Part I: Instructions for questionnaire file naming and saving, completion, and submission.

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:**	12/11/2018
2.	**NAME:**	Ugo Okere
3.	**WARD:**	40th Ward
4.	**PARTY AFFILIATION:**	N/A
5.	**VOTING ADDRESS*:**	
6.	**MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:**	
7.	**BUSINESS PHONE*:**	
8.	**CAMPAIGN PHONE**	773-307-7842
9.	**CAMPAIGN FAX:**	
10.	**PERSONAL EMAIL*:**	
11.	**CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:**	5749 N Sacramento Ave Chicago, IL 60659
12.	**CAMPAIGN WEBSITE**	www.ugo2019.com
13.	**CAMPAIGN MANAGER:**	Nathan Obaid
14.	**CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:**	952-288-3920
15.	**CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:**	nathan@ugo2019.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? The campaign filed 1486 signatures.
18.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (*including dates*). None.
19.	Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. None.
20.	What is your primary occupation? Community Engagement Coordinator at the Evanston City Clerk's Office
21.	Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. ● Chairman of Fuerza del Sol of Pilsen Neighbors Community Council ● Member of Anakbayan Chicago ● ICIRR Community Navigator
22.	What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? ● I've learned what it takes to work for the public at the city and federal level through work with the Chicago City Clerk's office, the Chicago Federal Executive Board, Congressman Mike Quigley's office and Evanston City Clerk's Office, where I am currently the community engagement coordinator.
23.	Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign. I have worked on the Chuy Garcia campaign as a volunteer. I have worked on the Bernie Sanders campaign as a volunteer. I have worked on the Ameya Pawar campaign as a volunteer. I have worked on the Daniel Biss campaign as a volunteer.
24.	Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor? I am not currently supporting any candidate for Mayor.
25.	Please list all endorsements you have received.

	Chicago Democratic Socialists of America

26.	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?
	    1. Lori Joyce $700
	    2. Dennis Anosike $675
	3. Fidelis Umeh $640
	4. Elizabeth Okere $500
	5. Ann Enyobi $475

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 want IVI-IPO's endorsement because my campaign's vision of building a Chicago for All of Us, lines squarely up with IVI-IPO's vision for an independent and We have seen tremendous enthusiasm for this campaign - when it all began, I was a political nobody, starting up my first race. Now I have been endorsed by the DSA, interviewed by Chance the Rapper for his Chicagoist relaunch, and leading crowds of enthused 40th Ward neighbors on canvasses every single week. All this momentum has occurred with a single goal in mind: to build a Chicago that works for all of us. Of all the challengers in the race, I am the only one with government experience. I've learned what it takes to work for the public at the city and federal level through work with the Chicago City Clerk's office, the Chicago Federal Executive Board, Congressman Mike Quigley's office and Evanston City Clerk's Office, where I am currently the community engagement coordinator. ...I also believe that a candidate should be trusted based on the public stances they take. There can be no doubt that every candidate in this race is running towards the progressive left when placed next to Alderman O'Connor. But a simple comparison of our campaign website next to that of every other candidate in this race and it will become clear that our campaign is the one willing to take vigorous policy positions on progressive issues, and stand by them for the public to see.

28.	What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date?
	    $19,848
	        ● **63% spent on field/field operations**
	        ● **10% spent on communications (targeted advertisements)**
	        ● **27% spent on Salary**

29.	How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign? The campaign has two paid staffers and 150 volunteers signed up.

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Part IV: Issue Questions

City Council Reform and Ethics

Yes/No			
	YES	**NO**	
30.	☐	☒	Will you employ or have you employed staff, in your office who hold other public sector jobs concurrently?
31.	☒	☐	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.	☒	☐	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.	☐	☒	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.	☐	☒	Will you vote for an ordinance mandating that the City contest unemployment claims by former employees who were fired for cause?
35.	☐	☒	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.	☒	☐	Have you joined, or will you join the Progressive Reform Caucus?
37.	☒	☐	Do you support changing the state statute to return to filling aldermanic vacancies by special election, rather than Mayoral appointment?
38.	☒	☐	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.	☒	☐	Do you support a limit of two 4-year terms for Mayor?
40.	☐	☒	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward?

