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Development is as concern in the 9th Ward. I am the Business Development Coordinator for the 95th Street Panel of Development. I work with the 103rd, Greater Roseland Medical District, 115th Street, and 130th Street Panels of Development.

Crime is a Problem in the 9th Ward. I wrote and administered a Violence Prevention Program that touched the lives of 150 children in the 9th Ward in 2011-2012.

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

Recent Candidates I have supported are Barack Obama in his bid to become a US Senator and President of the United States.

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

Response: I have been endorsed by the:

- 9th Ward Aldermanic Search Community Council (ASCC);
- The Gardner Initiative developed by Ed Gardner, founder and former CEO of Soft Sheen Products;
- Services Employees International Union/Local 73/Coalition Organized to Win (SEIU/COW);
- Reclaim Chicago/The Peoples' Lobby.

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?

Response: One reason for endorsing me is that I have been an active citizen in the community who knows and is known by numerous community councils, associations, business organizations, non-profit organizations, churches and political officials as I have joined in to improve my neighborhood and Greater Roseland Community.

My priorities, as it relates to the interest of the residents of the 9th ward are as follows:

- Support initiatives and legislation that will support excellent education for our toddlers, youth and young adults. This includes an elected school board which will bring voice to unserved and underserved 9th ward communities
- Coordinate the development of diverse post-secondary training opportunities for all residents that will lead to a career path, not just a job.
- Support opportunity for economic development and employment within the 9th ward. This specifically addresses the resurrection of the South Michigan business corridor, as well as other viable locations within the 9th ward (There are many).
- To provide leadership, voice and energy to seeing the CTA Redline extension become a reality.
- To reduce the crime in the 9th ward. (This will be accomplished by the realization and work in the first 4 dot points)
- Change the environmental profile of the 9th ward where waste landfills and brown areas are prevalent due to the exit of manufacturers. I would like to see these areas turned into viable parks and green related initiatives that will enhance the air quality and improve the health of residents in the 9th ward.

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

Response: It is projected that it will take approximately \$250,000.00 to be able to defeat an incumbent. To date the campaign havea raised \$36,000.00.

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

Response: My campaign staff consists of 4 individuals, There are 6 individuals working in a consultant Capacity. There are presently 52 volunteers that provide various duties. I anticipate this number will triple Once I have cleared the ballot challenge.

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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transportation and Pedestrian Safety could be potentially combined theoretically they address similar issues PRO's: Save Money CON's: There could be a deemphasize on one of both of these important issues. b. Education and Work Force Development could be combined as education and training our future workforce are related. PRO's: Save Money CON's: There could be a deemphasize on one of both of these important issues.
2.	ESSAY		What reforms are necessary in the City Council's committee rules and structure? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Item sent to committee must be resolved on 6 to 9 months.
3.	YES		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.	YES		Should the Inspector General be able to initiate his or her own investigations of Aldermen without a complaint from outside the office?
5.	YES		Should the Inspector General be able to pursue anonymous complaints?
6.		NO	Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees?
7.		NO	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
8.		NO	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.		NO	Will you vote for an ordinance mandating that the City contest unemployment claims by former employees who were fired for cause?
10.		NO	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.		NO	Will you support an ordinance to reduce the number of wards?
12.			Have you joined or will you join:

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			The Paul Douglas Caucus
			The Independent Progressive Caucus
	YES		Both
13.	YES		Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
14.	YES		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.		NO	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees?
16.		NO	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward?
17.	YES		Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns?
		ESSAY	<p>Please explain your position.</p> <p>The idea of publicly financed elections, dates back to the early 20th century. During this time Progressive Era reformers sought to curb the undue political influence wielded by multimillionaires. As you may recall these multi millionaire were created during the nineteenth century's industrial revolution (Ford, Carnegie, Edison...).</p> <p>Of recent, the 1990s, there has been success with the Fair/Clean Election Campaign movement. Full public financing of elections have begun to emerge.. Some form of Clean Money, Clean Elections laws have passed in eleven states and four municipalities— Maine, Vermont, Arizona, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Mexico, New Jersey, Connecticut, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Hawaii, as well as Portland, Oregon, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.</p> <p>Clean Elections remains law in all these places remain with the exception of Massachusetts</p>
18.		ESSAY	<p>Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?</p> <p>Michael and Jenny LaFargue \$ 45,500 Eddie Jones \$1,500 Mark Schaefer \$1,000 Michael Pflieger \$300 Cory Spears \$250</p>
19.			<p>What changes would you support to the redistricting process?</p> <p>TBD</p>
REVENUE AND BUDGET			
20.	YES		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.	YES		public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?
22.	YES		making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
23.	YES		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?

