

2019 IVI-IPO CHICAGO ALDERMAN QUESTIONNAIRE

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From within your Word processor, please answer all questions in Part I (Instructions and Candidate Details) and Part II (Issue Questionnaire). This questionnaire uses special formatting features: please see the specific instructions below for each type of question.

Question Type: Yes/No and Short Answer

- Please click within the appropriate box to mark your answer for each yes/no question.
- If you wish to add comments to a yes/no question, or if elaboration is requested, you may click within the gray rectangle directly below the question text (next line, flush-left) to type your answer. The rectangle will expand to accommodate the length of your entry.
- by adding a paragraph return at the end of the question and typing your comments in the same cell as the question. Use such comments only when clarification is necessary.

Question Type: Select Choice(s), rank choices, etc.

- These begin with a prompt (e.g., “I am a member of the following groups:”) then ask you variously to “select one” or “select all that apply” or “rank from 1 highest to 4 lowest”). If you wish to elaborate, you may click within the gray rectangle directly below the question text (next line, flush-left) to add text.

Question Type: Essay

- Click within the gray rectangle directly below the question text (next line, flush-left) to type your answer. The rectangle will expand to accommodate the length of your entry. Please answer the questions at the length you deem sufficient. It is OK if your comments cause tables, etc., to shift pages.

Saving and Naming Your Questionnaire

Please follow the form detailed below exactly. Your questionnaire was downloaded to your computer as a Microsoft Word file (docx) with a generic name that identifies the office for which you are running. After you complete your questionnaire, but before submitting, you must save your questionnaire as a PDF file and give it a new name to which you will append your personal name and the election year as specified below.

General Form:

- If you were running for a suburban mayor’s office, your downloaded file (doc) name would be: Mayor_SUB_f
- You must save-as a PDF file (.pdf) and replace the “f” part of the downloaded file name with your last and first name and add the election year.
- Use capitals for the first letter of your last and first name and lowercase for the rest.

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Specific Example:

- Suburban Mayor candidate Elizabeth Rias would rename the Mayor_SUB_f file to:
Mayor_SUB_RiasElizabeth2019

If you are familiar with file saving routines, you may skip the step-by-step instructions below.

Step-by-Step Instructions for saving as a PDF file and personalizing your questionnaire file name:

1. Open your completed questionnaire in your word processor.
2. From the FILE menu, select "Save a Copy" (or "Save As").
 - 2.1. In the dialogue box that appears, find the pull-down list that shows the file type. It will show .doc or .docx.
 - 2.2. Click on the small triangle within the file-type box and select the "PDF" (.pdf) option from the menu.
 - 2.3. BEFORE selecting the "save" or "export as" option (varies depending on your computer platform set-up), rename your file.
 - 2.4. You will see the generic questionnaire title in a fill-in box (e.g. Mayor_SUB_f) with the first word identifying the office for which you are a candidate and the second indicating the jurisdiction (in the example, Mayor, suburban) followed by an underscore and the letter "f."
 - 2.5. Click on the generic name field to highlight the name.
 - 2.6. Then, click just after the END of the generic title (so that the entire file title is no longer highlighted but the field is active).
 - 2.7. Backspace once to eliminate the "f."
 - 2.8. Type your last name then first name, using appropriate capitals and lower-case letters (no space necessary: e.g., JohnsonJuan).
 - 2.9. Add 2019 (the election year).
 - 2.10. **Your file name should look like this (but with your specific office and name):**
Mayor_SUB_JohnsonJuan2019
3. BEFORE SELECTING "Save" look to be sure you are saving the file to the location you want (if you need to change the location, click on the file path and navigate to the location you wish to save the file (e.g., your desktop, a specific folder, etc.)
4. Make sure you remember this location: this is the location you must navigate to when you attach your file to an e-mail and submit to the IVI-IPO.

Submitting Your Completed Questionnaire to the IVI-IPO

- Your properly named PDF file (see above) completed questionnaire should be attached to an e-mail and sent to: : iviipopac@gmail.com.

Please go to the next page to begin your questionnaire.

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Part II: Candidate Contact Information

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Answers to Part II questions with an asterisk will be redacted prior to public distribution.

