

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.

Specific Example:

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

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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:	December 10, 2018
2.	NAME:	Jeanette Taylor
3.	WARD:	20
4.	PARTY AFFILIATION:	Democrat
5.	VOTING ADDRESS*:	
6.	MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:	
7.	BUSINESS PHONE*:	
8.	CAMPAIGN PHONE	
9.	CAMPAIGN FAX:	
10.	PERSONAL EMAIL*:	
11.	CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:	6636 S. Cottage Grove Ave.
12.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	taylorfor20thward.org
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Candis Castillo
14.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	773-679-2801
15.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	candis@unitedworkingfamilies.org

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16.	How many petition signatures were you required to file? 473
17.	How many petition signatures did you file? 1930
18.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>). Local School Council: Mollison Elementary from 1994-2015, Jackie Robinson Elementary from 2011-2013
19.	Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. none
20.	What is your primary occupation? Community Organizer
21.	Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. During the past ten years I have been a member of two Local School Councils and an LSC training facilitator. I went on a 30-day hunger strike in 2015 to save Dyett High School, which led to a \$16 million investment in education for children on the South Side. As a community organizer for the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, I fought against school closings, against the displacement of working-class black and brown Chicagoans, and for an Obama Library Community Benefits Agreement. I also joined young people in the fight for a Level 1 trauma center at the University of Chicago, which opened in May of this year.
22.	What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? As an organizer, I have worked with neighborhood families to win the development of new institutions that have improved families access to health care and quality education on the southeast side of Chicago. I was elected to serve on local school councils for ten years, and I have worked as an organizer and won a new high school for Bronzeville. I was also a strong supporter of the youth led coalition that won a Trauma Center at UofC. My work as an organizer has also included working on campaigns to win legislation for an elected school board for district 299.
23.	Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign. Supported Jay Travis' (in 2014 and 2016) campaign through assisting with the organization of fundraisers and voter outreach.
24.	Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor? none
25.	Please list all endorsements you have received. Cook County Colleges Teachers Union Local 1600, Chicago Teachers Union, SEIU HCII, SEIU Local 73, United Working Families, and People United for Action.
26.	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? United Working Families \$2500, Pauline Lipman \$500, Rico Gutstein \$500, Alex Goldenberg \$500 and Joy Clendenning \$500.

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27.	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? A) I have a proven record of standing up for working families in the community. I've spent most of my adult life supporting families in and around the community around what they want to see. For too long the alderman has been a yes man for the mayor, for the University, and for the condo developers. I talk to the tenant unions, the long-time owners, the parents-- that's who I represent. B) I believe everyone deserves to have a job with a living wage in their community, a safe home, and a great education. I will work to make sure that the investment and jobs that are coming to the community, through projects such as the Obama Library and the new Jewel, go to local residents. I will fight for the Obama Library CBA and other measures to preserve and expand affordable housing in the ward. I will also continue to advocate for fully funded and supported schools that have access to all the resources in the city.
28.	What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date? Our total fundraising goal is \$250,000. To date we've raised \$20,000.
29.	How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign? We have ninety active volunteers, one paid deputy campaign manager, and two paid canvassers.

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward?

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Select all that apply		
41.	Do you support an ordinance banning contributions in any amount from:	
41 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	city vendors and contractors?
41 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	entities seeking licenses, permits or zoning changes?
41 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	registered lobbyists?

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. Yes, I believe the Inspector General should have this authority so they can be proactive in their investigations.
43.	Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position. Yes. By putting candidates on more of a level playing field financially, public financing would help take away the huge influence that money--and wealthy industries such as real estate and finance--currently have on our municipal elections. This would allow working-class Chicagoans to have a more equal voice in our elections.

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?
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? Yes, and I will also support an audit of the public debt.

Choose One		
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

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Choose One		
48.	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated:	
48 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	based on the needs of each ward Some wards have been disinvested and neglected by the City for decades, and this should be accounted for in the allocation of funds.
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? Yes, I support more transparency in budgeting.
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?

