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REQUIRED_____473_____

Please provide the following background information:

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

N/A

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

N/A

C. What is your primary occupation?

Small business lending and economic development lending at SomerCor 504 Inc (somercor.com)

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

I've been very involved in my community through charitable organizations, business/economic groups and community groups. My website has them listed, gabefor27.com

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

I have a finance degree from DePaul University which will allow me to comprehensively understand budgets. Currently, Alderman Burnett is a rubber stamp for anything and everything the Mayor wants. Also, I've

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personally been the largest and most active small business lender in Chicago each year for the past 4-years. This will allow me to be a tremendous asset for my community as it relates to job growth and economic development.

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

I have not been political in the past.

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

All 3 former Alderman of 27 have endorsed me: Ricky Hendon, Wallace Davis Jr and Dexter Watson. I'm also expecting the endorsement of a US Congressman very soon.

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?

Each and every community in the 27th ward has been sold out one way or another because of a campaign contribution or favor given to business owners or developers with political clout. I'm going to bring sound, ethical government back to the 27th ward.

I. What is your campaign budget? \$250K. How much have you raised to date? \$190K

J. How many people are on your campaign staff? 5 full-time. How many volunteers are on your list? 75+

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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	
		X	Do you favor maintaining the current number of City Council committees?
1.	ESSAY		Which committees, if any, would you combine or eliminate? I need to carefully review each committee in more detail, however, I believe we have too many alderman and committees.
2.	ESSAY		What reforms are necessary in the City Council's committee rules and structure? Too many to list! First and foremost, I believe it's a complete conflict of interest for any alderman or city worker, for that matter, to engage in lobbying efforts or any sort of representation while in office.
3.			Would you give the Inspector General's office independent subpoena power or other compulsory process that can be directed against city officials, agencies and employees without necessitation the approval of the Mayor or Corporation Counsel? Yes. We need to give the IG as most power as they need as well as proper resources.
4.			Should the Inspector General be able to initiate his or her own investigations of Aldermen without a complaint from outside the office? Of course.
5.			Should the Inspector General be able to pursue anonymous complaints? Of course
6.			Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees? No
7.			Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently? No
8.			Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the City? No chance
9.			Will you vote for an ordinance mandating that the City contest unemployment claims by former employees who were fired for cause? Yes
10.			Will you vote for an ordinance forbidding the City to hire or contract the services of anyone previously fired for cause from the City or any other unit of government? Of course

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11.			<p>Will you support an ordinance to reduce the number of wards?</p> <p>YES! I would do this tomorrow if I could, even if it meant given up my ward. 50 alderman is outrageous.</p>
12.			<p>Have you joined or will you join: Need to learn more about both</p> <p>The Paul Douglas Caucus</p> <p>The Independent Progressive Caucus</p> <p>Both</p>
13.			<p>Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?</p> <p>Yes</p>
14.			<p>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?</p> <p>Absolutely!</p>
15.			<p>Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees?</p> <p>No, it drives me nuts this is legal!</p>
16.			<p>Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward?</p> <p>No, it's a complete conflict of interest and I'm already on ready opposing it. I'm also not accepting \$1 from developers.</p>
17.			<p>Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns?</p> <p>Of course not.</p>
17.	ESSAY		<p>Please explain your position.</p> <p>Why would the public ever have to flip the bill for an election? It's an awful form of patronage work that is unacceptable.</p>
18.	ESSAY		<p>Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?</p> <p>Belvedere Financial-\$10K. They provide small business and real estate lending NelsonHill-\$5K. provides commercial real estate brokerage. Rightsize Furniture-\$5K-office furniture company Law Office of John Sullivan-\$5K Law Office of Tom Murphy-\$5K</p>
19.			<p>What changes would you support to the redistricting process?</p> <p>It should be a public and transparent process. It also needs to make senses geographically so that an Alderman can efficiently represent their constituents.</p>
REVENUE AND BUDGET			
20.	yes		<p>Will you vote to hire independent analysts to conduct a forensic audit of past City spending?</p>
			<p>Will you vote for a budget ordinance which would require:</p>

