

IVI-IPO 2018 COOK COUNTY TREASURER 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:		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 (including dates).
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?

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Part II. Issue Questionnaire

A. General:			
	YES	NO	
1.	<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?
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you accept, or have you accepted contributions from officers and employees of banking institutions?
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you employ, or have you employed staff in your office who hold other public-sector jobs concurrently?
4.	<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 Cook County?
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support patronage in hiring and/or promoting public employees?
6.	<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?
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 affirmative action?
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of Cook County employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you launch and participate in community and neighborhood based educational programs on how taxes serve the public?

A. General: Essay	
11.	In what circumstances should the Treasurer contract for outside professional services and what criteria would you implement for letting contracts? Please comment on any existing abuses and how you would correct them.
12.	In what ways can this office work more effectively with other county and municipal offices to avoid duplication and waste?
13.	In what ways can this office work with local governmental units for improved service and information?
14.	What specific innovations, if any, would you favor in the Treasurer's office?

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A. General: Essay

15. Do you support 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?
16. What criteria would you use to determine which banks would receive deposits of county funds?
17. Should the County participate in socially responsible investment programs?
18. What will you do to prevent losses of tax revenue and tax penalties?
19. What will you do to protect people from losing property due to errors in the Treasurer's office?
20. What changes, if any, do you propose in the annual scavenger tax sale?
21. What should be the role of your office in collecting and forwarding inheritance or other state taxes to the State of Illinois?