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WARD: 1st

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Please provide the following background information:

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

Cook County Board of Ethics

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

Democratic Committeeman, 1st Ward, 2012

C. What is your primary occupation?

Lawyer

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

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?

I have a BS in Marketing from DePaul University, a JD from IIT Chicago Kent College of Law, I was an Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership Delegate in 2010, a New Leadership Council graduate, went through a two day ICIRR political training program, and also a two day training program with Democracy for America.

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

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I have volunteered for Barack Obama for his second US Senate race. I also volunteered for his presidential race. I was the Database Chair for Sandra Otaka's historic judicial race in the 9th Subcircuit. I volunteered for Naisy Dolar's campaign for 50th Ward Alderman. I recently volunteered for Josina Morita's campaign for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. I also volunteered for Tammy Duckworth's campaigns for US Congress and for Raja Krishnamoorthi's bid for Illinois Comptroller, I volunteered for Lisa Madigan when she first ran for Attorney General. I volunteered for Governor Pat Quinn's campaigns.

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

Adopted and endorsed by Northside Democracy for America;
Communications Workers of America Unified Council of Illinois
Indo-American Democratic Organization

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?

I am the only candidate endorsed by progressive groups and am the only one who has founded a pro bono legal clinic. I fought to save local police stations from closing and spearheaded the grassroots efforts to save the police station, as a concerned community member and volunteer. I have been a civil rights attorney for 19 years and have a demonstrated commitment to improving the community.

Public safety, fully funded neighborhood schools, and ethical government.

I. What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?
\$125,000 to \$150,000. \$70,000.00 raised to date.

J. How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?
5 Campaign staffers and approximately 200 volunteers on my list.

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Most questions on this questionnaire can be answered by checking either YES or NO. Others 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 favor maintaining the current number of City Council committees?
	ESSAY		Which committees, if any, would you combine or eliminate? <i>I do not have a comprehensive list, but 50 committees is far too many.</i>
2.	ESSAY		What reforms are necessary in the City Council's committee rules and structure? <i>I believe that committees should be run in a way to allow the public and experts to provide information to the Council and to allow Council to ask questions of those witnesses. It should be easier for ordinances and other matters to be discharged from committee. Chairpersons of committees should not be allowed to avoid offering hearings on matters that they or the Mayor wish to kill.</i>
3.	X		Would you give the Inspector General's office independent subpoena power or other compulsory process that can be directed against city officials, agencies and employees without necessitation the approval of the Mayor or Corporation Counsel?
4.	X		Should the Inspector General be able to initiate his or her own investigations of Aldermen without a complaint from outside the office?
5.	X		Should the Inspector General be able to pursue anonymous complaints?
6.		X	Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees?
7.		X	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
8.		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?
9.		X	Will you vote for an ordinance mandating that the City contest unemployment claims by former employees who were fired for cause?
10.	X		Will you vote for an ordinance forbidding the City to hire or contract the services of anyone previously fired for cause from the City or any other unit of government?
11.			Will you support an ordinance to reduce the number of wards? <i>The number of wards is less important than making sure that aldermen represent their constituents rather than special interests and that the aldermen are independent.</i>
12.			Have you joined or will you join:
			The Paul Douglas Caucus
	X		The Independent Progressive Caucus
			Both
13.	X		Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
14.	X		Will you vote for an ordinance requiring redistricting of the wards to be based on non-partisan criteria and not to benefit any specific individual or political party?
15.		X	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees?
16.		X	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward?
17.	X		Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns?
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. <i>I think this is a long term goal that we should pursue to remove special interest money from</i>

