

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:	12/10/2018
2.	NAME:	Chris Taliaferro
3.	WARD:	29th
4.	PARTY AFFILIATION:	Democratic
5.	VOTING ADDRESS*:	
6.	MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:	
7.	BUSINESS PHONE*:	
8.	CAMPAIGN PHONE	773 263-9298
9.	CAMPAIGN FAX:	none
10.	PERSONAL EMAIL*:	
11.	CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:	mrctaliaferro@yahoo.com
12.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	29thward.com (Under Construction)
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Bruce Washington
14.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	
15.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	bwash4444@gmail.com

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16.	How many petition signatures were you required to file? 473
17.	How many petition signatures did you file? 3300
18.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>). 29 th Ward Alderman (May 2015 - present), 29 th Ward Committeeman (May 2016 - present)
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. Northwest Side Community Coalition (Board Member),
22.	What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? Community Organizer, Community Activist and 29 th Ward Alderman
23.	Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign. As Ward Committeeman I have supported numerous candidates as recommended by the Democratic Party and others. My activities have included organizing petition drives, canvassing, phone banking, election day coverage etc..
24.	Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor? I am still considering candidates
25.	Please list all endorsements you have received. Chicago Teachers Union, SEIU Local 73, AFSCME (verbal endorsement) Numerous elected official endorsements)
26.	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? My first campaign fundraiser is scheduled for December 11, 2018
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 have maintained an independent and progressive legislating record in city council, while continuing to bring resources to the westside of Chicago and 29 th Ward. In 3 1/2 years of service as Alderman, the ward has been recipients of nearly \$200 million in contracts, grants and developments, creating hundreds of jobs for ward residents. While crime has tremendously affected the entire city, the 29 th Ward has seen a significant decrease in murders and sexual assaults. I am chief sponsor on the "Homes for All" ordinance addressing affordable housing in areas of opportunity, co-sponsor of "Development fo All", and chief sponsor of resolutions and ordinance addressing elevated lead levels in Chicago's drinking water. Along with continuing to personally address economic and community development, I will actively pursue public hearings and vote on the aforementioned legislation.
28.	What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date? \$150,000 budget and aprox. \$20k on hand as of date.
29.	How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign? I currently have 2 paid staffer and 8 volunteers with make of my executive committee. I have 15 additional volunteers that contributed toward the petition process.

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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? I am a member of the City Council 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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Yes/No			
	YES	NO	
			I specifically ensure to inform all contributors that donation from developers, contractors, attorneys and the like, has no bearing on my decisions and the community's input regarding the approval or disapproval of zoning changes

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?	
41 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	entities seeking licenses, permits or zoning changes?	
41 c.	<input 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>The Inspector General's office should have a broad range of investigative authority and ability to fully investigate allegations of wrong-doing. I have been committed to supporting legislation that has this impact and voted against "watering down" the Inspector General's authorities as it related the office's scope of investigation. I have also discussed, with the Inspector General, the for pros and cons regarding the requirement of an affidavit for investigation and the political and personal consequences of unsupported allegations.</p>
43.	<p>Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position.</p> <p>I support public financing of municipal campaigns. Public funding reduces unfair election advantage, and provide for an election process that has a core principal of excluding the influence of the election process through large individual or business donations.</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? I implemented the participatory budgeting initiative in the 29 th Ward in 2015.
46.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support creation of a public bank for Chicago?

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Yes/No			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	based on the size of each ward
48 c.	<input 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.	<p>What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency? Chicago must be careful in reform that deminished pension benefits. This has been adjudicated to be unconstitutional and I could not support efforts that would deminish one's pension benefits. Nevertheless, funding our city pension in a reasonable and responsible manner will be a pressing issue for our next administration. Chicago has considered selling pension obligation bonds to fund a \$28 million pension liability. This will prove to be a risky move given the City's "credit rating" and an assumption that the pension agency investments have a positive rate of return. However, the measures does, at the least, require some discussion and consideration.</p>
51.	<p>What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? I am supportive of the implementation of a Chicago Income Tax, similar to that of the State Income Tax, which would generate approximately \$500 million annually at 1% and negate the need for a commuter tax. I also support a graduated State Income Tax. I would support a</p>

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Essay	
	Chicago based casino on the condition that revenue can be "lock-boxed" for public education, pension stability and ward infrastructure.

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?
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? Co-sponsor with Alderman Sue Sadlowski-Garza
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? Chief sponsor of the "Homes for All" ordinance
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.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area Median Income of Chicago
64 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Area Median Income of the Community Area

Essay

65.	Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria? I am not in support of privatization of City assets.
66.	What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance? In determining zoning change or variance, I consider community input, the impact or benefit on the neighborhood and consider whether the variance or zoning change brings the property request within the make-up of the existing community design.
67.	How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development? As part of TIF reform, transparency and taxing body inclusion into TIF use approval is important to ensure distribution within stated purposes of the TIF district. Much of the revenue lost can be returned by closing TIF districts that have met its desired purpose, limit the creation of TIF districts to blighted communities only.

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?
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Yes/No			
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? Chief sponsor of this legislation.

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	

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Choose one		
75.	Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?	
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			
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 2
81 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Orange Line to Ford City Mall 3
81 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Downtown-O'Hare Express 1
81 d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – please specify

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the proposed Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) Ordinance? The CPAC ordinance is no longer before the council for consideration after a committee vote taken in October 2018. However, I do support the ordinance proposed by the Grassroot Alliance for Police Accountability.

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>911 services are inadequate in the 29th ward and throughout the city. Calls for service often go unanswered, response times are inadequate and dispatchers are inadequately trained. These services can be improved by educating the public on police procedure as it related to stacked jobs, beat integrity, and district staffing levels. Also, Chicago has used new technology to improve 311 service requests that include among other things allowing citizen to track response time through electronic means. This technology can be used to improve 911 inefficiencies. I have also proposed a crime reduction strategy to the Superintendent of Police that addresses this very issue. I've requested a pilot deployment in the 29th ward and am currently awaiting approval.</p>

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?

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Yes/No:			

Aldermanic Priorities

Essay	
90.	<p>What are your top priorities for the Ward? Crime Reduction, Economic and Community Development and Education</p>
91.	<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the ward? In 3 1/2 years I have brought in nearly \$200 million in economic improvements. In 2019, we will see the development of a major grocery store, a business incubator, performance art theater and youth community center. As part of my long-range plan, I will work to bring another major grocer to the ward, trade school and have began preliminary discussions regarding the viability of a ward entertainment park.</p>
92.	<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning? As with all major projects in the ward, I involve community input and discussion. I have also began the creation of a Community Benefits Agreement that allow for community input and participation.</p>
93.	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? I will continue to hosts mostly community meeting where we discuss city matters, legislation and proposals. I will also continue townhall style discussions regarding specific issues affecting the ward.</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)? I am currently a practicing attorney but maintain a minimum number of cases. This allows me to specifically focus on my duties as alderman to which I perform a minimum of 65 hours weekly.</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. To help ensure accessibility, I currently operate 4 offices (3 ward offices, 1 city hall office). My main community service office is open 42 hours per week, while my ward satellite offices are open from 9am to 12pm Wednesday and Saturdays. I have 3 full-time staff members paid through my employee budget, 1 ward superintendent paid through Streets and Sanitation, 2 part-time employees and 2 independent contractors paid through my aldermanic expense account.</p>

Thank you for your participation!