

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

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

1.	DATE:	12/11/18
2.	NAME:	Roberto Maldonado
3.	WARD:	26
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:	2548 W. Division St.
12.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	www.robertomaldonado.com
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Conor Culloton
14.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	630-303-2863
15.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	conor.c.ward26@gmail.com

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Part III: Candidate Background Information

16.	How many petition signatures were you required to file? 473
17.	How many petition signatures did you file? 5,000
18.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>). Alderman , 26 th Ward; Cook County Commissioner, 8 th District; Democratic Ward Committeeman, 26 th Ward
19.	Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. None
20.	What is your primary occupation? Alderman, 26 th Ward
21.	Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. I have been actively involved in many organizations and events that advocate for fair and affordable housing, economic development and job growth, and immigration reform.
22.	What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? I began my government career in the Harold Washington administration
23.	Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign. I have supported many candidates over the years who are independent and progressive, such as Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders, and, most recently, Gubernatorial Candidate Daniel Biss. I use my role as Democratic Committeeman and Alderman to promote their issues and get out the vote.
24.	Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor? Under consideration
25.	Please list all endorsements you have received. I am still in the process of meeting with various organizations for endorsements.
26.	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? My top contributors include affordable housing advocates, Elizie Higginbottom, Luis Castro, and Aymin Khalil and local business owners Jamie and Nenita Dejuris, and Christy Webber . All donations adhere to the IL Campaign Finance Act requirements.
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? I am the best and most qualified candidate for Alderman because I have worked my way up the ladder to learn and understand how government works and what is the most effective way to get things done. Many of us are disheartened and dismayed now by our President who had no prior experience in government or community activism and is learning on the job. This highlights the fact that experience counts. I will continue to advocate for affordable housing, social and economic justice, and community development and job growth.
28.	What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date? As of the last reporting period, I have approximately \$302,000 on hand. My campaign budget is still in development.

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29.	How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign? I have 2 paid staffers, a few consultants, and many active volunteers.
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Part IV: Issue Questions

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

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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.	<p>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.</p> <p>Yes, the Inspector General should have independent authority to initiate an investigation of an Alderman especially since that office has specific expertise and knowledge of the ethical and legal rules Aldermen should adhere to.</p>
43.	<p>Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position.</p> <p>Yes, I support public financing of municipal campaigns. It is the best way to ensure that municipal campaigns elect the best candidate, not the candidate who raises the most money or is beholden to special interests.</p>

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?

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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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?

Essay	
50.	What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? I support a graduated income tax with a fair tax structure and I would support a casino for the City of Chicago. I also support a new property tax surcharge on every commercial building in our city with an assessment of more than \$500 million.
51.	What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? I am in favor of a sales tax on large-scale finance transactions, known as the LaSalle Street 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 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?

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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?
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?

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

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65.	Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria? I oppose the provatization of public assets I support the Privatization Transparency and Accountability Ordinance to establish a process to provide for public input and City Council review of any City privatization plans.
66.	What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance? The zoning change or variance must go through a community review process and meet certain affordability standards where applicable.
67.	How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development? I support a graduted income tax and a casino for the City of Chicago.

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?

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

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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 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?

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			
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80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?
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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 1	
81 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange Line to Ford City Mall 2	
81 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Downtown-O'Hare Express 3	
81 d.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other – please specify I would support any expansion plans that would help people get from the far reaches of the city to their places of employment. I would evaluate each plan on the growth of job creation.	

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?
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?

Essay	
86.	<p>Please discuss 911 service in your ward: are there inequities, is response time adequate. If so, how the service be improved.</p> <p>There are inequities in areas of the ward that have prolonged gang and drug activity. I hold monthly meetings with local Police Commanders to improve service to areas long plagued by criminal activity and crime in these areas has reduced as police resources have been reallocated to areas most in need.</p>

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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>Affordable Housing; Economic Development and Job Creation; Education; Public Safety; City Budget and Finances</p>
91.	<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?</p> <p>Since becoming Alderman I have spent over \$10 million to re-build the 26th ward with freshly paved streets and alleys, brighter lighting, and security cameras. Not only has this reduced crime, but it attracts new businesses and encourages long-time residents to stay and stabilize their neighborhoods. I will continue to build the infrastructure of the ward and improve and expand public education. I also will push for increased funding to city grant programs such as the Small Business Improvement Fund that help businesses improve their businesses and create more jobs for the community.</p>
92.	<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning?</p> <p>I actively engage ward residents in the allocation of city and police resources through monthly meetings, open house hours at my service office, and interaction on social media.</p>
93.	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters?</p> <p>I often work with community groups and residents on legislative and other matters. I participate in planning meetings and press conferences on initiatives and go to organization member meetings when invited.</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 will be a full-time Alderman. My other occupation is Father to my 3 children which is also full-time. Like any single parent (I lost my wife to cancer several years ago) I will perform my duties as Alderman and Father to the best of my ability.</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>

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My service office is open 9:00am - 5:00pm , Monday - Friday. Monday I have Ward Nite Open House hours that often continue to 6:00 or 6:30pm . I have 3 full time staff and 3 part time staff that are paid out of City funds.

Thank you for your participation!