1.	DATE:	12/11/18
2.	NAME:	Leslie A. Hairston
3.	WARD:	5
4.	PARTY AFFILIATION:	Democrat
5.	VOTING ADDRESS*:	
6.	MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:	
7.	BUSINESS PHONE*:	
8.	CAMPAIGN PHONE	773-324-0005
9.	CAMPAIGN FAX:	773-324-0004
10.	PERSONAL EMAIL*:	
11.	CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:	1500 East 63rd Street
12.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	Under construction
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Delmarie Cobb
14.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	773-373-3860
15.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	dlcobb@thepublicityworks.net

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Part III: Candidate Background Information

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16.	How many petition signatures were you required to file? 473
17.	How many petition signatures did you file? I filed 3,655 signatures
18.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>). Alderman 1999-2019; Democratic Committeeman 2000-2020
19.	Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. None
20.	What is your primary occupation? Alderman
21.	Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. Active member of the Illinois State Bar, Cook County Bar and Black Women Lawyers Associations. Member of the South Shore Cultural Center Advisory Council, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. National Smart Set, as well as serve as a board member for Kaleidoscope Inc., Loyola Law School Diversity Council and True Star.
22.	What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? I have practiced law both publicly and privately. I served as an assistant attorney general for the state of Illinois and was staff attorney and special prosecutor for the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office, where I argued before the Illinois State Supreme Court. I earned my BA at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and JD from Loyola University School of Law. I was also an Associate at James D. Montgomery & Associates. I have served my ward as alderman since 1999. In the City Council, I sit on the Committees on Budget & Finance; Buildings; Energy & Environment; Human Relations; Parks & Recreation; Rules & Ethics; and Special Events & Cultural Affairs.
23.	Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign. In the 2015 mayoral election, I supported Jesus Garcia for mayor in the runoff. Other candidates are: State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, State Sen. Kwame Raoul, U.S. Cong. Bobby Rush, State Rep. Will Burns, State Rep. Marlow Colvin, State Sen. Donne Trotter, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Barak Obama for all his elected positions, Kim Foxx, Kim DuBuclet, Brandon Johnson, William Lowry, and Debra Shore. I assisted with hosting rallies, field work, serving as a surrogate speaker, and organizing election day volunteers.
24.	Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor? Toni Preckwinkle

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<p>25.</p>	<p>Please list all endorsements you have received. I am acurrently seeking indorsements. In the past, I have been endorsed by IVI-IPO, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce PAC, Planned Parenthood Illinois Action and Sierra Club; such labor organizations as Chicago Federation of Labor, Teamsters Joint Council 25, AFSCME, SEIU Local 1, Chicago Teachers Union, and Cook County College Teachers Union; as well as media including the Citizen Newspaper Group, Hyde Park Herald, Chicago Defender, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Dispatcher.</p>
<p>26.</p>	<p>Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? All so far have contributed the same amount – within the limits required by law: \$1,500 for those who do business with the city and \$5,000 who do not do business with the city.</p>
<p>27.</p>	<p>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? My long tenure as alderman gives me a uniquely knowledgeable, comprehensive and in-depth perspective on the ward's stakeholders, needs, assets, issues and challenges. I have developed strong relationships with the city agencies, educational institutions, community organizations and businesses that service the ward, which helps me focus on the "real world" potential of proposed solutions. I have learned to navigate through the many points of power that enable me to take "can't" to "can." A good example of this is how I was able to get the first drive-thru Starbucks in Chicago, despite City Hall's obsession with downtown projects. My office collaborated with local organizations to do extensive market research on the ward, which I used successfully in going directly to desired businesses and attending trade events.</p> <p>Other notable accomplishments include, recruiting new owners for a grocery store in Jeffrey Plaza as well as acquiring the mall; recruiting local ownership of the old South Shore Bank, which will now be a movie theater, restaurant, bowling alley and event space; consistently advocating and supporting the adult trauma center at the University of Chicago; providing resources to the former employees of Treasure Island grocery store and actively seeking a suitable replacement; salvaging the Stony Island Bank bldg. into an active space for the community and a museum; and creating the Gary Comer campus in Greater Grand Crossing.</p>
<p>28.</p>	<p>What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date? Our campaign budget currently is \$350,000 but will ultimately depend upon the number of other candidates. So far we have raised over \$35,000.</p>
<p>29.</p>	<p>How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign? I primarily use the resources of The Publicity Works and have a volunteer list of approximately 300.</p>

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Part IV: Issue Questions

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City Council Reform and Ethics

