

# IVI-IPO 2015 CHICAGO ALDERMANIC QUESTIONNAIRE - SECTION 1

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WARD 34\_\_\_\_\_

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***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?

Sr.Financial Analyst

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

Member of the National Congress for Black Women. President of Racine-Throop Block Club . President of the Women Missionary. Volunteer worker for Crime Stopper. Program Assistant and Tutor Instructor for Chicago Public Schools.

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'm an Accountant for over thirty years and my area of expertise is Budgeting. My masters

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in Criminal Justice has enable me to participate in stop the violence through out the City of Chicago and have given me a better understanding regarding the criminal activity that has taken over our community.

F. What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. I have supported Rev. James Meek when he ran for Senator. Robocalls, handouts plamcards and pollwatcher.

G. Please list all endorsements you have received so far. I've received the endorsementsof several religious leader in the 34<sup>th</sup> ward .

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?My goals is to return the power of the aldermanic office to it's rightful owners, the people of the 34<sup>th</sup> ward.

I. What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?  
Through fundrasier events and donations. We have raised enough to cover our expenses.

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

As of today I have 53 volunteers, which continues to grow daily.

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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?
2.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What reforms are necessary in the City Council's committee rules and structure?
3.		x	Would you give the Inspector General's office independent subpoena power or other compulsory process that can be directed against city officials, agencies and employees without necessitation the approval of the Mayor or Corporation Counsel?
4.		x	Should the Inspector General be able to initiate his or her own investigations of Aldermen without a complaint from outside the office?
5.	x		Should the Inspector General be able to pursue anonymous complaints?
6.		x	Do you support patronage in hiring and promoting public employees?
7.		x	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
8.		x	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who have either outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the City?
9.	x		Will you vote for an ordinance mandating that the City contest unemployment claims by former employees who were fired for cause?
10.	x		Will you vote for an ordinance forbidding the City to hire or contract the services of anyone previously fired for cause from the City or any other unit of government?
11.	x		Will you support an ordinance to reduce the number of wards?
12.		x	Have you joined or will you join:
			The Paul Douglas Caucus
			The Independent Progressive Caucus
			Both
13.	x		Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
14.	x		Will you vote for an ordinance requiring redistricting of the wards to be based on non-partisan criteria and not to benefit any specific individual or political party?
15.		x	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers or employees?
16.	x		Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward?
17.	x		Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns?
	<b>ESSAY</b>		Please explain your position.
18.	<b>ESSAY</b>		Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?
19.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What changes would you support to the redistricting process?

### 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?

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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?
25.	x		Do you support casino gambling for Chicago?
26.	x		Will you vote to require a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City?
27.		x	Will you vote to roll back Mayoral and Aldermanic salaries to pre-2007 levels?
28.	x		Will you vote for an ordinance limiting future Mayoral and Aldermanic salary increases to the same percentage as the lowest raise for any class of city employees?
29.	x		Do you agree with the criticism that City government is top heavy with management?
	<b>ESSAY</b>		Please explain your position.
30.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency?
31.	<b>ESSAY</b>		How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions?
32.	<b>Choose One</b>		Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated
			in equal amounts to each ward
		x	based on the size of each ward
			based on the needs of each ward
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
33.	x		Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward?
<b>PRIVATIZATION</b>			
34.	<b>ESSAY</b>		Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?
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.	<b>ESSAY</b>		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?
			An independent review board should audit all service agreements and vendors should submit a list of clients.
38.	<b>ESSAY</b>		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? Full disclosure of all personal affiliations of current and personal businesses.
<b>PLANNING, ZONING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>			
39.	<b>ESSAY</b>		How will you involve ward residents in planning? Establish a budget thresholds that would involve planning with the residents, ward staff and city departments.
40.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?
41.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance?
42.	<b>ESSAY</b>		How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts?
43.	x		Will you vote to terminate a TIF if the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before the 23 year period is ended?