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		<i>politics and to make aldermen more accountable to constituents rather than special interests.</i>
18.	ESSAY	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?
19.		What changes would you support to the redistricting process? <i>I support redistricting that is designed to protect communities of interest over political interests.</i>
REVENUE AND BUDGET		
20.	X	Will you vote to hire independent analysts to conduct a forensic audit of past City spending?
		Will you vote for a budget ordinance which would require:
21.	X	public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?
22.	X	making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
23.	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?
24.	ESSAY	What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? <i>It is clear to me that Chicago needs additional revenue. I would look to broadening the tax base, for example by eliminating tax exemptions and credits, rather than by raising rates. In particular, I believe that many of the longtime homeowners in the 1st Ward need protection from rising property taxes.</i>
25.		Do you support casino gambling for Chicago? <i>I would need to see current economic impact studies before committing one way or the other.</i>
26.	X	Will you vote to require a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City?
27.	X	Will you vote to roll back Mayoral and Aldermanic salaries to pre-2007 levels?
28.	X	Will you vote for an ordinance limiting future Mayoral and Aldermanic salary increases to the same percentage as the lowest raise for any class of city employees?
29.	X	Do you agree with the criticism that City government is top heavy with management?
	ESSAY	Please explain your position. <i>Frontline workers are the one who provide services.</i>
30.	ESSAY	What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? <i>For years the City has simply shirked its responsibility to properly fund pensions. City workers kept their end of the bargain by showing up to work and by making their contributions. In addition, the Illinois constitution prohibits making changes to the benefits they have earned. As a result, any solution requires additional revenue. I support expanding the tax base transferring TIF surpluses to increase revenue.</i>
31.	ESSAY	How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions? <i>The Illinois constitution prohibits making changes to the pension benefits of current employees. While some changes may be made to future employee benefits, I oppose moving new employees to a defined contribution system (i.e., 401(k) plans) because such a move does not improve the situation for current unfunded liabilities and may actually cost more while giving new employees worse benefits.</i>
32.	Choose One	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated
	10%	in equal amounts to each ward
	10%	based on the size of each ward
	80%	based on the needs of each ward
	YES	NO
33.	X	Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward?

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PRIVATIZATION		
34.	ESSAY	Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?
35.	X	Will you vote for an ordinance requiring an independent analysis of any lease or outsourcing arrangement?
36.	X	Will you vote for an ordinance requiring detailed analysis and evaluation of any lease or outsourcing arrangement at least 30 days prior to the City Council vote?
37.	ESSAY	Before voting on privatization contracts, what will you do to ensure that they deliver the maximum return and best service for city residents in the long term? <i>I am skeptical of privatization schemes in general, especially after the parking meter deal. I would question whether the private company can genuinely provide the same quality service at the same cost, whether any savings come at the expense of workers' wages, and whether the services will be available on an equitable basis to all residents who need them.</i>
38.	ESSAY	What procedures will you implement to ensure that privatization arrangements are not being used to move patronage workers outside of the scope of the Rutan decision requirements or any other anti-patronage rules or protocols? <i>Any contract that replaces large numbers of current city employees should have protections for the current employees, such as a hiring guarantee by the new contractor.</i>
PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
39.	ESSAY	How will you involve ward residents in planning? <i>I want to hear what the residents of my ward think of new developments. I intend to hold open community meetings on new developments, talk to any resident who has an opinion, and engage community groups and neighborhood associations in the process.</i>
40.	ESSAY	What is your long-range plan for development of the ward? <i>Some parts of the 1st Ward are already heavily developed, others are not. I am concerned first and foremost with expanding employment opportunities in the ward, so I am most interested in developing a positive environment for small businesses, entrepreneurs, and tech and small manufacturing start ups.</i>
41.	ESSAY	What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance? <i>A variance is a departure from the general rule, so those requests would be considered on a case-by-case basis.</i>
42.	ESSAY	How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts? <i>The biggest losers when a TIF is established are the students and parents of local schools, because so much of the property tax that is diverted is for CPS. I certainly want to involve the LSCs, but also the parents and teachers of the local schools to hear their thoughts on the viability of the TIF development.</i>
43.	X	Will you vote to terminate a TIF if the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before the 23 year period is ended?
44.	X	Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?
45.	ESSAY	How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development? <i>First, I believe that TIF surpluses should be returned to the units of government that lost the revenue. Second, I would require that TIFs only be established when there is a viable plan to change a blighted area to a better developed area that could not happen without the TIF funds</i>