Yes/No			
	YES	NO	
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
31.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you in favor of procedures to ensure that privatization arrangements are not being used to move patronage workers outside of the scope of anti-patronage rules or protocols?
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support an ordinance that bars city employees and elected and appointed officials from taking on any outside employment, or other responsibility for which they receive compensation, which conflicts with the city's interests?
33.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 City?
34.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for an ordinance mandating that the City contest unemployment claims by former employees who were fired for cause?
35.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
36.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you joined, or will you join the Progressive Reform Caucus?
37.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
38.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
39.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a limit of two 4-year terms for Mayor? My caveat is that, depending on the circumstances, two terms may not be enough to create the necessary balance in Chicago.
40.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses

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Yes/No			
	YES	NO	
			seeking zoning changes in your ward? I comply with all city and state campaign finance requirements

Select all that apply			
41.	Do you support an ordinance banning contributions in any amount from:		
41 a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	city vendors and contractors? No	
41 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	entities seeking licenses, permits or zoning changes? No	
41 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	registered lobbyists? No	

Essay:	
42.	Should the Inspector General be authorized to independently initiate his or her own investigations of Alderman, in the absence of a complaint from someone outside of the Inspector General's office. Please explain your position. This could be a problem because it is a mayoral appointment. The position can be (and has been) used as a source of harassment against those who are not in the majority.
43.	Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position. Yes. Once candidates have established their credibility through raising a threshold funding amount and/or acquiring the necessary number of signatures to qualify, public financing should be employed. However, a limit on expenditures should be set.

Revenue and Budget

Yes/No			
44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a progressive City income tax for Chicago?
45.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward? I was one of the pioneers in doing so.
46.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support creation of a public bank for Chicago?
47.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to hire independent analysts to conduct a forensic audit of past City spending?

Choose One

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48.	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated:	
48 a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	in equal amounts to each ward
48 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	based on the size of each ward
48 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	based on the needs of each ward
48 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other-please specify

Select all that apply

49.	Will you vote for a budget ordinance which would require:	
49 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?
49 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
49 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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? The Progress Caucus, of which I am a member, has done so.

Essay

50.	What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? I would look at increasing revenue streams through strategies that take in more funds from corporations and institutions that can afford it. A minor percent increase could mean millions to support necessary services. We should also examine the structural and management causes for budget shortfalls, developing mechanisms for long-term solutions that do not deplete our assets.
51.	What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? As noted in 50, I would focus on making the private sector give their fair share, such a one percent tax on commercial financial transactions, less incentive giveaways, especially to low-wage Big Box stores whose employees end up depending on public tax funds.

Planning, Zoning, Economic Development, and Privatization

Yes/No			
52.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to terminate a TIF if the objectives of the TIF plan have been accomplished before the 23-year period is ended?
53.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual

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Yes/No			
			basis to the various taxing bodies?
54.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
55.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
56.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Fair Workweek Chicago Ordinance which would give employees greater control over their schedules?
57.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Development for All Ordinance which would eliminate "in lieu of" fees and require developers to include 30% affordable units on site?
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	"Will you support guarantees that some of the foreclosed properties saved through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program are made affordable to families at 40% and 60% of the Area Median Income?
59.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support policies to ensure that there is an adequate supply of affordable family sized units available to families in the Section 8 program?
60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for an ordinance requiring independent analysis and evaluation of any lease or outsourcing arrangement at least 30 days prior to any City Council vote.

Select all that apply:		
63.	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?	
63 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of the Area Median Income? I am supportive of plans that take into account the fact that my ward already has the highest number of section 8 housing in the city. This includes ensuring the availability of necessary social services.
63 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?

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Select all that apply:

63.	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?	
63 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	shelters for the homeless?

Choose one

64.	Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?	
64 a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Area Median Income of Chicago
64 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area Median Income of the Community Area

Essay

65.	<p>Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?</p> <p>There are none I would recommend at this time. I am known as the “poster girl” for stronger oversight, more transparency and thorough advance cost-benefit analysis regarding privatization of city assets. I was one of a handful of aldermen to oppose the Midway Airport and parking meter deals precisely because of the flawed process. In addition these deals should have monitoring and enforcement components before approved.</p>
66.	<p>What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance?</p> <p>Will it benefit the ward and, if so, what will be the impact on those stakeholders closest to the area in question, as determined by public meetings.</p>
67.	<p>How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development?</p> <p>We need to revisit the TIF program, particularly in the way it diverts much needed money from schools and whether that money should be returned.</p>

Housing

Yes/No			
68.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support guarantees that some of the foreclosed properties saved through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program are made affordable to families at 40% and 60% of Area Median Income?
69.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the General Assembly repeals the pre-emption of rent control consideration by local government, would you support some form of rent control for covered units of rental housing in Chicago?
70.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Homes for All Ordinance which would establish an

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Yes/No			
			automatic approval process for affordable housing applications if not acted upon within 90 days?