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		<p>1. Taxing Financial Institution Trades PRO's: It is not being done now. I CON's: Depending on the implementation it could chase some institutions out of Chicago.</p> <p>2. Out of City Commuter Tax Tax those who live in the suburbs or out of state who work in Chicago PRO's: Increased Revenue. CON's: Loss good people force. Retaliation Tax</p> <p>3. Tax Incremental Financing Modification Originally designed for blighted areas. Between 2004 and 2008 \$1.56 billion spent of 2.56 spent were spent in the Loop. Near North, Near South Side, and Near West Side. \$4.8 million was invested in Pullman, Roseland, Riverdale West Pullman were blight is prevalent.</p> <p>4. Increasing the city's portion of the Property Tax would be a very last resource. (In 2014 Property Taxes Brought in 10% of the General fund Revenue vs Cutting City Services or Pensions.</p>
25.		Do you support casino gambling for Chicago?
26.		Will you vote to require a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City?
27.	NO	Will you vote to roll back Mayoral and Aldermanic salaries to pre-2007 levels?
28.	YES	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?
		Do you agree with the criticism that City government is top heavy with management?
29.	ESSAY	<p>Please explain your position.</p> <p>I need to study the current ratios and efficiencies since 2011 to answer this question.</p> <p>In 2011 there was about 35,000 city employees. Budget consultants hired by city-employee unions calculated that one department has more than 200 employees in various supervisory roles and 334 "front line" workers, for a ratio of about 1.6 staff members per manager.</p> <p>The consultants also found that 55 managers are included in the 477 filled positions in the General Services Department, about 7.6 workers for each administrator.</p> <p>In 2011 "The Chicago Police Department also had more layers of management at the top of the department than police departments of other major cities," according to a Civic Federation report on the city's budget released last month.</p> <p>If today's ratios are the same as in 2011 then Chicago should follow the lead of other city and state governments across the country that have achieved great savings by reducing layers of management.</p> <p>A slight increase in the number of workers per manager could save the city tens of millions of dollars, the consultants say.</p>

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<p>30.</p>	<p>ESSAY</p>	<p>What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency?</p> <p>The combined deficit for Chicago's four funds swelled to \$19.8 billion in fiscal 2012 from \$5.4 billion in 2003, the report said. (TIF Reserves \$1.5 billion can pay 15% of the \$20 billion pensions or 6 % of today's \$26.8 in unfunded pension liability)</p> <p>There is allegedly \$1.7 billion the city has in TIF reserves right now. It is believed that \$1.5 billion has been not been committed projects.</p> <p>If the city can break promises to pay workers a certain pension, it can break certain TIF deals.</p> <p>State law establishes retirement plans for all public employees in Illinois, including those employed by the City and its sister agencies. Employees of the City of Chicago participate in one of four pension funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Municipal Employees' Annuity & Benefit Fund of Chicago (MEABF) 2. Laborers' & Retirement Board Employees' Annuity & Benefit Fund (LABF) 3. Policemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund (PABF) 4. Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund (FABF) <p>Two other funds that cover employees of certain sister agencies of the City.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF) 6. Park Employees Annuity and Benefit Fund (PEABF) <p>How Are Pensions Funded?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taxpayer contributions from the City's (or sister agencies) general fund budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Tax Revenue • Other revenues, such as the Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) 2. Employee contributions made through payroll deductions. 3. Returns on fund investments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the numbers and percentages associated with the retirement systems described in this website assume pension fund investments will see a return of 8% or greater per year. However, the low funding levels of the retirement plans means that the funds are liquidating assets to pay pension benefits each year, so the amount invested needs an even higher rate of return. Relying on the stock market to consistently hit this goal is risky. <p>How Does the Funding Break Down?</p> <p>Annual total amounts taken from the taxpayer-supported general revenues to support current retirement benefit levels (2012 estimates):</p> <p>City Sponsored Funds: \$477 million Chicago Parks: \$11 million</p>
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Chicago Teachers: \$204 million

Total: \$692 million

Based on funding assumptions, this number is expected to grow to \$2.4 billion in 2017.