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			<i>being diverted. On the whole, I think if we review all the TIFs under this standard and eliminated TIFs that are not in truly blighted areas, the net result would be more revenue to CPS.</i>
46.	X		Will you support a moratorium on creation of any new TIF districts until new funding sources are identified to replace the revenue diverted to the TIF?
47.	X		Will you vote for 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)?
48.	X		Will you vote to 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?
HOUSING			
49.	X		Will you vote to amend the Vacant Properties Ordinance to require mortgage servicers to register their properties?
50.			Do you support enacting an ordinance to preserve Single-Room Occupancy housing? <i>It would depend on the communities surrounding the SRO and whether the SRO is well maintained and well run, but generally I support affordable housing for our community.</i>
51.			Will you vote for an inclusionary zoning ordinance requiring developers to set aside 30% of residential new construction or renovation for the creation of affordable housing?
52.	ESSAY		What measures will you support 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?
53.	ESSAY		What procedures and safeguards would you put in place on conversion/demolition of SRO's and other low income housing to ensure that affordable housing will continue to be available for low income tenants who would otherwise be displaced?
54.	ESSAY		What measures will you support to ensure that there is an adequate supply of affordable family sized units available to families in the Section 8 program?
55.	ESSAY		What measures will you support to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals and families who are not served by any existing programs?
	YES	NO	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?
56.	X		low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of AMI?
57.	X		supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?
58.	X		shelters for the homeless?
59.	X		Do you favor a moratorium on the conversion or demolition of SRO's pending the development of protections and remedies to protect the displaced tenants from becoming homeless?
60.		X	Do you support allowing the demolition of existing public housing units without new or rehabilitated replacement housing on a one-for-one basis?
61.	Choose One		Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?
			AMI of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
			AMI of Cook County
	X		AMI of Chicago
			AMI of the Community Area
EDUCATION			
62.	Choose One		Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?
	X		Popular Election
			Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives

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			Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment
			A mix of elected and appointed members
	YES	NO	
63.	X		Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
64.	X		Will you support LSCs in maintaining full powers, and support them through adequate funding levels that provide training and support for LSCs to do their jobs?
65.	X		Will you support 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?
66.	X		Will you support development and implementation of a more comprehensive and accurate approach to evaluate student and teacher performance than reliance on the SAT and ACT tests?
67.	X		Would you favor repealing (or modifying) the 70% requirement for voting to authorize teacher strikes?
68.		ESSAY	What is your assessment of Renaissance 2010 and its implementation in your ward as well as the City as a whole? Please include in your assessment the role of charter schools as well as the power to reconstitute schools.
69.		ESSAY	What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools? <i>Fully fund the schools.</i>
70.		ESSAY	What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward? <i>Fully fund the schools.</i>
71.		ESSAY	How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension? <i>The Illinois constitution prohibits any changes to the pensions of current employees or retirees. While new employees may see changed benefits, I do not support moving them to a defined contribution plan because that change does not reduce the unfunded liability and may actually cost more while providing worse benefits.</i>
ENVIRONMENT			
72.	X		Will you vote for the Clean Power Ordinance?
73.		X	Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
74.	X		Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago public schools?
75.	X		Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago restaurants and food delivery services?
76.	X		Will you vote to adopt the water quality standards recommended by the Pollution Control Board?
77.		ESSAY	What should the City do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy?
78.		ESSAY	What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose?
PARKS			
79.		X	Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?
80.		X	Do you support increased privatization of park facilities and services?
		ESSAY	Why or why not?
81.	X		Do you support prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?
TRANSPORTATION			
82.	X		Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?
83.		Rank 1-5 or say no to any	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

