

# 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.

6th Ward Democratic Committeeman 1998- 2002

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

None

C. What is your primary occupation?

Retired Zoning Code Enforcer, City of Chicago

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

Founder of the largest graduate chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The ho Gamma Gamma Chapter currently has over 110 members. We conduct health fairs, give out over \$6,000 annually in scholarships, participate in Real Men Read, has adopted Whistler and Higgins Elementary schools on the citys' south side, we have a mentoring program and participates in the UNCF, Blue Seas and Eater Seal Walk-A-Thons. I have also been a cook for the past 20 years at Real Men Cook. I have been the recipient of Omega Psi Phis' "Omega Man of the Year" 3 times for my community service participation.

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

I am an expert in zoning code enforcement as well as an expert urban planner as a direct result of my 30 years working with the Department of Zoning. I have a bachelor degree in Industrial Technology from Illinois State University majoring in safety and fire protection. I have 5 children, the youngest of which is a freshman at EIU. I have been active with my children's education and so have been a member of the Owen Academy, Beasley Academic Academy and Harlan Career Academy (which I was president for 4 years)Local School Councils.

I also have been active in block clubs for over 30 years.

F. What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. I have supported John Steele (Alderman Ward 6) in his first campaign as alderman. I volunteered and played a

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significant role in his ground strategy in defeating Ronald Robinson, the incumbent appointed alderman filling the vacancy of Eugene Sawyer who was appointed Mayor following the death of Mayor Harold Washington.

I supported Freddrenna Lyle as alderman when she filled the vacancy of John Steele, who resigned to be appointed to the circuit court and I supported her for her initial election afterwards.

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

To date endorsements are pending.

H. As concisely as possible, state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

I have 30 years experience in zoning code enforcement and urban planning. I know how to mobilize residents and community groups to support civic goals and initiatives. I know how city halls works from the inside and I am well respected by the working as well as most of the managerial personnel in city hall. I am relentless when it comes to fighting for a cause. I may not prevail on the first try but I do not give up. The people that know me are my resume. If you chance to encounter someone that knows me what they say about me is true and I endorse that statement (With the possible exception of Pat Scruero, Zoning Administrator. I filed a labor complaint against her so she may be biased, lol). I know how to disagree without being disagreeable.

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

My campaign budget is \$40,000 and to date I have raised aproximately \$6,500.

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

I currently have a campaign list of 75 people. All are volunteers including 2 campaign managers, media consultant, social media coordinator and treasurer. 80% of the people are personal and professional friends.

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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?
	<b>ESSAY</b>		Which committees, if any, would you combine or eliminate? There are several committees in which I would eliminate and / or consolidate. Transportation and Traffic Control can be combined. Economic Capital and Work force development could also be combined to stream line committee structure. I would base further consolidations based on their activity.
2.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What reforms are necessary in the City Council's committee rules and structure? A major reform should be the length of time that an ordinance can be held in committee. I am a believer of an up or down vote. I would like the Ethics Committee to have the power to subpoena powers. I would like to see hearings in the city council under oath for members of the CPS Board of Education to be questioned about several issues (school closings, contracts, school designations and firings).
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.			Have you joined or will you join:
		X	The Paul Douglas Caucus
	X		The Independent Progressive Caucus
			Both
13.	X		Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
14.	X		Will you vote for an ordinance requiring redistricting of the wards to be based on non-partisan criteria and not to benefit any specific individual or political party?
15.		X	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees?
16.		X	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward?

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17.	X	Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns?
	<b>ESSAY</b>	Please explain your position. The city can't afford it, it's just that simple. Now if corporations were to donate to a dedicated fund that could be used by qualified (those making the ballot) candidates then I would support the initiative.
18.	<b>ESSAY</b>	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? Joseph Handy, \$1,300 and myself \$3,000 (loans).
19.		What changes would you support to the redistricting process? I could support a computer generated ward map based on ethnic population to prevent gerrymandering of wards.
<b>REVENUE AND BUDGET</b>		
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.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? I support a financial transaction tax and maybe the establishment of a casino in Chicago. The proceeds would be dedicated to shore up the ailing municipal pension systems. When given a choice most people would support a casino over a property tax increase.
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? I Will not accept an increase in salary larger than the lowest raise given to a city employee.
29.	X	Do you agree with the criticism that City government is top heavy with management?
	<b>ESSAY</b>	Please explain your position. Upper management was the only sector of city government that was not harmed when the economy took its down turn and with good reason. Not because the city couldn't function with fewer managers and exempt employees, but because these were friends and friend of friends. This is a difficult one as long as you have a mayor in office that cares more about his campaign war chest than his city.
30.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? Being a recipient of a city pension I would support legislation that prohibits increases in insurance premiums of its retirees. I would also make dedicated pension revenue part of any agreement for a casino or financial transaction tax in Chicago.
31.	<b>ESSAY</b>	How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions? For retirees it will be set in stone. This is the deal negotiated and the city has a moral and financial obligation to see it through. For current employees I will support their collective bargaining rights.
32.	<b>Choose One</b>	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated