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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?
25.			Do you support casino gambling for Chicago? Yes, only if it's a transparent process and all owners, managers, etc go through stringent screening and background checks.
26.			Will you vote to require a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City? Sure, I think the public should be able to weigh-in on such a drastic new industry.
27.			Will you vote to roll back Mayoral and Aldermanic salaries to pre-2007 levels? Need to know what they are but if it's a decrease, absolutely.
28.			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? Seems to make sense, sure.
29.			Do you agree with the criticism that City government is top heavy with management? 1000000%
	ESSAY		Please explain your position. Chicago, actually, IL, has far too much management and government. There's city agencies and positions I think we need to eliminate. The city has been plagued with BS patronage jobs for years that need to be eliminated. I will investigate and propose eliminations I feel should be enacted. We have far too much fat in city government.
30.	ESSAY		What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? This is complex situation that needs much more time than I can provide via this questionnaire.
31.	ESSAY		How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions? See above.
32.	Choose One		Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated
			in equal amounts to each ward
			based on the size of each ward
		X	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			
34.	ESSAY		Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?

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		Previous privatization measures have been a huge flop. I would rather lavage current assets and borrower vs selling them if needed.
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	<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?</p> <p>Ensure we have multiple independent analyses done by different firms who use different assumptions. Also, I think it's important to have adequate time to review contracts. We also should always have 3-4 different contracts with different offers.</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>If privatization is used appropriately and it's a good deal for the city, I think the private company can hire whomever they want.</p>
PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
39.	ESSAY	<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning?</p> <p>I envision having 1-2 strong committees made up of residents for any major planning, zoning, development</p>
40.	ESSAY	<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?</p> <p>Sustainable development. The 27th ward goes up and down like a roller coaster. I'm not going to be selling zoning changes like Alderman Burnett, we are going to grow organically and prudently.</p>
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>If it makes sense or not. Common sense evaluation vs "who you know".</p>
42.	ESSAY	<p>How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts?</p> <p>I will have TIF app online that tracks everything including contractors and the public will vote on TIF spending.</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> <p>Yes</p>
44.	X	<p>Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?</p> <p>Yes</p>
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>

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		I think the TIF program needs to strongly be reevaluated. It's been so abused with pay to play politics in the past I'm going to be treading very carefully on using it. I think it could make a lot of sense to end TIFs. Or at least have a major reform of the current program.
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? Yes
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)? Yes
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? Absolutely, this is near and dear on my heart.
HOUSING		
49.		Will you vote to amend the Vacant Properties Ordinance to require mortgage servicers to register their properties? Yes
50.		Do you support enacting an ordinance to preserve Single-Room Occupancy housing? This needs to be evaluated case by case
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? This needs to be evaluated case by case. It depends if a zoning request or major community support is needed.
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'm a strong supporter of making sure folks from the community and folks buying a home for their personal use get privilege under the NSP. It should be not used for developers.
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? No tenant should ever be kicked out of a residence without somewhere else to live.
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? Anything I need to do. Everyone deserves to have an affordable place to live.
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?

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			Anything I need to do.
	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? Yes
57.	X		supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness? yes
58.	X		shelters for the homeless?
59.	X		Do you favor a moratorium on the conversion or demolition of SRO's pending the development of protections and remedies to protect the displaced tenants from becoming homeless?
60.		X	Do you support allowing the demolition of existing public housing units without new or rehabilitated replacement housing on a one-for-one basis?
61.	Choose One		Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?
			AMI of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
			AMI of Cook County
	X		AMI of Chicago
			AMI of the Community Area
EDUCATION			
62.	Choose One		Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?
	X		Popular Election
			Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives
			Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment
			A mix of elected and appointed members
	YES	NO	
63.	X		Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
64.	X		Will you support LSCs in maintaining full powers, and support them through adequate funding levels that provide training and support for LSCs to do their jobs?
65.	X		Will you support a moratorium on school closings until a detailed analysis of the impacts of shuffling children is completed, and a real plan to address the quality of education and safety for every child is in place?
66.	X		Will you support development and implementation of a more comprehensive and accurate approach to evaluate student and teacher performance than reliance on the SAT and ACT tests?
67.		X	Would you favor repealing (or modifying) the 70% requirement for voting to authorize teacher strikes?
68.	ESSAY		What is your assessment of Renaissance 2010 and its implementation in your ward as well as the City as a whole? Please include in your assessment the role of charter schools as well as the power to reconstitute schools. I personally believe in community schools vs charter schools. Charter schools while some may be good, seem to be plagued with the typical corruption of most privatization measures in Chicago.
69.	ESSAY		What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools? Provide adequate resources for CPS. Also, provide comfortable and safe learning environments

