

# IVI-IPO 2015 CHICAGO ALDERMANIC QUESTIONNAIRE - SECTION 1

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*Please provide the following background information:*

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

**Elected 5th Ward Alderman in 1999 and re-elected in 2003, 2007 and 2011. Elected 5th Ward Committeeman in 2000 and re-elected to successive terms through the present.**

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

**None.**

C. What is your primary occupation?

**I am an attorney but work full time in my capacity as alderman of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward.**

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

**Please refer to biographical note at the end of this section.**

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

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

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**State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, State Sen. Kwame Raoul, U.S. Cong. Bobby Rush, State Rep. Will Burns, State Rep. Marlow Colvin, State Sen. Donne Trotter, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and Barack Obama for all his elected positions. I assist with hosting rallies, field work, serving as a surrogate speaker, and organizing election day volunteers.**

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

**I expect endorsement from the following, most of which also supported me in 2011:**

**Chicago Federation of Labor**

**Teamsters Joint Council 25**

**AFSCME**

**SEIU Local 1**

**Chicago Teachers Union**

**Cook County College Teachers Union**

**Teamsters Joint Council 25**

**Chicago Defender**

**Chicago Dispatcher**

**Chicago Sun-Times**

**Chicago Tribune**

**Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce PAC**

**Citizen Newspaper Group**

**Expired Meter**

**Hyde Park Herald**

**IVI-IPO**

**Personal PAC**

**Planned Parenthood Illinois Action**

**Sierra Club**

**Soul Slate**

**Cook Cty. Board President Toni Preckwinkle**

**State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie**

**State Rep. Ken Dunkin**

**State Sen. Kwame Raoule**

**State Rep. Christian Mitchell**

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 ward is very diverse, predominately African American. Through working with business leaders, my office has significantly revitalized the ward's commercial districts. We have attracted an array of previously unavailable services and flagship companies, some of who are expanding their presence in the ward. They include Aldi, Staples, K&G Fashion Superstore, the city's first South Side drive-through Starbuck's, Jewel/Osco, Anna's Linens, and Save-A-Lot. The majority of managers and employees hired have been from the ward. I created a Special Services Area not only to ensure the upkeep of a**

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commercial district, but also to hire the difficult to employ through the CARA program, which has a classroom component. I am currently involved with negotiations to replace a major brand name grocer, which closed all its Chicagoland stores.

The ward has a high number of affordable rental units, including the city's largest number of Section 8 properties that have attracted former public housing residents, but not the services previously available to them. This has resulted in constant turnover as people continue seeking to improve their living condition, impacting neighborhood schools and residents' ability to stay informed. I have monthly ward meetings, newsletters and as-needed town hall forums to keep people engaged. I have worked to stabilize areas by maintaining good schools as centers to keep families in the area, even if they move to a different residence. We are also vigilant about problem properties, ensuring that landlords meet their legal obligations, as well as that tenants understand their rights and responsibilities.

Our working-class residents also have been most affected by issues related to lack of job opportunities – particularly youth crime and nuisance behavior. My office has approached problem areas comprehensively in partnership with the police, businesses, community groups, block clubs, and schools, with whom we have partnered to expand after-school programs and sponsor positive activities for young people. Our efforts are paying off and we expect them to play an important role in the future.

I have lived in the ward my entire life. I remember good schools, neighborly conduct, young people playing safely outside, and a range of activities for all ages, local businesses that supplied many of our needs. Above all, I want the ward to be a place where residents can work, interact, enjoy themselves and proudly call home.

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

**The budget is \$300,000. From July 2011 to date, I've raised over \$300,000. We are currently in fundraising mode for my re-election. I expect my re-election campaign to cost more than any of my previous ones, because I have an opponent, who will be receiving money from the Chicago Forward PAC.**

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

**Paid: The Publicity Works. Volunteers on our list: over 50.**

## **LESLIE A. HAIRSTON - Biography**

A Chicago native and fierce community advocate with deep roots in the South Shore and Hyde Park neighborhoods, Leslie Hairston has built a professional career dedicated to public service. The fourth term alderman of Chicago's 5th Ward sits on six city council committees. She is vice chair of Economic, Capital & Technology Development and a member of Finance; Budget & Government Operations; Committees, Rules & Ethics; Health & Environmental Protection; and Special Events, Cultural Affairs & Recreation. She also chairs the council's Black Caucus Sub-committee on Business and is a member of the Chicago City Council Progressive Reform Coalition.