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			in equal amounts to each ward
	X		based on the size of each ward
			based on the needs of each ward
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
33.		X	<p>Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward?</p> <p>I do not want campaigns started swaying residents to vote on binding issues that they may or may not understand.</p>
<b>PRIVATIZATION</b>			
34.	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria? I would not privatize any further assets that the city control. In fact, if possible, I would like to retrieve some of the city owned assets that we have mortgaged.</p>
35.	X		Will you vote for an ordinance requiring an independent analysis of any lease or outsourcing arrangement?
36.	X		<p>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?</p> <p>I believe there should be a 90 evaluation notification on any long term leases.</p>
37.	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>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? There are two things that I would include into any contract should the city ever pursue future privatization contracts: 1. An opt out clause should the city find out some where down the line that the agreement overwhelmingly was adverse to the public good and 2. A windfall profit clause return the city excess profits in any deal.</p>
38.	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>What procedures will you implement to ensure that privatization arrangements are not being used to move patronage workers outside of the scope of the Rutan decision requirements or any other anti-patronage rules or protocols?</p> <p>I think there will be a combination of solutions involved in preventing back door patronage but the best safeguard would be supporting unions and negotiating in good faith so that neither side is back into corners.</p>
<b>PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>			
39.	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning?</p> <p>I would hold multiple community meetings to discuss future planning and development initiatives. I will also conduct meetings for any major zoning changes before I agree to those changes.</p>
40.	<b>ESSAY</b>		<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?</p> <p>I would like to implement and expand a facade rebate program in designated commercial strips within my ward. Decorative rolling shutters in place of steel bars and gates. Clear security plastic glass in areas where the shop owners currently have old dingy ones. One of the first things that I plan on establishing is a chamber of commerce along the 87th Street corridor. This would enhance customer service standards and improve the attractiveness of the large commercial complex which up to now has been very disorganized.</p>

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41.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance?</p> <p>I believe that in 90% of the cases that the community should be the determining factor when deciding what changes are to take place in a neighborhood. My experience as being a zoning code enforcer showed me that when the residence buy into a project it is supported and the community benefits.</p>
42.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts?</p> <p>Public meetings are the best way to find out resident development priorities. Community groups and civic organizations will play an important role in the usage of TIF districts. This is yet another instance in which a chamber of commerce could add oversight input and community commitment standards.</p>
43.	X	<p>Will you vote to terminate a TIF if the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before the 23 year period is ended?</p>
44.	X	<p>Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?</p>
45.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development?</p> <p>First, by reducing the use of TIF money. I propose restricting TIF from the central business district. This area of the city does not need help in financing projects. Further, I will work to block the usage of TIF for the development of the DePaul Stadium. This is a private university with a multi million dollar endowment. They do not need financial assistance for construction projects. I will also support agreements with the users of TIF to dedicate grants to public education.</p>
46.	X	<p>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?</p>
47.	X	<p>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)?</p>
48.	X	<p>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?</p>
<b>HOUSING</b>		
49.	X	<p>Will you vote to amend the Vacant Properties Ordinance to require mortgage servicers to register their properties?</p>
50.	X	<p>Do you support enacting an ordinance to preserve Single-Room Occupancy housing?</p> <p>I use to own a SRO. For most of the residents it was the difference between them and being homeless.</p>
51.	X	<p>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?</p>
52.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<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>I would co-sign an ordinance to that effect. I would also support legislation that gives first refusal rights to the residents of the block in which the foreclosed homes are located. Many people have told me that they would like to purchase the homes for their children but do not know how to proceed with the inquiry.</p>