**All current numbers for headcount and average pensions are based on the most recent available CAFRs and actuarial valuation reports from each respective pension Fund. Current funding levels are 2012 estimates from independent actuaries.*

CRITICAL PROBLEM Currently, the City's six pension funds only have 50% of the funding needed to support the current pension system.

City's Unfunded Pension Liabilities (projected to end of FY2012):

- Municipal Employees' Annuity & Benefit Fund of Chicago (MEABF): \$8.2 billion
- Laborers' & Retirement Board Employees' Annuity & Benefit Fund (LABF): \$0.9 billion
- Policemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund (PABF): \$7.0 billion
- Firemen's Annuity & Benefit Fund (FABF): \$3.1 billion
- Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF): \$7.1 billion
- Park Employees Annuity and Benefit Fund (PEABF): \$0.4 billion

Total Current Unfunded Liability: \$26.8 billion

How Much Do City Employees and their Employers Contribute to their Pension Benefits?

- Number of retired employees and beneficiaries: 71,850
- Number of active employees: 84,400
- Average retiree pension: \$41,400
- Taxpayer-supported contribution rate: 12.28%
- Employees' contribution rate: approximately 8.81% (**five funds' percentages vary from 8.500% to 9.125%*)
- Chicago Teachers: 9% (**CPS pays 7% under collective bargaining agreement, and 2% is deducted from employees' gross pay*)

What are the two different types of pension funding?

This is all specified in the Illinois Pension Code. It is important to mention, public employees pay a significant amount towards their defined benefit pensions, an amount that is higher than Social Security contributions of private sector employees.

Funds can have their contributions set based on payroll. Five of the six City funds (not CTPF) currently use this approach.

- Every pay period, a percentage of each employee's gross pay is deducted by his or her employer and sent to the pension Fund of which he is a member. Those percentages range from 8.50% at LABF and MEABF to 9.125% at FABF. Shortly after the end of the year, each of these Funds calculates how much the employer or sponsor of the Fund should contribute, based on a multiple of what employees contributed by payroll

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		deduction in the year just ended.
		Funds can have their contributions set based on "actuarial funding," which bases contribution rates on the financial condition of the Fund. This is how CTPF funding is now set
31	ESSAY	<p>How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions?</p> <p>I recommend pension reform only as to "new" employees – those to be hired in the future.</p> <p>\$1.5 million in TIF Reserves be used to reduce the current Pension Deficit for by \$1.5 Billion to \$24.5 Billion from \$25.8 Billion.</p> <p>A Financial Transaction Tax will address more of the Pension Deficit.</p> <p>I will not change the contribution requirements for public pensions. It is important to note that public employees pay a significant amount towards their defined benefit pensions, an amount that is higher than Social Security contributions of private sector employees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees' contribution rate: approximately 8.81% (<i>*five funds' percentages vary from 8.500% to 9.125%</i>) • Chicago Teachers: 9% (<i>*CPS pays 7% under collective bargaining agreement, and 2% is deducted from employees' gross pay</i>)
32.	Choose One	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated
		in equal amounts to each ward
	YES	based on the size of each ward
		based on the needs of each ward
	YES	NO
33.	YES	Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward?
PRIVATIZATION		
34.	ESSAY	<p>Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?</p> <p>I will not vote to privatize union jobs in Chicago? Privatization at can become another name for patronage. The transparency in the city benefits has not been as transparent as they should. Parking Lot, Parking Meter and other debacles come to mind.</p>
35.	YES	Will you vote for an ordinance requiring an independent analysis of any lease or outsourcing arrangement?
36.	YES	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?

