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Please provide the following background information:

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

None

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

None

C. What is your primary occupation?

Mortgage Broker/Loan Originator

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

2002-2008 Unique Mortgage/Bey Financial provided home buying seminars and refinance education seminars

2007-2011 Hyde Park Ace Tournament provided mentoring to elementary –high school students which ended with a community tournament, healthcare and education fair

2010-Present Community Outreach Coordinator I act as a liason for community programs and services provided by the church

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 part of my post-secondary education and vocational experience, my background has been a focus in banking, real estate finance, mortgage banking and project management. Based upon my inter-action with many residents of the 4th Ward, I believe that my professional experiences and community stewardship shall contribute greatly in providing collaborative and solution-based leadership.**

F. What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. **I provided support to presidential candidate Barak Obama's campaign**

G. Please list all endorsements you have received so far. **None**

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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? **As a resident of the 4th Ward for over 20 years, I am committed to insuring that our diverse community regains its voice in city government. I believe that every resident should be a part of the decision-making processes. I would consider it an honor to have an opportunity to represent one of the City of Chicago's the most historical and diverse communities, and I believe that I possess a platform of leadership that is transparent, collaborative and solution-based in addressing legitimate challenges in our Ward such as improving student achievement, limiting school closings, Resident knowledge of Tax-Increment Financing (TIF), Neighborhood Safety/Crime, etc**

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

\$100K

\$20,000

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

6

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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?
			Which committees, if any, would you combine or eliminate? <i>I would scale back some of the over 33 joint committees currently operating within city hall. Committees become monotonous when they stop producing productive results.</i>
2.			What reforms are necessary in the City Council's committee rules and structure? <i>City council needs to enact rules and structure which promote transparency, productivity and good governance.</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.		X	Will you support an ordinance to reduce the number of wards?
12.		X	Have you joined or will you join:
			The Paul Douglas Caucus
			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?
			Please explain your position. <i>I believe politics should be about serving the community in which you live. Anyone who is interested in running for public office should be prepared to finance his/her own campaign. The burden should not lie on tax payers.</i>
18.			Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?

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			<p style="color: red;">My top contributors are individuals who have provided for the most part in-kind donations in the form of printing materials and operational costs. A complete list of this will be included in my quarterly report to be filed on January 15th.</p>
19.			<p>What changes would you support to the redistricting process?</p> <p style="color: red;">The redistricting process should be conducted through a non-partisan effort and done based on the latest census data. Current Alderman should not play a role in deciding how their wards should be drawn, this causes a direct conflict of interest.</p>
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		<p>What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose?</p> <p style="color: red;">I support the implementation a financial transaction tax(La Salle St. Tax), exploring how casinos can generate additional revenue, an immediate halt to the reckless borrowing trends which has led to a massive accumulation of debt, a responsible plan to use TIF funds effectively instead of towards multi-million dollar corporations, and an assessment of how we can make city departments run more efficiently.</p>
25.	X		Do you support casino gambling for Chicago?
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 believe we should asses all city functions and eliminate positions which may have run its course or are now obsolete.
30.	ESSAY		<p>What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? The solution to the city pension crisis is multifaceted. We need to address the massive looming debt and find sensible solutions, find additional revenue streams, and then ensure that we're honoring the pensions in which many have already paid into.</p>
31.	ESSAY		<p>How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions? Any modifications on public employee pensions needs to be looked at by experts. I support putting together a commission to asses any changes/adjustments if any that need to be made.</p>
32.	Choose One		Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated
			in equal amounts to each ward
	X		based on the size of each ward
			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?
PRIVATIZATION			

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34.	ESSAY	Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria? None. All city functions should be run by the city and its people.
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? City functions should not be privatized, this ties our policies to corporations and takes power directly away from the people who live and work in the city.
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 do not support privatization of city services as stated in #34. The less our city is tied to corporate policies the less corruption we will see in the end result.
PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
39.	ESSAY	How will you involve ward residents in planning? I will used multiple avenues including email, social media and weekly open forums to allow residents to stay informed on planning/projects.
40.	ESSAY	What is your long-range plan for development of the ward? My long-range plan for development in the ward includes partnering with business, community leaders, developers and entrepreneurs to bring projects to the ward which promote economic growth, stable housing, jobs, and educational and cultural opportunities for all in the community.
41.	ESSAY	What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance? Any zoning changes or requests will need to meet criteria which promote economic stability within the community.
42.	ESSAY	How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts? I believe transparency throughout the entire process is the best option for involving residents and all stake holders who will be affected in the TIF districts. As it stands the current process leaves most community members out.
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? The property tax revenue for CPS would not be a crisis if TIF funds were used appropriately instead of indiscriminately and secretive as is used now.
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.		X Do you support enacting an ordinance to preserve Single-Room Occupancy housing?