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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? I will support no interest loans and grants to maintain SRO units in Chicago.	
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? Whereas I do not support mandating to private owners what they can / cannot do with their property, I do believe that CHA should get into the SRO business. I use to own an SRO and I must concede that it was in a state of disrepair. CHA owned SRO is an excellent way to provide affordable housing to individuals.	
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? I would continue to support non profit organizations that have housing and homeless agendas. Their outreach has been superior to the city's efforts.	
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?
56.		<b>X</b>	low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of AMI? Not at all. Especially senior citizens who sometimes uses up to 70% of their income each month to pay rent.
57.	<b>X</b>		supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?
58.	<b>X</b>		shelters for the homeless?
59.	<b>X</b>		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.	<b>X</b>		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
			AMI of Cook County
	<b>X</b>		AMI of Chicago
			AMI of the Community Area
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
62.	<b>Choose One</b>		Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?
<b>X</b>			Popular Election, With the mayor appointing the president nominee for the board pending board approval.
			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>	
63.	<b>X</b>		Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?  I support open enrollment for all public schools and a No rejection policy for students once accepted into any school for academic or minor disciplinary reasons.
64.	<b>X</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?

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65.	X		Will you support a moratorium on school closings until a detailed analysis of the impacts of shuffling children is completed, and a real plan to address the quality of education and safety for every child is in place?
66.	X		Will you support development and implementation of a more comprehensive and accurate approach to evaluate student and teacher performance than reliance on the SAT and ACT tests?
67.		X	Would you favor repealing (or modifying) the 70% requirement for voting to authorize teacher strikes? NO, because if teachers strike a super majority has to be on board in order to maintain a successful strike. I have teachers in my family and too many complained that they did not save enough money to strike and they HAD to go back. They have to be sick and tired of being sick and tired.
68.		<b>ESSAY</b>	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. Renaissance 2010 should be called Armageddon 2010. This is a terrible program of the city in which they are attempting to get out of the public school business while at the same time control the public schools. Whereas there have been some success stories and I see value in "a few" charter schools, as a whole they perform below grade when it comes to public schools. This and the fact that they work from a position of advantage since they can remove challenged students or those with disciplinary issues. The 21st Ward has 11 charter schools with one closed school and one in great disrepair. Neighborhood schools promote community involvement. As it stands now, most of the resident children attend school outside the ward.
69.		<b>ESSAY</b>	What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools? Invest in the schools that we have. Cook Elementary is a public disgrace. Ancient chalk boards, huge cracks down the center of the hallways, doors off student rest rooms, multiple climate class rooms, and missing learning materials. Some teachers invited me in to see the conditions they are working under. My opinion is that CPS divest in these schools so there will be no public outcry in their closing.
70.		<b>ESSAY</b>	What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward? I will not stand by as CPS uses \$14 million in TIF to construct an addition to Walter Payton High School while they tell other neighborhood schools they are cutting funds. This is an example where I would use TIF to better community schools.
71.		<b>ESSAY</b>	How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension? I support maintaining what teachers, city employees, fire and police have. Privatization in my opinion is a primary result of unions asking for more at a time they should have been shoring up and making untouchable what they have. Instead of unions asking for increased contribution levels from the city they should have negotiated one of those parking meter type agreements for a cap of retiree contributions.

### 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?

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77.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What should the City do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy? Expand grants, low interest loans and tax credits. This is an excellent example in which the common individual could take advantage of TIF on a small scale instead of giving them to the wealthy.
78.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose? I intend on lobbying for an ordinance to add a deposit to all plastic and glass beverage containers. Tis initiative has worked very well for aluminum cans and would work in efforts of recycling and keeping a clean environment.
<b>PARKS</b>			
79.	X		Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?
80.		X	Do you support increased privatization of park facilities and services?
	<b>ESSAY</b>		Why or why not? Public parks should stay public and under the control of the citizens of the City of Chicago. Period.
81.	X		Do you support prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
82.		X	Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA? I would vote to support a combined transportation system. CTA, PACE and METRA should be combined into one entity. A lot of dollars can be saved in administrative costs.
83.	<b>Rank 1-5 or say no to any</b>		Please indicate which CTA expansion plans, if any, you support and rank them in order of priority (1 highest)
	1		Red Line south to 130th Street  And they should have expanded it to 159th St. to provided access to River Oaks Mall.
	2		Orange Line to Ford City Mall
		X	Downtown Circulator
		X	Downtown-O'Hare Express
			Other – please specify
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
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?
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>			
87.	X		Is 911 response time adequate?
	<b>ESSAY</b>		If not, how can it be improved?
88.	X		Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward?
	<b>ESSAY</b>		If so, what can be done to redress them? The response time can always be improved. This is an area that could use a few more personnel and supervisory staff.