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		<p>Privatization is the lease or sale of public assets or the contracting out of public services I will not vote to privatize union jobs in Chicago? Privatization at become another name for patronage.</p> <p>I can support a privatization decision making process that is open, transparent, and accountable to the public. I do not agree with privatizing union jobs.</p>
38.	ESSAY	<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 Rutan decision requirements or any other anti-patronage rules or protocols?</p> <p>In contract language for all private contractors, I would support a statement be required that the hiring of any individuals in a position under the contract must meet the same requirements and/or restrictions as an individual being hired by the City. The contractor would provide the names, titles and identifying information of the hirees on a quarterly basis for review by city personnel departments.</p>
PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
39.	ESSAY	<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning?</p> <p>I believe in participatory government. Hosting Paper and Electronic Surveys, Paper and Electronic Sources, Participatory budgeting, Forums, Town Hall Meetings, and Ward Aldermanic Advisory Councils.</p>
40.	ESSAY	<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?</p> <p>The make the 9th ward needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Line Extension • Transit Oriented Development • Greater Roseland Medical District Development • South Michigan Avenue Business Development • Plans for upgrading and utilizing abandoned homes and buildings throughout the ward
41.	ESSAY	<p>What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance?</p> <p>I would ensure that the communities directly impacted by the proposed zoning change be made aware. Initially, I would contact the community associations within the target area. If no such organization exists, then I would reach out to constituents electronically and by mail. From the responses, I would either hold a single meeting or address the individual community associations. In the case of impact on the entire ward, I would host a number of town hall meetings so that residents are aware of the proposed changes, have an opportunity to review the options and provide a written yeah or nay on the proposal.</p>

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42.	ESSAY	<p>How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate the community on TIFS. • Paper and Electronic Surveys, • Paper and Electronic Communications, • Forums, • Town Hall Meetings, • Ward News Paper and • Ward Aldermanic Advisory Councils
43.	YES	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.	YES	Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?
45.	ESSAY	<p>How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development?</p> <p>TBD</p>
46.	YES	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.	YES	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.	YES	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.	YES	Will you vote to amend the Vacant Properties Ordinance to require mortgage servicers to register their properties?
50.	YES	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.	ESSAY	<p>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?</p> <p>This will require further reiew on my behalf. While I do have knowledge of this type of targeting, there are so many foreclosures in the,9th ward, I would like to be able to discuss a comprehensive plan. My initial thought is that I would like to develop it in thirds. 1/3 30-40% AMI, 1/3/ 40-60% AMI and the final 1/3 for individuals who qualify at or above AMI figures.</p>
53.	ESSAY	<p>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?</p> <p>To be determined</p>

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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>That would be included in the 1/3 between 30 and 40% discussed in question #52.</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>There are too many homes in the 9th ward that are vacant due to foreclosure. Allocation would need to be determined, but I do not foresee a problem with the formulas addressed above.</i>
	YES	NO
56.	YES	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward? low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of AMI?
57.	YES	supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?
58.	YES	shelters for the homeless?
59.	YES	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.		NO
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.	Choose One	
		Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing? AMI of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
	XX	AMI of Cook County
		AMI of Chicago
		AMI of the Community Area
EDUCATION		
62.	Choose One	
	YES	Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support? Popular Election (<i>broken down by district, not open to highest # of votes citywide</i>)
		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.		Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
64.	YES	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.	YES	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.	YES	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.	YES	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>The results of Renaissance 2010 has been abysmal, at best. The gap between school accomplishment based upon the pyramid classifications, has widened 1.e. magnet, selective enrollment, There is no accountability in any of the school initiatives and school performance</i>