Since her first aldermanic election in 1999, Hairston has been instrumental in spearheading infrastructure improvements, business development, and initiatives to enhance ward residents' safety, security and quality of life. She helped pioneer environmentally friendly waste collection programs and, most recently, opened up the menu process to engage constituents in determining how to allocate city funds earmarked for capital improvements.

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Hairston oversees many notable cultural and natural assets, including the lakefront, Jackson Park, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the University of Chicago. She takes particular pride in developing new institutions through partnerships between the community, business and government – such as preserving and refurbishing the South Shore Cultural Center and culinary school, or creating the Gary Comer Youth Center and high school in Greater Grand Crossing. International dignitaries visited both architecturally significant sites during the 2012 NATO meeting.

Hairston’s reputation for principled positions extends beyond her ward—which is known for its history of independent, progressive politics. She was among the handful of aldermen who did not support the sale or lease of such city assets as parking meters without proper notice, documentation or financial justification. She also voted against speed cameras, and has forced examination of city contracts for fair inclusion of minority vendors. She fought ordinances that disproportionately burdened lakefront condominiums with requirements for sprinkler systems and façade improvements. In 2008, she accepted the challenge to live on \$21 in food stamps for a week, leading her to sponsor city legislation expanding use of the Link card to purchase fresh produce.

A strong litigator, Hairston previously served as assistant attorney general for the state of Illinois and staff attorney and special prosecutor for the State’s Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor’s Office, where she argued before the Illinois State Supreme Court. An active member of the Illinois State Bar Association, she serves on its Real Estate Law section council.

Hairston is heavily involved in professional, legal and social service activities, such as the Illinois State Bar Association, Friends of the Park, Kaleidoscope Inc., and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She is proud of her work with youth-based initiatives, which reflects her mother’s career as a CPS teacher and principal for 43 years. Hairston’s father was an entrepreneur, who was one of the first black McDonald’s owners on the city’s South Side. He also owned the Avenue Lounge in Woodlawn.

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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	
		✓	Do you favor maintaining the current number of City Council committees?
1.	ESSAY		Which committees, if any, would you combine or eliminate? <b>The ones I proposed combining in the past were addressed during the recent consolidation, which reduced committees from 19 to 16. However there are still more that could be eliminated, such as Human Relations.</b>
2.	ESSAY		What reforms are necessary in the City Council's committee rules and structure? <b>Roll call votes should be limited to substantive matters. I also think aldermen should be furnished with advance copies of pending ordinances. Budgeting should be a year-round process.</b>
3.	✓		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.	✓		Should the Inspector General be able to initiate his or her own investigations of Aldermen without a complaint from outside the office? <b>However, investigations should be predicated on an actual problem, not a fishing expedition.</b>
5.	✓		Should the Inspector General be able to pursue anonymous complaints? <b>These should not be aired and basically tried in the media before problems are substantiated. Nor is it the IG's role to function as the State's or U.S. Attorney.</b>
6.		✓	Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees?
7.		✓	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
8.		✓	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.	✓		Will you vote for an ordinance mandating that the City contest unemployment claims by former employees who were fired for cause?
10.	✓		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?
12.			Have you joined or will you join:
		✓	The Paul Douglas Caucus
	✓		The Independent Progressive Caucus. <b>I am a member.</b>
			Both
13.	✓		Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
14.	✓		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.			Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees? <b>I comply with all city and state campaign finance requirements.</b>
16.			Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward? <b>I comply with all city and state campaign finance requirements.</b>
	✓		Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns?
17.	ESSAY		Please explain your position. <b>Once candidates have established their credibility through raising a threshold-funding amount and/or acquiring the necessary number of signatures to qualify, public financing should be employed. However, a limit on expenditures should</b>