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89.	X	Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods? For the most part low crime areas has less violent crimes. To the person in low crime neighborhoods crime is crime but there is a big difference. I do support increasing the police force. I think they are under manned and over worked.
90.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program? The CAPS Program has some mending to do in my view. They have to support its volunteers and be more respectful towards them. They want these people to be witnesses and tell them what is happening in the community but do not provide any protection of support. I have great reservations for this program that I could explain at a later date.
91.	X	Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
92.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What measures will you support to stop the schools to prison pipeline? More collaborations between city government and college graduate chapters of fraternities and sororities. They have tremendous programs now which could be greatly enhanced with additional funding.
93.	X	Do you support gun control? I don't have a gun but it didn't work and it doesn't work. Everybody wants what they can't have. I've seen more people getting guns when it was illegal than what I see getting them now that it is the law. People should be able to protect their homes from intruders. Further, Although I have seen many people that have applied for and received their concealed carry permit, many have not purchased a gun as of yet. Once the novelty has worn off I believe the purchase of new guns will level off. The bad guys will never get a concealed carry permit.
94.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What measures, if any, should the City Council adopt in response to recent court decisions striking down Chicago's handgun ban? I feel this is a states rights issue and it should be handled by the state.
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.	<b>ESSAY</b>	Please share your views regarding the functioning of the Independent Police Review Authority and whether it should operate more independently of the Police Department. The city should disband the current IPRA. Further any questionable misconduct by officers or county prosecutors should be investigated by the FBI instead of the county states attorney,.
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>		
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? I actually support ethnic based employment. Contractor's work force should contain a minimum of 40% of workers who look like the residents of the neighborhood in which he has acquired a contract.
99.	<b>ESSAY</b>	Please comment on current participation of individuals with disabilities in city hiring and contracts. I believe the city currently has a decent program for the hiring of individuals with disabilities.

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100.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<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>The problem with the policy of minority and women hiring is the people hire to implement the policy. I would like the mayor to work with organizations to hire an independent progressive professional to be head human resources. I would also advocate for a No Waiver policy for contractors who come to the minority contract compliance officer seeking a waiver because he/she could not find a minority subcontractor to feel the general contractor's obligation.</p> <p>The city should invest into a diversity company to re-write and administer the police and fire exams. Up to and including the overhaul or elimination of the psychological profile exams. With the amount of misconduct that is currently being observed within the police department, the psychological exam is obviously not accomplishing what it has set out to do.</p>
101.	X	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
102.	X	Will you vote to require all City vendors and contractors to provide spousal benefits for same-sex partners of their employees?
103.	X	Will you vote for the Municipal ID ordinance?
	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>Why or why not?</p> <p>This gives an opportunity for those with no ID to acquire some. I would not put a minimum age requirement on the application process either. A nominal cost would provide a revenue source for a designated program and first step approach to establishing citizenship.</p>
<b>ALDERMANIC PRIORITIES</b>		
104.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>What employment, if any, other than alderman, do you intend to hold?</p> <p>NONE. I am retired.</p>
105.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation?</p> <p>N/A</p>
106.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties. I anticipate a minimum of 50 hours working for the ward and community.</p>
107.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>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. I first will have to ascertain the budget and how many staffers are afforded the alderman in the new or current budget. I will employ people from the community and those who have a vested interest in me being a successful alderman for the ward.</p>
108.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this?</p> <p>I intend on having a ward convention with a representative of every block in the ward. Included in this makeup will be area businesses. We will have conversations of what the needs of the ward are and we will establish a worst first schedule of improvement list. I have some specific ideas of what I feel needs to be done, however, I will yield to the desires of the neighborhood requests for service.</p>
109.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>My 4 priorities for the ward are: A comprehensive ward services strategy, Enhanced community policing, moratorium on charter schools and elected school board and an employment strategy for the chronically unemployed.</p>
110.	<b>ESSAY</b>	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters?</p> <p>I will hold public meetings on all major zoning changes and Department of Planning initiatives that impact our community.</p>

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