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		<p>measures for the level of school as well as student being instructed. In recent studies, it has been proven that the achievement of charter schools is, in many cases, poorer than some of the general public schools. The restructure of schools in the “turn around” category haa not led to better results. The only benefit to reconstitution of the schools have been in the case</p> <p><i>Juan Perez, Jr. reported in the Chicago Tribune Charter schools have failed to improve Chicago's public school system and perform less ably than comparable traditional schools, according to a new report from an urban research group at the University of Minnesota Law School.</i></p> <p><i>The Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity <u>concludes in its report</u> that, taking into consideration factors such as economic status, Chicago charters lag behind neighborhood schools in producing students who meet or exceed standards for reading and math, as well as in graduation rates.</i></p> <p><i>The institute also says its research found that "charters are much less likely to be racially or ethnically diverse.".....</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">69.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ESSAY</p>	<p>What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools? The city should take the politics out of the education system as it stands now, Too much of the system is based upon class (monetary) vs, the needs of our children. All other districts in the State have an elected school board. Chicago should also work with this option also.</p> <p>Other ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give more power to the LSC. 2. Motivate parents to be more involved, in manner that is revenue/cost neutral way.. i.e. Having school card pick up days Saturdays versus weekends
<p style="text-align: center;">70.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ESSAY</p>	<p>What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward? Encourage CPS admministrators to determine best proven practices for school attainment and then mirror this process across the city. We have an excellent example of this in the 9th ward. 5 years ago , Gillespie Elementary School and Harlan High School were at the bottom of the performance scale. Gillespie has managed to move up to the highest attainable rating in 5 years. Harlan still remains at the bottom. The difference is the resources Gillespie was able to obtain through the board and grant writing. If this is seen to work, why is the high school kept in the dark.</p> <p>Other Ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give more power to the LSC 2. Have the Ward Wide LSC meet with one another 3. Develop a relationship between local businesses interact with the schools 4. Develop a relationship between local police,justice and other agencies interact with the schools. 5. Find was to get parents more involved. A revenue neutral way to motivate parents may be appropriate. 6. Promote Outing to the many historical areas in and out of the ward 7. Have school card pick up days Saturdays versus weekends

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71.	ESSAY	How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension?
ENVIRONMENT		
72.	YES	Will you vote for the Clean Power Ordinance?
73.	NO	Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
74.	YES	Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago public schools?
75.	YES	Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago restaurants and food delivery services?
76.	YES	Will you vote to adopt the water quality standards recommended by the Pollution Control Board?
77.	ESSAY	<p><i>What should the City do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy?</i></p> <p><i>I would get input from organizations as LEED, environmental groups and increase educate all on the return on investment of using alternative forms of energy.</i></p>
78.	ESSAY	<p>What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose?</p> <p>Promote Green Ideas as follows. Which is a part of a environmental proposal from my community board of directors:</p> <p>Interior concrete walls the absorb sun light heat all day radiate warmth at night. Community gardens improve enviromental issues.</p> <p>The results are in—Chicago may have a reputation for being “green,” but when it comes to actual park space; the city has fewer parkland acres per resident than does any of the nine other biggest U.S. cities, and <u>Chicago ranks third lowest among all 56 major cities.</u></p> <p>ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Pervious Concrete Pavement</u> http://www.perviouspavement.org/. Pervious concrete pavement is a unique and effective means to address important environmental issues, and support green, sustainable growth. By capturing storm water and allowing it to seep into the ground, porous concrete is instrumental in recharging groundwater, reducing storm water runoff, and meeting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) storm water regulations. In fact, the use of pervious concrete is among the Best Management Practices (BMPs) recommended by the EPA—and by other agencies and geotechnical engineers across the country—for the management of storm water runoff on a regional and local basis. This pavement technology creates more efficient land use by eliminating the need for retention ponds, swales, and other storm water management procedures. In doing so, pervious concrete has the ability to lower overall project costs on a first-cost basis. <p>• <u>Solar Heated Side Walk, Parking Lots and Roads.</u> To eliminate the cost and noise of pushing snow, the parking lot can be heated by solar panel cable, heated antifreeze tubes or the technology described at http://cleantechnica.com/2011/08/17/solar-roads-the-company-to-build-solar-panel-parking-lot-top-transportation-stories/.</p> <p>Solar roads have been a dream of countless clean tech lovers for a while now; and, there’s actually a company with the name <u>Solar Roadways</u>. Environmentalists have written about the potential of <u>solar roads</u> and <u>solar bike lanes</u> a <u>number of times</u> over the years, but there’s news out now that Solar Roadways has received a \$750,000 grant from</p>