Select all that apply		
41.		Do you support an ordinance banning contributions in any amount from:
41 a.	▣	city vendors and contractors?
41 b.	▣	entities seeking licenses, permits or zoning changes?
41 c.	▣	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.
	Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position. Absolutely; as a younger candidate and the son of working-class parents, I began this race with my hands financially tied behind my back. We can fundraise as much as possible from our base, but it will never match the power of the Chicago machine and candidates with wealthy connections. This systemically discourages younger, progressive candidates from participating in the political process. I would support a voucher system where every voter is allotted the same amount of money to spend how they choose to on candidates in any given election.

Revenue and Budget

Yes/No			
44.	▣	☐	Do you support a progressive City income tax for Chicago?
45.	▣	☐	Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward?
46.	▣	☐	Do you support creation of a public bank for Chicago?
47.	▣	☐	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.	☐	in equal amounts to each ward
48 b.	☐	based on the size of each ward
48 c.	☒	based on the needs of each ward
48 c.	☐	Other-please specify

Select all that apply		
49.		**Will you vote for a budget ordinance which would require:**
49 a.	☒	public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?
49 b.	☒	making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
49 c.	☒	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? ● The city's pension problem is not a problem with workers- it is a debt problem. We need to raise the revenue in a progressive way to ensure its solvency.
51.	What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose? A number of revenue streams could include a Corporate Head Tax, the Real Estate Transfer Tax, a tax on vacant housing, tax revenue from the legalization of marijuana, and the institution of progressive ticket fines across the city.

Planning, Zoning, Economic Development, and Privatization

Yes/No			
52.	☒	☐	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.	☒	☐	Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?

54.	☒	☐	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.	☒	☐	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.	☒	☐	Do you support the Fair Workweek Chicago Ordinance which would give employees greater control over their schedules?
57.	☒	☐	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.	☒	☐	"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.	☒	☐	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.	☐	☒	Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
61.	☐	☒	Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?
62.	☒	☐	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.	☒	low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of the Area Median Income?
63 b.	☒	supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?
63 c.	☒	shelters for the homeless?

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Choose one		
64.	**Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?**	
64 a.	☐	Area Median Income of Chicago
64 b.	◧	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? None. The selling of our public resources/utilities into private hands is a great tragedy for the working people of this city, and I will fight against the privatization of public resources whenever the issue arises
66.	What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance? A central campaign promise is bringing a community-driven zoning process to the 40th ward. Ultimately, the primary decision for determining zoning change or variances will come from ward residences themselves and my office's discretion.
67.	How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development? A number of policies such as the Corporate Head Tax, the Real Estate Transfer Tax, a tax on vacant housing would help replace lost property tax revenue that is lost to TIF development.

Housing

Yes/No			
68.	◧	☐	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.	◧	☐	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.	◧	☐	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.	☒	☐	Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
72.	☒	☐	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.	☒	☐	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.	☒	full-time nurse?
74 b.	☒	full-time social worker?
74 c.	☒	full-time librarian?

Choose one		
75.	**Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?**	
75 a.	☒	Popular Election
75 b.	☐	Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives
75 c.	☐	Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment
75 d.	☐	A mix of elected and appointed members

Environment

Yes/No

| 76. | ■ | ☐ | Will you oppose disposal of contaminated dredging sediment from the Cal-Sag Channel within Chicago city limits? |
| 77. | ■ | ☐ | Will you consult with neighborhood residents before approving permits that could affect air or water quality? |

Parks

Yes/No			
78.	■	☐	Do you support park prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?
79.	■	☐	Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?

Transportation

Yes/No			
80.	■	☐	Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?

Rank from 1st 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.	■	Red Line south to 130th Street
81 b.	☐	Orange Line to Ford City Mall
81 c.	☐	Downtown-O'Hare Express
81 d.	☐	Other – please specify

Criminal Justice

Yes/No:			
82.	☐	☐	Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?
83.	■	☐	Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs

			such as Cease Fire?
84.	■	☐	Will you support an ordinance codifying the provisions of the Consent Decree regarding the duties and accountability of school resource officers?
85.	■	☐	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. 911 service is exemplary in the 40th ward. Response time is adequate

Civil Rights

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

Aldermanic Priorities

Essay	
90.	What are your top priorities for the Ward? **Our campaign is based on three tenets. The first is co-governance, which is the concept that it is not me going into city council, but it is the entire ward going into city council. Through this system, we will build a democracy where average working people have a seat at the table and government in their hands through policies like a Community Driven Zoning Process to stop conflicts of interest between the alderman, real estate brokers, and developers who donate to campaigns; and give the power to working people to shape their ward, rather than allowing business interests and developers to shape it for them. This also includes introducing Participatory Budgeting into the 40th Ward to give democratic control of the 1.3 million dollars in infrastructure funds given to the 40th**

Ward every year.

