

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. **None.**

B. Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. **None.**

C. What is your primary occupation? **Alderman.**

D. Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. **I serve on the Boys and Girls Club Board, Advisory Bd. for St. Leanords House, member of Bicycle Federation, member of Action Now, member of Jesse White Scholarship Board.**

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 degree in Political Science. Served as Alderman for 15 years.**

F. What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. **Jesse White, Recorder, Secretary of State, Deputy Campaign Manager, Maryanna Spyropolus, Alexi, Quinn, Burnett 4 Congress**

G. Please list all endorsements you have received so far. **It's still early in the election and most endorsements haven't been announced.**

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've been working hard to represent the interests of all residents in my ward, serving as their advocate. Helping to stabilize the housing stock and putting foreclosures back on the market, helping folks to have affordable housing and bringing jobs back to the community.**

I. What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? **I have \$315,000 on hand and will spend whatever is necessary to win reelection.**

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J. How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list? **I hired a consulting firm that does management and fundraising and also have a full-time campaign staffer. We have hundreds of volunteers.**

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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 | | | |
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| | YES | NO | |
| 1. | X | | Do you favor maintaining the current number of City Council committees? |
| | ESSAY | | Which committees, if any, would you combine or eliminate? Perhaps, traffic & transportation. |
| 2. | ESSAY | | What reforms are necessary in the City Council's committee rules and structure? Have contracts come before the City Council. |
| 3. | | | Would you give the Inspector General's office independent subpoena power or other compulsory process that can be directed against city officials, agencies and employees without necessitation the approval of the Mayor or Corporation Counsel? |
| 4. | | | Should the Inspector General be able to initiate his or her own investigations of Aldermen without a complaint from outside the office? |
| 5. | | | 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. | | | 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? Not sure. |
| 11. | | X | Will you support an ordinance to reduce the number of wards? |
| 12. | | X | Have you joined or will you join: |
| | | | The Paul Douglas Caucus |
| | | | The Independent Progressive Caucus |
| | | | Both |
| 13. | | | Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment? Alderman can't change state statute and also we should consider the cost associated with special elections. |
| 14. | | | Will you vote for an ordinance requiring redistricting of the wards to be based on non-partisan criteria and not to benefit any specific individual or political party? Redistricting is based on ethnicity and census numbers. |
| 15. | | | Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees? Do not accept donations from employees. Not sure whether I have ever accepted donations from suppliers, we try not to and I do have the ethics department to review donations over a certain amount. |
| 16. | X | | Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward? |
| 17. | X | | Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? |
| | ESSAY | | Please explain your position. It is a novel idea, not sure how or where the money would come from. |
| 18. | ESSAY | | Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? I don't have a top five it varies from event to event. |

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| 19. | | What changes would you support to the redistricting process? Unsure |
| REVENUE AND BUDGET | | |
| 20. | X | Will you vote to hire independent analysts to conduct a forensic audit of past City spending? |
| | | Will you vote for a budget ordinance which would require: |
| 21. | X | public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests? |
| 22. | | making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings? Electronic copies |
| 23. | X | restoring city-wide community group budget hearings several months prior to the publication of the budget, as were held under the Washington and Sawyer administrations? |
| 24. | ESSAY | What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? I support a progressive income tax at the state level and better sharing of those revenues with the City of Chicago. |
| 25. | | Do you support casino gambling for Chicago? Willing to consider it. |
| 26. | | Will you vote to require a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City? Willing to consider it. |
| 27. | | Will you vote to roll back Mayoral and Aldermanic salaries to pre-2007 levels? Willing to consider it. |
| 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? Not sure, everyone's work load is different |
| 29. | X | Do you agree with the criticism that City government is top heavy with management? |
| | ESSAY | Please explain your position. I feel that the city could do a better job in managing mid/top level managers to better reflect levels in private industry. |
| 30. | ESSAY | What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? |
| 31 | ESSAY | How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions? Not sure, I am open to suggestions, feel government has a responsibility to pay benefits to those who have paid into the fund. Maybe we should look at designating/targeting specific revenues to pay pension obligations. |
| 32. | Choose One | Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated |
| | X | in equal amounts to each ward Yes |
| | | based on the size of each ward |
| | | based on the needs of each ward |
| | YES | NO |
| 33. | | Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward? I already allow input from residents. It is challenging with the business and homeowners. |
| PRIVATIZATION | | |
| 34. | ESSAY | Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria? Haven't thought about it, but before we look to privatization we should analyze the proposed benefits, carefully. Sometimes the effort ends up costing us more than the reward. |
| 35. | | Will you vote for an ordinance requiring an independent analysis of any lease or outsourcing arrangement? Yes. |
| 36. | | Will you vote for an ordinance requiring detailed analysis and evaluation of any lease or outsourcing arrangement at least 30 days prior to the City Council vote? Yes. |
| 37. | ESSAY | Before voting on privatization contracts, what will you do to ensure that they deliver the maximum |