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the Federal Highway Administration to build a parking lot in Idaho paved with solar panels, the most practical application of the idea heard, by this writer, of in the U.S. *Read more at <http://cleantechnica.com/2011/08/17/solar-roadways-the-company-to-build-solar-panel-parking-lot-top-transportation-stories/#xAcPsDI7EAMhJ85m.99>

Energy Efficient Lighting for Parking Lots <http://www.enviroasis.com/parking-lots/>. Parking Lots are an excellent candidate for Energy Efficient upgrades, primarily because most new technologies are designed to last 50,000 hours (LED) to 100,000 hours (Induction), effectively eliminating the amount of labor required to service the lighting systems. Thus there are tremendous maintenance savings to be achieved in retrofitting or replacing Parking Garage lights. Additionally, Parking Lots typically use older, inefficient Metal Halide or High Pressure Sodium (HPS) lamps where light levels have depreciated significantly and visible light levels have dropped below minimum acceptable levels. Immediate benefits with fast paybacks include but are not limited to: energy savings of 50% or more; high quality light output; reduced maintenance operation; and sensors/controls for dimming and further energy savings.

- **Self-Cleaning Public Rest Rooms**

Our community has a problem with public urination. There are no rest rooms for people in or around the transit terminal. To remedy this problem, we suggest public urinals be made available to the public. Milan, Italy — There is a revolutionary new urinal on the market from Italian-based designer Young Sang Eun that doubles as a toilet with the push of a button, according to Dvice.com, it is considered the Ultimate Clean Toilet. It is self-cleaning thanks to a built-in ultraviolet (UV) light system and steam that sterilizes the unit after each use, the story stated.

Other IDEAS for A Park and Ride – Station (FROM MY COMMUNITY PROPOSAL)

- WCCA conducted three community (3) surveys. • The September 2012 survey revealed that a mixed use park and ride with a day care/office space /coffee shop on the north side of 95th street may be acceptable. • The September 2013 survey revealed a park and ride situated on the northwest side of Abbott Park may be acceptable. Either would include a pedestrian bridge over State Street to the Terminal. ([See Survey Results Appendix C](#))

The following environmentally positive suggestions should also be considered.

- **Recycled Glass Epoxy Flooring**

http://www.everlastepoxy.com/recycled_glass_epoxy_flooring.html

EVERLAST Flooring and/or EVERLAST Epoxy Eco Flooring are the environmentally friendly solutions for facilities, in that, it is made from recycled glass bottles and a recycled content certificate can be provided for LEED projects. Everlast Eco Epoxy floor has the same properties as Everlast Floors. The only difference in their formulation is recycled glass bottle chips being replaced with marble chips. The resin is identical, for durable and attractive floors.

- **Photovoltaic Solar Cells that Turn Windows into a type of Solar Panel**

UCLA researchers have developed a new transparent solar cell advancement toward

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			<p style="color: red;">giving windows in homes and other buildings the ability to generate electricity while still allowing people to see outside. Their study appears in the journal - ACS Nano. The UCLA team describes a new kind of polymer solar cell (PSC) that produces energy by absorbing mainly infrared light, not visible light, making the cells nearly 70% transparent to the human eye. They made a device from a photoactive plastic that converts infrared light into an electrical current. "These results open the potential for visibly transparent polymer solar cells as add-on components of portable electronics, smart windows and building-integrated photovoltaic and in other applications," said study leader Yang, a UCLA professor of materials science and engineering, and director of the Nano Renewable Energy Center at California Nano Systems Institute.</p>
PARKS			
79.	YES		Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?
		NO	Do you support increased privatization of park facilities and services?
80.	ESSAY		<p>Why or why not?</p> <p style="color: red;">I do not support the privatizing union jobs. Also I believe the parks should remain open for all residents to be able to have access. Parking meters in parks are problematic.</p>
81.	YES		Do you support prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?
TRANSPORTATION			
82.		NO	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
	3		Orange Line to Ford City Mall
	2		Downtown Circulator
	4		Downtown-O'Hare Express
			Other – please specify
	YES	NO	
84.	YES		Do you support renegotiation of Chicago's parking meter privatization deal?
85.		NO	Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?
86.		NO	Do you support the O'Hare expansion plan?
CRIMINAL JUSTICE			
		NO	Is 911 response time adequate?
87.	ESSAY		<p>If not, how can it be improved?</p> <p style="color: red;">Improvement could be obtained by increasing the police force to an adequate amount to man/woman the city. In addition, numbers of police assigned to areas of the city should be based upon the criminal activities</p>
88.	YES		Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward?
	ESSAY		<p>If so, what can be done to redress them?</p> <p style="color: red;">The response to # 87 is one way to address inequities. There should also be consideration to</p>

