not?</p> <p><i>I believe the park district is an important aspect of the city, and working to improve it is the answer.</i></p>
65.	X		Do you support prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?

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<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
<b>66.</b>	X		Do you support increasing the City subsidy to the CTA?
<b>67.</b>	<b>Rank 1-5 or say no to any</b>		Please indicate which CTA expansion plans, if any, you support and rank them in order of priority (1 highest)
	1		Red Line south to 130th Street
	2		Orange Line to the Ford City Mall
	3		Downtown Circulator
			Downtown-O'Hare Express
			Other – please specify
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<b>68.</b>	X		Do you support renegotiation of Chicago's parking meter privatization deal?
<b>69.</b>		X	Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?
<b>70.</b>	X		Do you support the O'Hare expansion plan?
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>			
<b>71.</b>		X	Is response time adequate in 911 service?
	<b>ESSAY</b>		If not, how can it be improved?  <i>I support working with the Fire and Police departments to ensure resources are properly allocated and procedures are refined to increase the response time for 911 services.</i>
<b>72.</b>	X		Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?
<b>73.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program?  <i>I support increased investment in community policing programs.</i>
<b>74.</b>	X		Do you support more funding to alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
<b>75.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		What measures would you support to stop the schools to prison pipeline?  <i>As mayor, I will support increased school internships and community involvement in the schools.</i>
<b>76.</b>	X		Do you support gun control?
<b>77.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		What measures, if any, should be adopted in response to recent court decisions striking down Chicago's handgun ban?  <i>Strengthening federal restrictions and requiring intensive background checks of those requesting gun registrations are important first steps. Also, I support mandating that all guns sold in Chicago require a child-safety lock.</i>
<b>78.</b>	X		Will you stop paying legal fees and attempt to recover past legal costs of city employees implicated in the Police Board findings of misconduct related to the Burge case?
<b>79.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		Please share your views regarding the functioning of the Independent Police Review Authority and whether it should operate more independently of the Police Department.  <i>I support increased openness and accountability in all municipal operations.</i>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>			
<b>80.</b>	X		Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?

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<b>81.</b>	X		Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?
<b>82.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		Please comment on current participation of individuals with disabilities in city hiring and contracts. <i>I support increased fairness and opportunity for all individuals concerning hiring and contracts.</i>
<b>83.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		Please comment on current women and minority participation in city hiring and contracts. Be sure your comments include firefighter and police officer recruitment and promotion. <i>I support creating more opportunity for all residents of Chicago concerning hiring and participation in public service.</i>
<b>84.</b>	X		Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
<b>85.</b>	X		Do you support requiring all City vendors and contractors to provide spousal benefits for same-sex partners of their employees?
<b>86.</b>			Do you support the Municipal ID ordinance?
	<b>ESSAY</b>		Why or why not?
<b>PRIORITIES</b>			
<b>87.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		What are your top priorities for Chicago? <i>Economic development, job creation, public safety, increasing the quality of public education, ensuring open government, and protecting the retirement security.</i>
<b>88.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>		How will you solicit and follow citizens' and community groups' recommendations on City matters? <i>I support civic engagement and believe town hall meetings and other public forums are important to promote public input.</i>