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44.	x		Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?
45.	<b>ESSAY</b>		How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development?
46.	x		Will you support a moratorium on creation of any new TIF districts until new funding sources are identified to replace the revenue diverted to the TIF?
47.	x		Will you vote for an ordinance requiring that large corporate entities receiving \$250,000 or more in public subsidies, and their tenants, must pay their workers a living wage (currently \$11/hour)?
48.	x		Will you vote to invest substantially more in job-training and the creation of transitional job programs in disadvantaged communities, including the formerly incarcerated, homeless, youth, and non-English speakers?
<b>HOUSING</b>			
49.	x		Will you vote to amend the Vacant Properties Ordinance to require mortgage servicers to register their properties?
50.	x		Do you support enacting an ordinance to preserve Single-Room Occupancy housing?
51.	x		Will you vote for an inclusionary zoning ordinance requiring developers to set aside 30% of residential new construction or renovation for the creation of affordable housing?
52.	<b>ESSAY</b>		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?
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?
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?
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?
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?
56.	x		low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of AMI?
57.	x		supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?
58.	x		shelters for the homeless?
59.	x		Do you favor a moratorium on the conversion or demolition of SRO's pending the development of protections and remedies to protect the displaced tenants from becoming homeless?
60.		x	Do you support allowing the demolition of existing public housing units without new or rehabilitated replacement housing on a one-for-one basis?
61.	<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
	x		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?
	x		Popular Election
			Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives

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		Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment
		A mix of elected and appointed members
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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.	<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.
69.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What should the City do to improve the quality of all local schools? To establish a Education committee, to help develop a strategy for improving students learning abilities.
70.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What are your plans to improve the local schools in your ward?
71.	<b>ESSAY</b>	How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension?
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>		
72.	x	Will you vote for the Clean Power Ordinance?
73.		x
74.	x	Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
75.	x	Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago public schools?
76.	x	Will you vote to ban Styrofoam food containers in Chicago restaurants and food delivery services?
77.	<b>ESSAY</b>	Will you vote to adopt the water quality standards recommended by the Pollution Control Board?
78.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What should the City do to encourage and implement alternative forms of energy?
78.	<b>ESSAY</b>	What other environmental initiatives, if any, do you propose?
<b>PARKS</b>		
79.		x
80.		x
80.	<b>ESSAY</b>	Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?
80.	<b>ESSAY</b>	Do you support increased privatization of park facilities and services?
81.	x	Why or why not?
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
83.	<b>Rank 1-5 or say no to any</b>	Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?
	1	Please indicate which CTA expansion plans, if any, you support and rank them in order of priority (1 highest)
	4	Red Line south to 130th Street
	2	Orange Line to Ford City Mall
	3	Downtown Circulator
	3	Downtown-O'Hare Express

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			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?
<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?
89.	x		Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?
90.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What changes, if any, would you suggest for the CAPS program?
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?
93.	x		Do you support gun control?
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?
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.
<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?
99.	<b>ESSAY</b>		Please comment on current participation of individuals with disabilities in city hiring and contracts.
100.	<b>ESSAY</b>		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.
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>		Why or why not?
<b>ALDERMANIC PRIORITIES</b>			
104.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What employment, if any, other than alderman, do you intend to hold? None
105.	<b>ESSAY</b>		How will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation? N/A
106.	<b>ESSAY</b>		Please specify the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties. 40 - 50
107.	<b>ESSAY</b>		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 will pay them through aldermanic office fund.
108.	<b>ESSAY</b>		What services need improvement in your ward? How will you achieve this? There are several services that need improvement such as trash pickup, landscaping, crime prevention, economic

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		development, infrastructure improvements. I would develop a volunteer committees and precinct captians to help identify ways to can improve our ward.
109.	ESSAY	What are your top priorities for the Ward? Safer streets, better education for our children, economic development and job growth.
110.	ESSAY	How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? I will have weekly and monthly meetings to meet with residents, community leaders, educators, so we can work together to develop strategies that will allow us to make change happens in a postive way.