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		<p>establishing smaller substations throughout areas that have higher incidence of crime.</p> <p><i>More police officers would improve service.</i></p> <p><i>Community Policing would also benefit the ward.</i></p> <p><i>Using County Sherriff Officers to support city officer should be considered.</i></p>
89.	YES	Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?
90.	ESSAY	<p>What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program?</p> <p>The CAPs program could provide more information to communities. The meetings once per month are not proving to be the best way to disseminate information. CAPs could establish an email list by police district to share information much more quickly than waiting for the older information provided once per month. There is a likelihood that if email alerts are shared immediately when police are seeking assistance, a response may be forthcoming.</p> <p><u>OTHER IDEAS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider serving Food and Beverages at quarterly meetings. (Food Attracts People) • Incentivizes the program my providing gifts for residents that attend meetings regularly. (IE address numbers for garages, etc donated by a corporation.) <p>Both of the above ideas increase costs but may worth a try.</p>
91.	YES	Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
92.	ESSAY	<p>What measures will you support to stop the schools to prison pipeline?</p> <p>I would strongly advocate for a more comprehensive option of learning opportunities for secondary education. At this time, the only option CPS acknowledges as a successful outcome from high school is moving on to a 4 year college unless the school has a certain vocational curriculum. Our schools should focus on general education requirements as a rule, but should provide more elective option tracts to students pirsue, depending on their interest. We lose a lot of students to the streets and then the jails because of a very singular outcome definition of successful completion</p> <p>Other Ideas:</p> <p>Student Jobs and Summer Jobs for Students are proven ways to reduce the pipeline to jail. Restorative Justice Programs as Peace Circles have proven to be successful in schools as Fenger,</p> <p>Student Outings, Student Sports, ROTC, Parent Student School Dinners, Introducing Students to unique events, trades or skill sets all may be helpful</p>
93.		Do you support gun control? <u>DEPENDS</u>
94.	ESSAY	<p>What measures, if any, should the City Council adopt in response to recent court decisions striking down Chicago's handgun ban?</p> <p><u>The City's handgun ban is quite ineffective since it seems the only people who have unlimited access to hand guns and use them are the criminals. The so called ban does not reach where it should be reaching. The answer is not to have citizens with FOID allowances unarmed and vulnerable to the undesireables. The research required will be much more extensive and thorough than present methods employed. I must admit I do not know the answer, but I am certainly willing to put my head together with my ward residents and other interested alderman to hammer out a comprehensive approach.</u></p>

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		<p>Enumerated is the US Constitution and many state constitutions is the right specifically protected ³¹ such that people have a personal right to own arms for individual use, and a right to bear these same arms both for personal protection and for use in a <u>militia</u>.</p> <p>Common sense gun laws are needed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • back ground checks, • Registering guns as you register vehicles • limitations bullet magazine sizes, • Regulating rapid fire military type guns
95.	<u>NO</u>	<p>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?</p>
96.	ESSAY	<p>Please share your views regarding the functioning of the Independent Police Review Authority and whether it should operate more independently of the Police Department.</p> <p>My answer to #95 does have a caveat. The atrocities of the Burge era was the blind eye the city turned to the obvious and the actions of renegade police officers. I believe the burden should be shared by the city employees as well as they city.</p> <p>I would support of a Citizens Panel of Review to alleged inappropriate police conduct that is alleged in death of a citizen. I will always support the taping of interrogations.</p> <p>Police work is a dangerous job. We thank the good officers we have. I agree that an allegation that a Chicago Police Officer committed misconduct is a serious event for the person alleging misconduct and the officer. Both deserve a thorough, fair and timely investigation of the allegation.</p> <p>I believe the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) should be more independent from the CPD due the continuing allegations against officers in Chicago and nationally. Again the atrocities committed under Superintendant Burge are horrible.</p> <p>I understand the IPRA intakes all allegations of misconduct, whether generated externally by the public, or internally by Police Department personnel. When an allegation involves excessive force, domestic violence, coercion though violence, or verbal bias-based abuse, IPRA conducts the investigation into the allegation and recommends the result. All other allegations are referred to the Internal Affairs Division for appropriate resolution.</p> <p>In addition to investigating allegations of misconduct, IPRA investigates or reviews all officer involved shootings, extraordinary occurrences in lock-up, and uses of Tasers. The IPRA also may make recommendations of changes to training and policy.</p> <p>I appreciate the transparency to the disciplinary process of the IPRA making public reports on that process.</p> <p>I believe the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) should be as independent from the CPD as possible due the continuing allegations against officers nationally.</p>
CIVIL RIGHTS		
97.	YES	<p>Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?</p>