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51.	X		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? <i>I would support allotting some of the properties to those families who live in the community first and then if not used, opening up those properties to any resident who resides in the city of Chicago.</i>
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? <i>I would ensure that as SRO's/low income housing properties are being converted, that we're also ensuring that those who need the housing are provided options instead of being displaced.</i>
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? <i>I would create stricter guidelines for property buyouts of family sized units and ask landlords and property owners to consider placing a percentage of their properties under the Section 8 program.</i>
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? <i>I would support lobbying for additional grant money to help extend assistance to low income families and individuals who aren't currently served by existing programs.</i>
	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?
	X		AMI of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
			AMI of Cook County
			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
			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

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			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. <i>I think as a whole Renaissance 2010 was created to address improvements in the education system which could have better been resolved by investing in our current neighborhood schools and ensuring that our educators and students had the best possible resources to be able to succeed in their educational goals. The problem with Renaissance 2010 is that it tied educational goals to for profit corporations instead of municipal policy. Anytime you tie policy to profits it changes the fundamental mission.</i>
69.	ESSAY		What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools? <i>The best way the city can improve schools is to continue providing resources at the local level.</i>
70.	ESSAY		What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward? <i>I plan to work with local school principals and teachers to find out what resources they need most and also asses what policies are working and which ones need to be reviewed.</i>
71.	ESSAY		How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension? <i>Any modifications on public school teacher pensions need to be looked at by experts. I support putting together a commission to asses any changes/adjustments if any that need to be made.</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? <i>The city can give incentives to businesses and individuals who seek to use green energy and alternative green technology.</i>
78.	ESSAY		What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose? <i>I propose expanding the use vacant lots to build community gardens and promote environmental education as well as reusing community space.</i>
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? <i>No. The city of Chicago was designed to function as a municipality, which promotes fair and equitable policies that are NOT tied to profits. If you privatize city functions we end up moving the power of governing from the people, to corporations.</i>
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?

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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
	3		Orange Line to Ford City Mall
	4		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?
CRIMINAL JUSTICE			
87.	X		Is 911 response time adequate?
	ESSAY		If not, how can it be improved?
88.		X	Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward?
	ESSAY		If so, what can be done to redress them?
89.	X		Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?
90.	ESSAY		What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program? The CAPS program in its inception was design to bridge the gap between the law enforcement community, the leaders and the community. I think a much larger effort needs to be made to bring all stake holders to the table.
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? Education by far is the greatest asset in helping to stop the schools to prison pipeline. I believe if we invest in our children's education and provide support in the areas in need, we can begin to stem this problem.
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? Though gun violence in Chicago is at an all-time high, the recent court decision echoes the extent to which our city council can control issues that are controlled at the federal level. The 2nd Amendment affords each citizen the right to bear arms, however this should not mean that we ignore some basic common sense approaches. There should be a process in place that makes sense for the state of Illinois in enforcing 2nd amendment rights, and I'm willing to work with local and state officials to ensure that we apply this process appropriately for the city of Chicago.
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. I support a citizen police review board appointed by an independent authority. This ensures that there are no conflicts of interests.
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.

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		All city hiring and contracts should abide by state and federal ADA policies.
100.	ESSAY	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. All city hiring and contracts should also follow federal and local EEO policies.
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	Why or why not? Unless there is an overwhelming need for residents who either don't qualify for a state ID or who cannot afford one, I would be against the Municipal ID ordinance at this time.
ALDERMANIC PRIORITIES		
104.	ESSAY	What employment, if any, other than alderman, do you intend to hold? Once elected as aldermen I plan on dedicating all my time to serving the residents of my ward.
105.	ESSAY	How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation? n/a
106.	ESSAY	Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties. This will depend on the needs of the community.
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. My aldermanic staff and payroll will be determined on how much I'm allotted for office and operational needs for the specific fiscal year.
108.	ESSAY	What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this? Citizen outreach is at an all-time low. I plan conducting a listening tour to find out what the residents of my ward most need.
109.	ESSAY	What are your top priorities for the Ward? Economic development, education, housing and public safety.
110.	ESSAY	How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? By providing an outlet for stakeholders in the community to give feedback on city matters.