Essay	
50.	What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? I believe the City should start making payments to the pension funds on a regular basis. The city should end the practice of 'pension holidays' which created the problem we are currently facing. At the same time, we should be pursuing progressive revenue streams. Chicago is one of the richest cities in the world, and there is more than enough money to pay our workers' pensions as long as we tax the rich. Finally, the City should work with the state legislature to stabilize pension funding at the state level. What we should NOT do is continue to postpone solving the problem by postponing payments, or sign on to toxic loan agreements that sink the City further into debt.
51.	What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? At the municipal level, I would propose a LaSalle Street Tax on financial transactions, a corporate head tax, and a downtown commercial rent tax.

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? I will support the Water for All ordinance to protect against water privatization.
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?	
63 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?	
63 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	shelters for the homeless?	

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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>No city services that serve the public good should be privatized. Public schools, public transit, public housing, parks, roads, water--all of these serve the public good and therefore should be owned in common, so that the public can have democratic oversight over them. Privatization in general leads to more unequally distributed and often lower-quality services, and to jobs with lower wages and worse working conditions for those employed in those services, because they often aren't represented by unions.</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>My main criterion will be whether the zoning change has the support of the residents of my ward and whether it will benefit them.</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>I believe this revenue should be redirected back to the original taxing bodies, unless it is being directed toward another goal by a democratic decision of the taxpayers. If more tax revenue is needed, it should be sought in progressive revenue streams such as those I mentioned above.</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 automatic approval process for affordable housing applications if not acted upon within 90 days?

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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
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

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?

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Line south to 130th Street 1	
81 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange Line to Ford City Mall	
81 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Downtown-O'Hare Express I oppose this plan, because the Blue Line already serves O'Hare. There are many unmet transportation needs and CTA expansion plans should address those needs. Secondly, public-private partnerships such as this proposed partnership with Elon Musk's company are often used as a way to transfer public taxdollars to wealthy corporations.	
81 d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – please specify	

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? Re-allocation decisions should be made democratically by the residents of high-crime neighborhoods. My answer is yes, if residents want more police. If residents want other ways of addressing crime, such as restorative justice and violence prevention programs, then I support allocating funding for those rather than for more police.

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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? I also support allocating more funding for restorative justice programs.
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?

Essay	
86.	Please discuss 911 service in your ward: are there inequities, is response time adequate. If so, how the service be improved.

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.	<p>What are your top priorities for the Ward?</p> <p>One of my top priorities is ensuring that we protect affordable housing and stop displacement from the ward. In order to do this I will sponsor and pass a Community Benefits Agreement Ordinance that will provide inclusionary zoning, property tax relief and investment in affordable housing and job training. The Obama Center is estimated to attract 750,000 tourists per year. The University of Chicago is currently building a hotel, dorm and converage center in the ward. A deep transformation is underway in the ward. One of my top priorities is ensuring that local residents benefit from small business opportunities and that we invest in job training so that local residents are equipped to take advantage of the coming developments. Finally, i will also prioritize public safety and investment in restorative justice and youth programs which are so badly needed in our communities.</p>

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Essay	
91.	<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?</p> <p>The development of the Obama Center will mean a transformation of the Ward. The City is currently planning to develop the mostly vacant commercial corridor on 63rd street between Stony Island and King Drive. I will work to ensure that this becomes a black business corridor with local businesses and residents benefiting from the opportunities it creates. The City currently owns 10% of the vacant land in East Woodlawn, I will work to ensure that 30% of the residential land is set aside as affordable housing for current ward residents. I will also seek to address vacant homes by bringing rehab and homeownership programs to the ward. I will seek to seed alternative affordable housing models such as coops and community land trusts. I will also invest in public mental health clinics, youth programs and restorative justice programs for the ward.</p>
92.	<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning?</p> <p>We will develop task forces around various issues such as seniors, youth, and economic development. I will also organize community meetings with break outs discussions, popular education methods, and workshops. I often say an Alderman should be a community organizer with money. As a community organizer I am prepared to organize meetings and engage residents, especially those who are often excluded like low income tenants and youth in planning processes.</p>
93.	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters?</p> <p>I come from community organizing and I have a deep respect for local leadership. I will regularly meet with tenants organizations, chambers of commerce, block clubs, community organizations, churches, youth groups, and others. I will include them in task forces and also seek their input on matters that concern their interests. My motto is that we want change to happen with us not to us, and I intend to make that a reality.</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>No.</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>Office hours will be 10am - 6pm. We have office hours that extend 6-8pm on weekdays and Saturdays twice a month. We will have 3 full time staff.</p>

Thank you for your participation!