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	4		Orange Line to Ford City Mall
	3		Downtown Circulator
	2		Downtown-O'Hare Express
			Other – please specify
	YES	NO	
84.	X		Do you support renegotiation of Chicago's parking meter privatization deal?
85.		X	Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?
86.	X		Do you support the O'Hare expansion plan? <i>(With noise abatement plan.)</i>
CRIMINAL JUSTICE			
		X	Is 911 response time adequate?
87.	ESSAY		If not, how can it be improved? <i>A big reason I am running in the 1st Ward is that the current alderman supported the closing of two police stations in the ward. We have seen response times go up as a result. As a first step, I would support reopening these two police stations.</i>
			Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward?
88.	ESSAY		If so, what can be done to redress them? <i>First, I would fight for reopening the 13th and 19th District police stations. My second priority is medical response times, where only 69% of calls are within the recommended response time. I believe that this primarily requires additional paramedics and paramedic vehicles.</i>
89.	X		Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods? <i>But I would not support re-allocating police resources as a way to avoid hiring additional officers.</i>
90.	ESSAY		What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program?
91.	X		Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
92.	ESSAY		What measures will you support to stop the schools to prison pipeline? <i>There is no single program that reduces crime. But a key element is creating economic opportunity for young people. I support partnerships with schools and businesses to introduce students to the workforce and to create experience and connections for the students.</i>
93.	X		Do you support gun control?
94.	ESSAY		What measures, if any, should the City Council adopt in response to recent court decisions striking down Chicago's handgun ban? <i>I support proposals to video tape gun sales and limit gun sales to one per month. I also support the creation of broader gun-free zones.</i>
95.	X		Will you vote to order the City to 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?
96.	ESSAY		Please share your views regarding the functioning of the Independent Police Review Authority and whether it should operate more independently of the Police Department.
CIVIL RIGHTS			
97.	X		Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?
98.	X		Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?
99.	ESSAY		Please comment on current participation of individuals with disabilities in city hiring and contracts. <i>I believe that people with disabilities are often wrongly overlooked when bidding for business. I support programs that set aside some contracts for firms that are owned by and/or disproportionately hire people with disabilities.</i>
100.	ESSAY		Please comment on current women and minority participation in city hiring and contracts. Be sure

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		<p>your comments include firefighter and police officer recruitment and promotion.</p> <p><i>I am a women and a minority who owns her business, and I know firsthand that even today some firms that are owned by women and minorities are overlooked in contracting. I support programs that set aside some contracts for minority and women owned businesses. And while gains have been made by women and minorities in the Fire and Police Departments, I believe that those Departments need to continue to recruit and promote women and minorities.</i></p>
101.	X	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
102.	X	Will you vote to require all City vendors and contractors to provide spousal benefits for same-sex partners of their employees?
103.	X	Will you vote for the Municipal ID ordinance?
	ESSAY	<p>Why or why not?</p> <p><i>The ordinance as I understand it would create a card that can be used by any resident to access city services, but cannot be used for other purposes (such as a driver's license). Given the number of people who do not have access to other forms of I.D., I think offering the alternative of a city I.D. would make it easier for immigrants and homeless people to access city services. However, I making the city I.D. mandatory to access services.</i></p>
ALDERMANIC PRIORITIES		
104.	ESSAY	What employment, if any, other than alderman, do you intend to hold? <i>I am focused on winning my race and have not decided these matters yet.</i>
105.	ESSAY	How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation?
106.	ESSAY	Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties.
107.	ESSAY	Please describe your service office staffing plan, including the number of staff, full and part time, how you will pay for them, and the number of hours per week that your service office will be open.
108.	ESSAY	What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this?
109.	ESSAY	<p>What are your top priorities for the Ward?</p> <p><i>My top priority is public safety, beginning with reopening the 13th and 19th Districts. My second priority is improving our local schools. My third priority is to increase employment in the ward by creating an environment for small businesses and entrepreneurs to thrive.</i></p>
110.	ESSAY	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters?</p> <p><i>Aldermen are accountable to the residents of their ward. I will proactively seek to involve residents in decisionmaking, and in particular use community groups and neighborhood associations as a way of communicating with the residents of the 1st Ward.</i></p>