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| | | return and best service for city residents in the long term? I would look to independent sources to evaluate the proposal. I would also do more research on what's being proposed. |
| 38. | ESSAY | What procedures will you implement to ensure that privatization arrangements are not being used to move patronage workers outside of the scope of the Rutan decision requirements or any other anti-patronage rules or protocols? Not sure what specific measures should be taken. I will work to ensure that such maneuvers are not successful. |
| PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | | |
| 39. | ESSAY | How will you involve ward residents in planning? I currently send meeting notices out to residents regarding zoning requests. I involve the local community organizations and the greater community to allow for their input. |
| 40. | ESSAY | What is your long-range plan for development of the ward? To continue the growth that has balanced development. I am aggressive in trying to attract multi faceted development in the ward. First we have to stabilize the housing market, by using TIF dollars. |
| 41. | ESSAY | What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance? We involved the community at every level. |
| 42. | ESSAY | How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts? We involved the community at every level. |
| 43. | | Will you vote to terminate a TIF if the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before the 23 year period is ended? Yes. |
| 44. | | Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies? Yes. |
| 45. | ESSAY | How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development? Don't have any plans as of yet. |
| 46. | | Will you support a moratorium on creation of any new TIF districts until new funding sources are identified to replace the revenue diverted to the TIF? No. |
| 47. | | Will you vote for an ordinance requiring that large corporate entities receiving \$250,000 or more in public subsidies, and their tenants, must pay their workers a living wage (currently \$11/hour)? Yes. |
| 48. | | Will you vote to invest substantially more in job-training and the creation of transitional job programs in disadvantaged communities, including the formerly incarcerated, homeless, youth, and non-English speakers? Yes. |
| 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? Yes. |
| 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? Yes. |
| 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 continue to support all initiatives that include affordable housing. |
| 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? |
| 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? Measures similar to Sweet Homes Chicago. |

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| 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? Support new programs and create more. |
| | YES | NO | Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward? |
| 56. | X | | low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of AMI? |
| 57. | X | | supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness? |
| 58. | X | | shelters for the homeless? |
| 59 | | | Do you favor a moratorium on the conversion or demolition of SRO's pending the development of protections and remedies to protect the displaced tenants from becoming homeless? |
| 60 | | | Do you support allowing the demolition of existing public housing units without new or rehabilitated replacement housing on a one-for-one basis? |
| 61. | 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 |
| | X | | 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. | | | 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. My overall assessment is to be determined. Most of the charters in my ward are doing very well. Some of them the jury is still out. I am concerned with the high percentage of students being dismissed from charter schools due to fee assessments. As far as I am concerned, reconstituting schools makes sense given the fact that a majority of the students in those schools are failing, something needs to be done to address it. |
| 69. | ESSAY | | What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools? Look at what other districts do in other parts of the country and the suburbs. They should offer more input from the union/educational professionals. |
| 70. | ESSAY | | What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward? I meet with the principals, |

