

IVI-IPO 2018 COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR QUESTIONNAIRE

Part I: Instructions and Candidate Details

Instructions: From within your word processor, click within the gray rectangle to type your answer. The rectangle will expand to accommodate the length of your entry. For essay questions, you may use a double return to designate paragraphs. Please answer essays with the length you deem sufficient. For yes/no questions, click within the yes or no square. If you wish to add comments to a yes/no question, a text entry box has been provided at the end of each question clause. It is OK if your comments cause tables, etc., to shift pages. When you complete your questionnaire, please "Save as" a PDF file named using this form: YourLastnameFirstName_YourElectoralOffice2018. Submit via e-mail attachment to: iviipopac@gmail.com. *Please answer all questions! Thank you for your participation!*

Candidate Details			
DATE:		DISTRICT:	
PARTY:			
NAME:			
VOTING ADDRESS:			
HOME PHONE:		BUSINESS PHONE:	
CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:			
CAMPAIGN PHONE:		CAMPAIGN FAX:	
EMAIL:		WEBSITE:	
CAMPAIGN MANAGER:			
NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED:		NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES REQUIRED:	
A) Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>).			
B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.			
C) What is your primary occupation?			
D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.			
E) What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?			
F) Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign.			
G) Please list all endorsements you have received.			
H) Please concisely state (a) why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s) and (b) what goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?			
I) (a) What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date?			
J) (a) How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign?			
K)			

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Part II. Issue Questionnaire

A. General Questions: please mark the appropriate box. You may add additional comments, as needed, in the short answer section below.

Do you support:

	YES	NO	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you make this a full-time job? What other employment, if any, do you intend to hold?
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you accept, or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees or outside contractors of this office?
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you ask, or have others ask, current county employees to work on your campaign?
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you accept, or have you accepted contributions from attorneys, title insurers or property owners who do business with this office?
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you employ, or have you employed staff in your office who hold other public-sector jobs concurrently?
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 county?
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you employ, or have you employed, staff in your office who are related to you?
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage in hiring and/or promoting public employees?
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support a requirement that all jobs in Cook County government be posted on the county website, and applications be submitted to the Human Resources Department for vetting, before being forwarded to individual offices and departments?
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support affirmative action?
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of county employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?

B. Assessment Policy Questions: please mark the appropriate box. You may add additional comments, as needed, in the short answer section below.

Do you support:

	YES	NO	
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation requiring notification to governmental bodies of tax assessment appeals?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	disclosure of the method of arriving at assessed valuation through inclusion with assessment notices?

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Do you support:

	YES	NO	
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	disclosure on tax bills of the amount of taxes diverted to TIF districts?
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	including the timeline for the review process with assessment notices?
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allowing either quarterly or monthly property tax payments in the year following reassessment?
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	legislation requiring notification to governmental bodies of tax assessment appeals?
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	creation of a citizens' ombudsman position in your office to ensure fairness in tax policy?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	creation of an Office of Taxpayer Advocate/Ombudsman reporting directly to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, to facilitate taxpayer requests for information and assistance by helping individuals navigate the numerous offices involved?

B. Assessment Policy Questions: Essay

20. What safeguards would you implement to prohibit employees from doing political work on county time?
21. In what circumstances would you contract for outside professional services and what criteria would you implement for letting contracts? Would you support contracting for outside services with companies located outside Cook County? Why or why not? Please comment on any existing contracting abuses and how you would correct them.
22. Do you support sale of advertising space on the Assessor's website? If so, how will you ensure clear demarcation so that the Assessor does not appear to be endorsing advertised services?
23. In what ways can this office work more effectively with other county and municipal offices to avoid duplication and waste?
24. What will you do to ensure equal treatment of all taxpayers?
25. What proposals do you have to make the appeals process more transparent?
26. What specific innovations, if any, would you favor in the Assessor's office?