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		<b>be set.</b>
18.	ESSAY	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? <b>All have contributed within the limits required by law.</b>
19.		What changes would you support to the redistricting process? <b>That it be based on non-partisan criteria and not to benefit any specific individual or political party.</b>
<b>REVENUE AND BUDGET</b>		
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?
22.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
23.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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? <b>I would continue to fight sources of revenue that disproportionately burden working families (e.g., red light fines, parking fees/fines, redundant Park District funding) or dependence on privatization. Many corporations do not pay their fair share of taxes – some because they are woefully delinquent, others due to undeserved incentives. We must also look to long-term solutions that can make a real impact. Instead of spending millions of dollars to undermine the South Suburban Airport, the city should be supporting this huge economic engine for generating revenue from both corporate and individual taxpayers.</b>
25.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support casino gambling for Chicago? <b>I support it with the caveat that it have the proper controls, oversight and projections to consider the extent to which revenues will be offset by associated costs for regulation, criminal activity and health/social services (e.g., addiction, loss of income). Presently, I have seen little evidence of those criteria being met.</b>
26.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to require a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City?
27.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to roll back Mayoral and Aldermanic salaries to pre-2007 levels?
28.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you agree with the criticism that City government is top heavy with management?
29.	ESSAY	<b>The media have well documented the huge payout in terms of salaries and benefits of management whose performance has not produced commensurate benefits. There are still too many incidents of highly paid “ghosts” who do not perform at all or staffers paid well beyond what their experience deserves.</b>
30.	ESSAY	What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? <b>If the city’s benefits package has to change, I believe those changes would have to take into account the worker’s seniority. Long-term workers should be impacted the least, and newer workers should be given access to a range of plans from which to choose.</b>
31.	ESSAY	How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions? <b>See above.</b>
32.	Choose One	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated
		in equal amounts to each ward
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	based on the size of each ward
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward? <b>I have always involved residents in budgeting for the ward, including through</b>

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			the participatory budgeting process.
<b>PRIVATIZATION</b>			
34.	ESSAY		Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria? <b>I do not support privatizing any more of the city's services or assets at this time. In fact, I favor the revisiting of several hurried privatization transactions on both legal and benefit grounds.</b>
35.	✓		Will you vote for an ordinance requiring an independent analysis of any lease or outsourcing arrangement? <b>I am a co-sponsor of Privatization Transparency and Accountability Ordinance, which establishes a process to provide for public input and City Council review of any proposed City privatization plans. I achieved a national reputation for my stand on stronger oversight, more transparency and thorough advance cost-benefit analysis regarding privatization of city assets. I was one of a handful of aldermen to oppose the Midway Airport and parking meter deals precisely because of the flawed process. I also opposed the red-light cameras. As noted above, I even favor the revisiting of several hurried privatization transactions on both legal and benefit grounds.</b>
36.	✓		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? <b>See Q. 35.</b>
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? <b>See Q. 35. In addition, these deals should have monitoring and enforcement components to be considered for approval.</b>
<b>PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>			
39.	ESSAY		How will you involve ward residents in planning? <b>In addition to my monthly ward meetings, I hold a series of forums on all major developments envisioned or approved for the ward. Constituents are integral to setting priorities for TIF, menu and other funds, as well as for the types of businesses and services I go after for the ward. Also, ideas and residents from the Participatory Budget process continue to enhance the office's communication process.</b>
40.	ESSAY		What is your long-range plan for development of the ward? <b>My office will continue to revitalize the ward's commercial districts, as outlined in my introductory comments (Q. H.)</b>
41.	ESSAY		What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance? <b>The impact on both the immediate and larger area, as determined by public meetings.</b>
42.	ESSAY		How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts? <b>As mentioned previously, residents are part of our TIF process. Unfortunately, we cannot always control what happens to our TIF funds. We had community meetings in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward to determine how we wanted to use our TIF funds. I worked to attract businesses to support the TIF. In the end, the City used the money toward constructing South Shore High School in the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward. The school was needed, but the allocation completely disregarded our community's wishes. We have finally begun to see streetscapes the community wanted. TIF money has also helped with beautification of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, acquiring blighted properties, completing Comer Prep, and attracting Starbuck's.</b>
43.	✓		Will you vote to terminate a TIF if the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before

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			the 23 year period is ended?
44.	✓		Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?
45.	<b>ESSAY</b>		How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development? <b>We need to revisit the TIF program; particularly in the way it diverts much needed money from schools and whether that money should be returned.</b>
46.	✓		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.	✓		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)? <b>Note: It is now \$13/hr.</b>
48.	✓		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?
<b>HOUSING</b>			
49.	✓		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?
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.	<b>ESSAY</b>		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? <b>It should apply to property the city buys.</b>
53.	<b>ESSAY</b>		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? <b>A percentage of any replacement housing should be set aside for low income residents in those areas where the housing was taken from, accompanied by the appropriate services.</b>
54.	<b>ESSAY</b>		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? <b>As of the last census, my ward had the highest number of section 8 residents. Our concern is more the programs to support these families.</b>
55.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What measures will you support to provide affordable housing for low-income individuals and families who are not served by any existing programs? <b>An ordinance I sponsored requires exposing these families to appropriate supportive programs and directing them to safe housing, which I already do in my ward.</b>
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?
56.			low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of AMI?
57.	✓		supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?
58.	✓		shelters for the homeless?
59.	✓		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.		✓	Do you support allowing the demolition of existing public housing units without new or rehabilitated replacement housing on a one-for-one basis?
61.	<b>Choose One</b>		Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?
			AMI of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area



