

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:	12/31/18
2.	NAME:	Maggie O'Keefe
3.	WARD:	40
4.	PARTY AFFILIATION:	Democratic
5.	VOTING ADDRESS*:	
6.	MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:	
7.	BUSINESS PHONE*:	
8.	CAMPAIGN PHONE	847-834-4240
9.	CAMPAIGN FAX:	
10.	PERSONAL EMAIL*:	
11.	CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:	2305 W Foster Ave Chicago, IL 60625
12.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	www.maggie2019.com
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Cady Mattson
14.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	(773) 209-5920
15.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	cady@maggie2019.com

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16.	How many petition signatures were you required to file? 473
17.	How many petition signatures did you file? 1,867
18.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>). NA
19.	Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. NA
20.	What is your primary occupation? I am a Digital Marketing Professional.
21.	<p>Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.</p> <p>Like many Americans, the 2016 election was a call to action for me. Low voter turnouts in marginalized communities motivated me to become a deputy voter registrar. I have deputized over 500 voters in Cook County, organized voter drives at over three dozen high schools, street festivals and events, and together we registered thousands of new voters in the Chicagoland area over the last two years.</p> <p>While I entered the workforce during the recession, that didn't stop me from founding my own digital marketing company or from getting active in my community. My company and I consulted multiple campaigns in the previous election cycle, including Ameya Pawar for Governor, Fritz Kaegi for Cook County Assessor, and three winning races for judge.</p> <p>And since February 2018, the Maggie 2019 campaign has organized several civic events throughout the 40th Ward, including: raising over \$20K in clothing donations for children and expectant mothers; arranging multicultural and political playdates for 40th Ward families at libraries and schools; organizing curb raking and sewer cleaning to prevent neighbors' blocks from flooding; and hosting environmental sustainability events in the community, including with new MWRD Commissioner Cam Davis.</p>
22.	<p>What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?</p> <p>As a small business owner, I know what it takes to tackle problems and achieve resolutions: work with others, listen to all perspectives, and follow through to produce results. That's why I'm running for 40th Ward Alderman. Our current alderman has used the office for 35 years to make tens of millions for himself and his family at the expense of his community. The 40th Ward needs a leader who truly listens and responds to her fellow neighbors. Together, we make sure our leaders no longer silence neighbors in order to protect a status quo that enriches the few.</p>

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23.	<p>Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ameya Pawar for Governor - Volunteer Director for Social Media • Fritz Kaegi for Cook County Assessor - Digital Marketing Consultant • Judge Stephanie Saltouros - Digital Marketing Consultant • Judge Joanne Rosado - Digital Marketing Consultant • Judge Preston Jones Jr. - Digital Marketing Consultant • Judge Patrick Stanton - Campaign Manager
24.	<p>Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor?</p> <p>NA</p>
25.	<p>Please list all endorsements you have received.</p> <p>We are actively seeking endorsements from national organizations like Victory Fund, Run for Something; and local organizations including Chicago NOW, the Jane Addams Senior Caucus, Equality Illinois, and additional unions like National Nurses United and progressive organizations.</p>
26.	<p>Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?</p> <p>Patrick O’Keefe- \$1,500.00 Genevieve Thiers-\$1,000 Marmalade Chicago, Inc.- \$500 Bryan Scott - \$500.00 Mina Georgalas- \$500</p>

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27.	<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?</p> <p>A true, sustainable community is one which is empowered by active engagement by neighbors and not by promising to personally solve city-wide issues that no one person could fix. I'm running as a real public servant, one that serves as both her neighbors' organizer and their voice in City Council. Respectfully, every other candidate in this race is running for reasons that either benefit themselves, or they come armed with one specific platform or ideology - and that's simply not what the 40th Ward - or the City of Chicago - needs in 2019.</p> <p>I'm running a local campaign, focused on the issues that matter most to my community. I have spoken to constituents for months, and they have let me know how they envision the 40th Ward's future at the thousands of doors I've knocked on. And this neighbor involvement is how we created both our 40th Ward Community Safety Plan and the Community Roadmap. And as the future 40th Ward Alderman, I will fight for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Equity in public education- Affordable housing- Modernized public safety networks- Environmental sustainability- Strong local business growth and development
28.	<p>What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date?</p> <p>Our campaign budget is \$75,000 and we have raised just over \$29,000 through independent small donations.</p>
29.	<p>How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign?</p> <p>We have one paid staff member, our campaign manager, and we have over 90 volunteers.</p>

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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?
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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Yes/No			
	YES	NO	

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.	<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 - while part of this relies upon an Inspector General who retains the public trust, I support increased and routine investigations and audits of all aldermanic offices. The current 40th Ward Alderman could serve as case study #1 for “legal” public corruption- though he claims everything he has done over 35 years has been “above board,” he’s helped his family make tens of millions through zoning changes and, most recently, he’s employed volunteers that have been sued for kickbacks and political work on public time at O’Hare airport. This kind of behavior betrays the public trust and is a prime example of an office that needs an in-depth investigation from the Inspector General.</p>
43.	<p>Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position.</p> <p>Yes. It’s clear that one of the biggest threats to our democracy is out-of-control private campaign spending. Soon only the mega-rich will be able to run for public office - and for some reason, they never actually want to serve the public. We are proudly a small donor campaign and we will not take contributions from developers, architects and large interests looking to influence ward or city decision-making (the majority of my opponents cannot say the same). I believe public financing of municipal campaigns will help amplify the voices of local constituents while curbing the power of big money in elections by incentivizing others to take our kind of lead and work towards small independent donations. Plus, this is the best way for candidates to continue to connect one-on-one with their constituents.</p>

Revenue and Budget

Yes/No

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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
48 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	based on the needs of each ward
48 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other-please specify I believe there should still be a set minimum amount of menu funds for each ward, but I would like to explore how to incentivize wards to undergo participatory budgeting and build participatory asset maps by creating flexible accounts that can help fund specific infrastructure projects based on the needs of each ward.