Schools

Yes/No			
71.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
72.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support Local School Councils (LSCs) in maintaining full powers, and support them through adequate funding levels that provide training and support for LSCs to do their jobs?
73.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?

Select all that apply			
74.	Will you support an ordinance requiring every school to have a:		
74 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	full-time nurse?	
74 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	full-time social worker?	
74 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	full-time librarian?	

Choose one			
75.	Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?		
75 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Popular Election I support an elected school board, with certain parameters, including candidates with proper knowledge and experience	
75 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives	
75 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment	
75 d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A mix of elected and appointed members	

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Environment

Yes/No			
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you oppose disposal of contaminated dredging sediment from the Cal-Sag Channel within Chicago city limits?
77.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you consult with neighborhood residents before approving permits that could affect air or water quality?

Parks

Yes/No			
78.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support park prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?
79.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?

Transportation

Yes/No			
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?

Rank from 1 st to last preference (1, first – 4, last)			
81.	Please indicate which CTA expansion plans, if any, you support and rank them in order of priority.		
81 a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Line south to 130th Street #2	
81 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange Line to Ford City Mall #3	
81 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Downtown-O'Hare Express #4	
81 d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – please specify #1. Ward -- connecting CTA, Metra and buses.	

Criminal Justice

Yes/No:			
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?

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Yes/No:			
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support an ordinance codifying the provisions of the Consent Decree regarding the duties and accountability of school resource officers?
85.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the proposed Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) Ordinance? While I support a civilian component (which I drafted and sits in committee), I do not believe the current proposal is viable or balanced.

Essay	
86.	Please discuss 911 service in your ward: are there inequities, is response time adequate. If so, how the service be improved. Despite repeated requests, the city has failed to integrate the south lakefront into the full 911 system. This makes it difficult for emergency responders to respond in a timely manner when life is at stake.

Civil Rights

Yes/No:			
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?
88.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?

Aldermanic Priorities

Essay	
90.	What are your top priorities for the Ward? Economic development, broadening access to quality schools, improving our housing stock, addressing crime and nuisance behavior, and fostering opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the ward's many assets.
91.	What is your long-range plan for development of the ward? To create a viable diverse community with full accessibility, open a job intake and training

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Essay	
	center and initiate a neighborhood stabilization (funded) program to address costs due to redevelopment.
92.	<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning? Diverse residents took part in our Participatory Budgeting process. I also have 71st Street and Young Adult/Youth Advisory Councils.</p> <p>In addition to my monthly ward meetings, I hold a series of forums on all major developments envisioned or approved for the ward. Constituents are integral to setting priorities for TIF, menu and other funds, as well as for the types of businesses and services I go after for the ward.</p>
93.	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? I will continue holding regular meetings and special forums to ensure stakeholders have opportunities to give input and receive substantive information. I do not propose or approve any major development without public hearings, from which I ascertain the desired direction. I see myself as the representative of the ward's diverse constituents, rather than the "head honcho" who issues orders at my sole discretion. I have a very independent, educated and civically active ward. I must frequently negotiate between strong community groups with differing perspectives, but consider that a necessary part of democratically achieved decisions.</p>
94.	<p>Do you intend to hold employment other than alderman? If so, what employment do you intend to hold and how will you divide your time between your aldermanic duties and your other occupation (please note the minimum hours per week you will spend performing your aldermanic duties)?</p> <p>I am a 24/7 alderman and will continue to be so.</p>
95.	<p>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.</p> <p>My staff is a mix of paid and volunteer, three full-time and two part-time paid. Those collecting a salary have college degrees and/or experience in areas related to the needs of ward constituents – e.g., housing, public safety, parks, etc. Volunteers and interns from colleges and universities manage the phones and the database, as well as research issues raised by residents. My office is open five days a week for a total of 38 hours, plus the 4-7 hours for monthly meetings and forums held throughout the ward.</p>

Thank you for your participation!