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			for our kids and teachers.
70.	ESSAY		<p>What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward?</p> <p>Really emphasis the whole community as being part of our school system. Engage local businesses, teachers, students. There's been too much pointing the finger, we all need to come together for our kids.</p>
71.	ESSAY		<p>How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension?</p> <p>I need to know more about this as I'm not sure what the current levels are.</p>
ENVIRONMENT			
72.	X		<p>Will you vote for the Clean Power Ordinance?</p> <p>Probably. Need to learn more but I'm very eco-friendly.</p>
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		<p>What should the City do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy?</p> <p>Partner with supplies to educated and implement cost savings credits to ensure people to use alt energy.</p>
78.	ESSAY		<p>What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose?</p> <p>Nothing now</p>
PARKS			
79.			<p>Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?</p> <p>Yes</p>
80.		X	Do you support increased privatization of park facilities and services?
	ESSAY		<p>Why or why not?</p> <p>Chicago has lost on enough privatization measures for now.</p>
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		<p>Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?</p> <p>If it's needed, I'm not sure where CTA's budget and needs are.</p>
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).

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			Not sure which is most needed so will hold off on rankign
			Red Line south to 130th Street
			Orange Line to Ford City Mall
			Downtown Circulator
			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.			Is 911 response time adequate? If not, how can it be improved? Open to ideas.
	ESSAY		
88.			Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward? Not that I know of.
	ESSAY		If so, what can be done to redress them?
89.			Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhood? Yes
90.	ESSAY		What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program? Just encourage and motivate more folks from the community to be engaged. Including younger adults.
91.			Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire? Yes
92.	ESSAY		What measures will you support to stop the schools to prison pipeline? Whatever is needed.
93.			Do you support gun control? Yes
94.	ESSAY		What measures, if any, should the City Council adopt in response to recent court decisions striking down Chicago's handgun ban? Try and reinstate it
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? Absolutely.
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.

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		This needs to be completely outside of the CPD. There should not zero relationship with the CPD or any of their staff or reps.
CIVIL RIGHTS		
97.		Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees? Yes
98.		Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts? Yes, we need to be much more stringently on allowing women and minorities to get city contracts. As well as empowering both groups to be in a position to win city contracts.
99.	ESSAY	Please comment on current participation of individuals with disabilities in city hiring and contracts This needs to be much stronger. I worked at Trinity Services in which I was a job coach for individuals with disabilities and strongly feel that we need to empower and provide opportunities for these folks.
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. I do not feel as though we have a transparent and robust enough program. Each and every city division should be held accountable to hiring and ensuring employment and contracts for women and minorities.
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.		Will you vote for the Municipal ID ordinance?
103.	ESSAY	Why or why not? Not sure what this is.
ALDERMANIC PRIORITIES		
104.	ESSAY	What employment, if any, other than alderman, do you intend to hold? None. Being a good and accessible alderman is a full-time job
105.	ESSAY	How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation?
106.	ESSAY	Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties. 60/hours
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. I'm extremely results driver so will ensure my office is as well. My office will be properly staffed by industry experts in their respective fields. I also will be holding my office very accountable and making changes when warranted.

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108.	ESSAY	<p>What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this?</p> <p>Transparency with zonings and TIF spending. I'm an honest person that cares about my community, which will help change the way things have been done. Also, not accepting developer contributions will rid the ward of the "pay to play" measure we've been accustomed to.</p> <p>Blighted areas of the community needs a lot more attention and job growth. My background and work ethic will help in this quite a bit.</p>
109.	ESSAY	<p>What are your top priorities for the Ward?</p> <p>Safety, employment opps, quality schools.</p>
110.	ESSAY	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters?</p> <p>Engaged the relevant groups as needed. I'm always interested in feedback.</p>