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| | | | participate on the local school council in my community. Meet with parents, offer support for extra programming, assist with fundraising. |
| 71. | ESSAY | | How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension? I look forward to the Supreme Court clarifying the legality of pension reform. I think we should use that as a point of departure for any discussion on pension reform. |
| ENVIRONMENT | | | |
| 72. | | | Will you vote for the Clean Power Ordinance? Yes |
| 73. | | | Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system? No |
| 74. | | | Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago public schools? Yes |
| 75. | | | Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago restaurants and food delivery services? Yes |
| 76. | | | Will you vote to adopt the water quality standards recommended by the Pollution Control Board? Yes |
| 77. | ESSAY | | What should the City do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy? They have done some of what's necessary, with their fleet, using electric vehicles. They could work with the local universities to develop more bio-fuel technology. They could also invest more in solar and wind energy. They could offer tax breaks for homeowners that purchase solar panels and buy hybrid cars. |
| 78. | ESSAY | | What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose? NA |
| PARKS | | | |
| 79. | | | Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board? I have no opposition to it. We just have to remember the more elections we have the greater the cost. |
| 80. | | | Do you support increased privatization of park facilities and services? Yes |
| | ESSAY | | Why or why not? The Park district has historically been able to manage its assets. They are capable of doing so, going forward. Also, I like to maintain control of public assets. |
| 81. | | | Do you support prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities? Yes |
| TRANSPORTATION | | | |
| 82. | | | Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA? If we can afford it. |
| 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) |
| | | 5 | Red Line south to 130th Street |
| | | 5 | Orange Line to Ford City Mall |
| | | 3 | Downtown Circulator |
| | | 1 | Downtown-O'Hare Express |
| | | | Other – please specify |
| | | | YES NO |
| 84. | X | | Do you support renegotiation of Chicago's parking meter privatization deal? |
| 85. | | | Do you support privatization of Midway Airport? Not sure. |
| 86. | X | | Do you support the O'Hare expansion plan? |
| CRIMINAL JUSTICE | | | |
| 87. | | | Is 911 response time adequate? It could be better. |

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| | ESSAY | If not, how can it be improved? Reorganizing how the responses are handled. |
| 88. | | Are there inequities in 911 service in your ward? I have some complaints, not sure if any inequities exist. |
| | ESSAY | If so, what can be done to redress them? Not sure. |
| 89. | | Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods? Yes. |
| 90. | ESSAY | What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program? Try to encourage more residents to get involved and help to ensure their safety. |
| 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 measures are necessary and effective. |
| 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? I am not sure. |
| 95. | | Will you vote to order the City to stop paying legal fees and attempt to recover past legal costs of city employees implicated in the Police Board findings of misconduct related to the Burge case? Yes |
| 96. | ESSAY | Please share your views regarding the functioning of the Independent Police Review Authority and whether it should operate more independently of the Police Department. I feel an independent review committee is necessary, and they are supposed to operate independently of the police department. Perhaps the board needs to be appointed by the community. |
| 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. |
| 99. | ESSAY | Please comment on current participation of individuals with disabilities in city hiring and contracts. Needs to be increased. |
| 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. Needs to be expanded. |
| 101. | | Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth? Yes. |
| 102. | | Will you vote to require all City vendors and contractors to provide spousal benefits for same-sex partners of their employees? Will consider it. |
| 103. | | Will you vote for the Municipal ID ordinance? Not familiar with it. |
| | ESSAY | Why or why not? |
| ALDERMANIC PRIORITIES | | |
| 104. | ESSAY | What employment, if any, other than alderman, do you intend to hold? None. |
| 105. | ESSAY | How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation? NA |
| 106. | ESSAY | Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties. 40+ hours are spent doing this job. |
| 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. We are open 5 days per week 8 hours, 2 hours on Mon. and three hours on Thursday. We |

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| | | are also open 4 hours on Saturday. |
| 108. | ESSAY | What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this? After school programs for youth. I would improve it by allocating more funding for this objective. |
| 109. | ESSAY | What are your top priorities for the Ward? Stabilize foreclosures, bring diverse groups together to work on future projects, and bring down crime, getting more mix-income housing built. Increase the demographic of people moving to the ward to attract more business. |
| 110. | ESSAY | How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? We already have a plan of inclusion and it works very well. |