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		AMI of Cook County
	✓	AMI of Chicago
		AMI of the Community Area
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
<b>62.</b>	<b>Choose One</b>	Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?
	✓	Popular Election
		Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives
		Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment
		A mix of elected and appointed members
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>63.</b>	✓	Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
<b>64.</b>	✓	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?
<b>65.</b>	✓	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?
<b>66.</b>	✓	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?
<b>67.</b>	✓	Would you favor repealing (or modifying) the 70% requirement for voting to authorize teacher strikes?
<b>68.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>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. <b>I favor different choices to meet different needs, as long as they are not at the expense of public schools generations have depended upon in their neighborhoods. I have observed several reasons why schools may need to be reconstituted, with far too much blame put on teachers and administrations. I have worked with ward schools to determine the true issues. I have successfully fought for what best meets community needs, including saving programs about to be eliminated. We do not have many charter schools. However, Comer College Prep and The Woodlawn School provide high quality alternatives that were difficult to achieve as quickly or as tailored through the bureaucracy of CPS.</b></p>
<b>69.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools? <b>First, the top administrators should have strong education backgrounds, as should a number of board members. Even with LSC's, there is too much top-down tinkering and whole-scale change, with little attention to several home-grown models of success in even the poorest neighborhoods. The emphasis on numbers and security often diverts much needed funding from the academic, cultural and health aspects critical to young development. CPS should also examine how moving students to different neighborhoods often creates or increases the very behavioral problems that have a negative impact on the learning environment.</b></p>
<b>70.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward? <b>In addition to steps mentioned in Q.68, I meet regularly with school administrators to determine what gaps or resources need to be addressed. I lobby CPS officials to provide remedies, as well as investigate suitable alternatives.</b></p>
<b>71.</b>	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension? <b>See Q. 30.</b></p>

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ENVIRONMENT		
72.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for the Clean Power Ordinance?
73.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
74.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago public schools?
75.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago restaurants and food delivery services?
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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? <b>“Green” should be one of the criteria for our public buildings and recommended for significant private structures as well. As alderman, I am aware of major projects and emphasize the importance of environmentally progressive approaches. Several of the ward’s newer public facilities – Grand Crossing Library, Comer School, Comer College Prep, South Shore High School – were designed for LEED silver certification, as well as new and future private developments like Solstice on the Park condo. Developments at the University of Chicago also use green technology.</b>
78.	ESSAY	What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose? <b>In addition to steps mentioned in Q. 77, my ward has pioneered such promising initiatives as blue cart recycling, solar-powered trash compactors and the Recycle Bank program that uses recycling points to reward individuals and schools.</b>
PARKS		
79.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increased privatization of park facilities and services?
	ESSAY	Why or why not? <b>The Park District acts with little oversight, transparency or accountability. We pay taxes toward it, yet are essentially taxed again through fees – much of them going toward contractors hired to run such aspects as our harbors. I view this as another source of asset mismanagement over which we have even less control than we do for the disposition of other city assets.</b>
81.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?
TRANSPORTATION		
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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
	2	Orange Line to Ford City Mall
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Downtown Circulator
	3	Downtown-O'Hare Express
	4	Other – please specify. <b>Once the South Suburban Airport is built, to make sure there’s convenient transportation for Chicagoans to the site. Currently, the Metra stop at Governors State University is only five miles from the SSA site.</b>
	YES	NO
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support renegotiation of Chicago's parking meter privatization deal?