The second tenet is on equity, understanding that equity is not the same as equality- it means investing in places that need it the most. This includes investing in Chicago Public Schools, particularly on the south and west sides where schools are regularly neglected, and in 2012 shut down. This means vigorously fighting back against a Police Academy no one asked for, and instead fighting to see 95 million dollars invested in re-opening shut down mental health clinics. Properly compensating and supporting teachers in CPS, by hiring social workers, nurses and teachers in every school. This means fighting back against $55 million dollars in TIF funds going towards the revitalization of Navy Pier, when what we need is public and affordable housing to house *every single resident in the city of Chicago.* This means a focus on progressive, rather than regressive revenue through reinstating the Corporate Head Tax, passing a LaSalle Street Tax, Bad Business Fee to tax businesses that fail to pay workers the living wage, and passing an ordinance to make parking violations and tickets progressive to take the burden off of black and brown residents of Chicago.

The third tenet is on interconnected struggle, which is the idea that we can no longer look at ourselves as different sides of the city, because when we do that, we allow politicians to divide us up by where we come from, what we look like, and how much money we make. This city has a history of division, and if we continue to let it flourish, we will understand that we will fall as one, when instead we should be rising as one. That means one of my top priorities is fighting for residents *across* this city by taking tough lone votes on issues that may not affect my ward, but negatively impact that lives of people across the city, such as the $95 million dollar police academy.

91.	What is your long-range plan for development of the ward? We need a robust expansion of Affordable Housing in the 40th ward, going above and beyond the 10% ARO to a 30% requirement for developers who want to build in the ward. Long term, we need to also pass a law removing the tax incentives for the conversion of 2 flat homes into single family housing which contribute to lower density, less housing, and gentrification. In terms of business, we need to ensure that the Lincoln corridor becomes a bustling part of the Budlong Woods and Lincoln Square area. That means careful planning alongside the business community and residents of the 40th ward to populate the area with retail appealing to them. We need economic development as well on the eastern part of Lawrence street across from Western Avenue. After speaking with the Lincoln Square-Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce, I know this is a pressing matter.
92.	How will you involve ward residents in planning? If you head to our website, you will see that one of the three tenants of this movement is Co-governance. It's a campaign priority that I developed early on in this race to speak to the many,

	many people who feel entirely disenfranchised from their local government in this ward. We need participatory budgeting and community driven-zoning in the 40th to let the people know that they have a say in how their community is run. Beyond this, I'll be looking to dramatically increase the accessibility of our office; I hear frequent complaints of how difficult it is for a 40th ward resident to get facetime with our current alderman, so I will be prominently posting set hours where any residents are welcome to come speak with me in my office. I'll make sure the times are posting predominantly outside the ward office, as well as online.
93.	How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters? We have a multi prong approach to ensuring true co-governance in the 40th ward. Unlike our current alderman, my office will host ward nights once a week, allowing residents to come in at any time after hours, 30 minutes at a time to talk about any ward or city issues. We will also be hosting a community meeting once a month in different corners of the ward. We will also be implementing a community driven zoning process that allows residents to have a say in what kinds of businesses and developments come into the ward. And finally, we will be instituting participatory budgeting and give the discretion of 1.3 million dollars in infrastructure funds over to the people of the 40th ward.
94.	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)? Considering the high salary aldermen are paid to serve the public, I will absolutely be serving as Alderman full-time.
95.	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. ● Our service office will enlist experienced professionals in the services of municipal government. We will have a full time chief of staff and ward superintendent, as well as office manager. The payment will come from the office budget and they will be working at least 40 hours a week. The service office will be open 9-5PM Mon-Fri.

Thank you for your participation!