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98.	YES	Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?
99.	ESSAY	<p>Please comment on current participation of individuals with disabilities in city hiring and contracts. <u>Hiring persons with disabilities requires a personnel department that is well versed on provision of reasonable accommodations in order to provide an employment opportunity. Often times ignorance of these processes lends itself to the hiring discrimination. The city should mandate hiring personnel be well versed in reasonable accommodations and provide technical assistance to contractors for the same purpose.</u></p> <p><i>A part our community's benefits agreement with businesses addresses hiring people with disabilities. See below.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Meet or exceed City of Chicago MBE/DBE/WBE/SDVOSBC (Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concerns)</i> ▪ <i>Break large contracts down into smaller contracts.</i> ▪ <i>Notify local contracting organizations of contracting opportunities.</i> ▪ <i>Publish the project timeline with key dates, i.e. RFB notifications, Award Dates, Construction Starts and Finish, etc. RFQ for Businesses</i> ▪ <i>Include suppliers, service providers and professional services in all public bid notifications, i.e. civil engineers, surveyors, movers, janitorial service, electrical supply, glass supply, etc.</i>
100.	ESSAY	<p>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.</p> <p><i>When I worked as a facility manager and property manager it was emphasized that we may sure work was assigned to all qualified MBE/DBE/WBE/SDVOSBC (Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concerns). I believe my company beat most city standards.</i></p>
101.	YES	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
102.	YES	Will you vote to require all City vendors and contractors to provide spousal benefits for same-sex partners of their employees?
103.	YES	<p>Will you vote for the Municipal ID ordinance?</p> <p>Why or why not?</p> <p><i>A city ID would provide the benefits of identification for immigrants and homeless persons within the city limits.</i></p> <p><i>I would only vote for a Municipal ID Ordinance if they were not discriminatory in anyway and,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Improved community safety by making it easier for those without state-issued ID to interact with local authorities.</i> • <i>Improved access to financial services by providing a form of ID that will allow those without other forms of identification to open bank accounts.</i> • <i>Mitigates impact of racial profiling.</i> • <i>Make symbolic statement of welcome and solidarity to immigrant residents.</i> • <i>Promote unity and sense of membership in the local community among all residents</i>
ALDERMANIC PRIORITIES		
104.	ESSAY	<p>What employment, if any, other than alderman, do you intend to hold?</p> <p><i>I will retain my real estate license. <u>My utilization of my license during my term of office will be</u></i></p>

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		<u>restricted to family.</u>
105.	ESSAY	How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation? I will be a full time alderman.
106.	ESSAY	Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties. 40 hours minimal but it appears easily to be a 60 hour a week jobs.
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. TBD
108.	ESSAY	What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this? Constituent accessibility to the aldermanic needs improvement Follow up on constituent issues, questions, letters and ideas needs improvement More menu money is needed based on the size of the ward. Communication with constituents on day to day decisions that affect them within the ward.
109.	ESSAY	What are your top priorities for the Ward? Jobs and Work Force Development Business and Economic Development City Service Public Safety Education Pullmans Historic National Park
110.	ESSAY	How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? I will have Aldermanic Community Councils on specific topics that will be open to participation from individuals throughout the ward..