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?

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Essay	
	<p>We know that our pension crisis is the number one threat to Chicago's sustainable future. I support working to find numerous creative revenue sources, including but not limited to: reforming TIFs, broadening the the sales tax to selected services chosen through state legislative processes, reforming amusement taxes, and expanding online sales ("cloud") taxes.</p>
51.	<p>What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose?</p> <p>Taxation of legalized marijuana and a real estate transfer tax are two potential forms of additional revenue for the city. Along with the Progressive Caucus, I would also like to explore ideas around a new employer tax ("head tax"), but aimed at large corporations who pay little to nothing in City, County, State and Federal taxes.</p> <p>We can also increase our revenue base by reversing the ongoing population decline in our city by properly investing our own resources back into our neighborhoods. I fully support the proposed public bank that can help loan funds to expand small businesses, increase affordable housing options, fix decaying infrastructure, and refinance student loans to help Chicagoans stay in the city while attracting new residents to move here.</p>

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?
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	"Will you support guarantees that some of the foreclosed properties saved

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Yes/No			
			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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area Median Income of Chicago
64 b.	<input 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>I do not support privatization of any city resources - namely, our utilities, water, air and roads. The only private-public partnerships I would even begin to entertain would include a much-needed public and educational benefit, including new museums, libraries, parks and</p>

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Essay	
	monuments.
66.	<p>What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance?</p> <p>Right now, the current 40th Ward Alderman benefits himself and his family by picking winners and losers through zoning changes. This must stop. I support city-wide community zoning reform, specifically by giving residents more opportunities to be a part of the growth process. As laid out in our draft 40th Ward Community Roadmap, rather than just voting for zoning decisions through the local community organization, I will recruit new block captains (online and in person) for each neighborhood/street in the ward. Developments that touch nearby blocks and neighborhoods will be consulted through this system.</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>There is no causal link between TIFs being created and property tax revenue going down. The levy that CPS sets each year is independent of the number and size of the TIF districts in Chicago. I do believe TIFs need to be reformed, and alongside that reform, I call for the next Mayor to be far more transparent about their decision-making process in how they declare the size of the annual TIF Surplus, and to rely a lot more on City Council knowledge and expertise to come up with that number, rather than freezing most City Council members out.</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?

Schools

Yes/No			
71.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?

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Yes/No			
72.	<input 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 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--The Red Line and Orange Line expansions are important to continue, but I think we need to kickstart the Ashland BRT project, to better connect our train lines together, provide employees with easier options to reach their jobs in North and South communities, and provide a more accessible transportation option for the future of Chicago.	

Criminal Justice

Yes/No:			
82.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?

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Yes/No:			
85.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the proposed Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) Ordinance? I also support GAPA

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>In general, the 40th Ward has sufficient 911 service and adequate response times. I support including 911 call center reform in the City of Chicago's ordinance reactions to the final CPD consent decree, as well as including it as a priority for new funding (from revenue sources as outlined above).</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?

Aldermanic Priorities

Essay	
90.	<p>What are your top priorities for the Ward?</p> <p>My top priorities all focus on achieving upward mobility for residents. We will fight for equity in education so that all of the kids in our ward get a fair shot at opportunity, focus on small business development with an emphasis on community zoning reform, champion affordable housing for all residents regardless of their income, modernize our public safety networks, and push for environmental sustainability at the community level.</p>
91.	<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?</p> <p>When I am elected alderman, I will fight for:</p>

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Essay	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity in education for equal opportunity • Small business development through community zoning reform • Housing for all • Modernizing our public safety networks • Environmental sustainability • The fight for \$15 minimum wage and job security
92.	<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning? We will institute participatory budgeting and community zoning reform to inspire residents to help build a sustainable community.</p> <p>Second, I will not take campaign contributions from developers in return for first pick on development. How to maintain a healthy relationship with residents is by bringing them into the community zoning and planning process to meet with developers, discuss the needs of each neighborhood and welcoming developers who have our interests in mind, not their own.</p>
93.	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? I've been going door-to-door for a year now to listen to 40th Ward residents and learn about the issues that matter to them the most. The way we have run our campaign is how we will run our office. We have residents who have been left uninformed about our current alderman's city dealings and voting patterns and left uninspired to create direct change in their own neighborhoods.</p> <p>As alderman of the 40th Ward, we will host regular town hall meetings that are live streamed for residents so we can reach all residents to get involved locally. We will open the office for residents to come and meet with me to discuss the issues that directly impact them. Finally, we will recruit community members as block captains to be the primary informers of localized issues so that we can work for a transparent and accountable future together.</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 do not intend to hold other employment, and intend to focus solely on my role as alderman.</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>As alderman, I would strive the hire local, diverse, and community-driven employees and would work to ensure all residents in my ward would have the same opportunities to quality services, housing and employment.</p>

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Thank you for your participation!