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85.	✓	Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?
86.	✓	Do you support the O'Hare expansion plan? <b>It has been approved to move forward, but I believe it should still be made part of a comprehensive regional aviation expansion plan, with focus on the South Suburban Airport. O'Hare is at capacity. We can't expand the roads leading to O'Hare and we can't expand the air space. Last year's revised flight patterns have generated thousands of complaints from neighboring communities. According to the City's Department of Aviation, noise complaints have soared at O'Hare, from more than 21,000 in 2012 to more than 29,000 last year. This year, the number of complaints exceeds 170,000.</b>
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>		
87.	✓	Is 911 response time adequate? If not, how can it be improved? <b>A system needs to be put into place where calls for the service are not "stacked."</b>
88.	✓	Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward? If so, what can be done to redress them? <b>See Q. 87.</b>
89.	✓	Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?
90.	✓	What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program? <b>CAPS works well in my ward. My concern is more that "changes" may mean consolidating, downsizing or eliminating the program altogether.</b>
91.	✓	Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
92.	✓	What measures will you support to stop the schools to prison pipeline? <b>Early childhood programs, good education, a variety of positive activities, and JOBS.</b>
93.	✓	Do you support gun control?
94.	✓	What measures, if any, should the City Council adopt in response to recent court decisions striking down Chicago's handgun ban? <b>The Council has already strengthened related laws.</b>
95.	✓	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.	✓	Please share your views regarding the functioning of the Independent Police Review Authority and whether it should operate more independently of the Police Department. <b>Most effective oversight authorities operate independently of those under scrutiny. We cannot expect to root out well-known problems at CPD with the current opportunities for political influence and peer pressure.</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>		
97.	✓	Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?
98.	✓	Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts? <b>I have sponsored legislation to that effect.</b>
99.	✓	Please comment on current participation of individuals with disabilities in city hiring and contracts. <b>While I cannot speak authoritatively on the city as a whole, I have been a strong supporter in my ward of rights and employment opportunities for the disabled.</b>
100.	✓	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. <b>As noted above, I have sponsored legislation related to contracts. The Police Dept. has made progress, but</b>

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		<b>the bench of African Americans is very thin at the Police and Fire Departments. They are failing to recruit or promote Black officers.</b>
101.	✓	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
102.	✓	Will you vote to require all City vendors and contractors to provide spousal benefits for same-sex partners of their employees?
103.	✓	Will you vote for the Municipal ID ordinance?
	<b>ESSAY</b>	<b>Why or why not? It has continued to be a little publicized or discussed measure. It seems another form of taxation and smacks of a veiled threat to immigrants. I have not seen any measurable benefits that would outweigh either the resources required to manage and enforce such an ordinance or the inconvenience and burden to Chicagoans.</b>
<b>ALDERMANIC PRIORITIES</b>		
104.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What employment, if any, other than alderman, do you intend to hold? <b>I have been a full-time alderman since being elected to the position and plan on continuing to be.</b>
105.	<b>ESSAY</b>	How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation? <b>On occasion I have practiced law, but that has been less than one percent of my time during any year since my election.</b>
106.	<b>ESSAY</b>	Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties. <b>I will continue to be a 24/7 alderman.</b>
107.	<b>ESSAY</b>	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. <b>My staff is a mix of paid and volunteer, three full-time and two part-time paid. Those collecting a salary have college degrees and/or experience in areas related to the needs of ward constituents – e.g., housing, public safety, parks, etc. Volunteers and interns from colleges and universities manage the phones and the database, as well as research issues raised by residents. My office is open five days a week for a total of 38 hours, plus the 4-7 hours for monthly meetings and forums held throughout the ward.</b>
108.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this? <b>The turnaround time from when my office notifies the city for a service request (e.g., for tree trimming, potholes, condo rebates, economic development projects) and bureaucracy oftentimes delays when we get a response from city departments. I continue to work on improving the allocation of police resources.</b>
109.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What are your top priorities for the Ward? <b>Economic development, broadening access to quality schools, improving our housing stock, addressing crime and nuisance behavior, and fostering opportunities to for residents and visitors to enjoy the ward’s many natural and cultural assets.</b>
110.	<b>ESSAY</b>	How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? <b>I will continue holding regular meetings and special forums to ensure stakeholders have opportunities to give input and receive substantive information. I do not propose or approve any major development without public hearings, from which I ascertain the desired direction. I see myself as the representative of the ward’s diverse constituents, rather than the “head honcho” who issues orders at my sole discretion. I have a very independent, educated</b>

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		<p>and civically active ward. I must frequently negotiate between strong community groups with differing perspectives, but consider that a necessary part of democratically achieved decisions.</p>
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