

# 2019 IVI-IPO CHICAGO MAYORAL 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](mailto: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:	12/06/2018
2.	NAME:	Toni Preckwinkle
3.	VOTING ADDRESS*:	_____
4.	MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:	____-____-_____
5.	BUSINESS PHONE*:	-
6.	CAMPAIGN PHONE	312-955-0190
7.	CAMPAIGN FAX:	-
8.	PERSONAL EMAIL*:	_____
9.	CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:	420 N. Wabash Suite 200 Chicago, IL 60611
10.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	www.toniforchicago.com
11.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Scott Cisek
12.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	312-725-0308
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	scott@toniforchicago.com

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14.	How many petition signatures were you required to file? 12,500
15.	How many petition signatures did you file? I was proud to file over 60,000 petition signatures from all fifty wards of the city.
16.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held ( <i>including dates</i> ). 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman (1991-2010), Democratic Committeeman (1992-Present), Executive Vice Chair of Cook County Democratic Party (2010), Cook County Board President (2010-Present), IVI-IPO Board Member, Clinton delegate (2016)
17.	Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. Alderman, Committeeman, County Board President
18.	What is your primary occupation? Cook County Board President
19.	Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. I represented the 4th ward in the Chicago City Council, am currently serving as Board President since 2010, serve as a member on the board of the Boy Scouts for this region, and am a member of the City Club of Chicago.
20.	What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? I am running for Mayor while currently in my third term as Cook County Board President and after serving as a member of the city council for 19 years. Serving as Alderman allowed me the opportunity to build relationships with people from across the city with different backgrounds and ideologies to help build a stronger city for all of us. These experiences have given me a unique understanding of the city and its needs, which will be valuable insights in my campaign for Mayor .
21.	Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign. As Committeeman and an officer of the Cook County Democratic Party, I've been involved with many campaigns. But there are two recent campaigns that I am most proud of: Kim Foxx for State's Attorney and Juliana Stratton for the 5th District of the Illinois House. For Kim Foxx, I served as a surrogate for her campaign and went all over Cook County on her behalf as well as tapping my network to help with fundraising. For Representative Stratton, I sent volunteers from my ward organization to work in various parts of her district and helped supplement staff expenses.
22.	Please list all endorsements you have received. I am proud to be endorsed by labor organizations including SEIU Local 1, SEIU Local 73, SEIU Healthcare, UFCW Local 881, Chicago NOW and many elected officials at every level of government.
23.	Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? SEIU Local 1: \$196,715 Lester Crown: \$25,000 Joan Hall: \$25,000 Peter Holsten: \$25,000 John Simpson: \$25,000

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<b>24.</b>	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 feel that I should be endorsed over the other candidates because of my extensive experience as an elected official and my progressive vision for the city of Chicago. My record shows that I am the most experienced candidate in the race. With that comes an intimate knowledge of the inner workings of Chicago and how to make the tough decisions when necessary. I am running for mayor because I believe government exists to serve its residents, and my goal for the office will be to serve with fairness and equity for all.
<b>25.</b>	What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date? \$6-7 million budget, we have raised \$1.8 million date.
<b>26.</b>	How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign? Our campaign office employs a group of about 30 staffers and many volunteers.

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### Part IV: Issue Questions

#### City Council Reform and Ethics

Yes/No			
	YES	NO	
27.	<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?
28.	<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?
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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?
30.	<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?
31.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a limit of two 4-year terms for Mayor? I believe that voters are given the opportunity to limit the term of any elected official through elections.
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you pledge not to hire or contract the services of anyone previously fired for cause from the City or any other unit of government?
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support redistricting of the wards based on non-partisan criteria and not to benefit any specific individual or political party?

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

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Essay:	
<b>35.</b>	Should the Inspector General be authorized to independently initiate his or her own investigations of Alderman, in the absence of a complaint from someone outside of the Inspector General’s office. Please explain your position. Yes.
<b>36.</b>	Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position. In theory, yes, but the city has far more pressing financial needs at this time.
<b>37.</b>	How will you involve residents in planning, approval, and oversight of TIF districts? I am proud to have made the budget process more transparent as County Board President. I have made an effort to involve the public in the process and hope to do same with oversight of TIF districts, if elected Mayor.

### Revenue and Budget

Yes/No			
<b>38.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a progressive City income tax for Chicago? As Mayor I will use the influence of my office to advocate for the passage of a constitutional amendment to permit a graduated income tax rate structure. The revenue from this initiative must be used to properly fund education and reign in the growing pension debt obligations.
<b>39.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support creation of a public bank for Chicago?
<b>40.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to hire independent analysts to conduct a forensic audit of past City spending?
<b>41.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support casino gambling for Chicago?
<b>42.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support a citywide referendum before any gambling is instituted in the City?
<b>43.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you order an independent analysis of any lease or outsourcing arrangement prior to submitting it to the City Council for approval?
<b>44.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you provide at least 30 days for the Council to review leases and contracts prior to approval?

Choose One		
<b>45.</b>	<b>Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated:</b>	
<b>45 a.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	in equal amounts to each ward
<b>45 b.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	based on the size of each ward

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Choose One		
45.	<b>Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
45 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	based on the needs of each ward
45 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other-please specify

Select all that apply		
46.	<b>Will you vote for a budget ordinance which would require:</b>	
46 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?
46 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
46 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	
47.	<p>What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency?</p> <p>The solution to Chicago's pension debt lies in a combination of constitutionally permissible reforms and an influx of money to "front load" the repayment ramp. I will seek legislation that will permit Chicago pension funds to offer discounted benefit buyouts to tier 1 employees, as was enacted by the state last year. These buyouts work because they allow the funds to offer a cash buyout of a portion of a pensioners future benefits. They are constitutionally permissible because they offer something of value to the retiree and they are completely optional. If a retiree wants to participate they are welcome. However if they would rather keep their full pension, they can do that. These buyouts will reduce the future liabilities in the funds, but they will not solve the problem alone. Instead, Chicago should add supplemental payments to the systems with money raised through new revenue sources.</p>
48.	<p>What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose?</p> <p>I would advocate for dedicating new revenues raised through gaming and/or recreational marijuana be used to stabilize the funds. I am open to exploring the potential revenue from establishing a casino in Chicago. I would also seek to ensure that a portion of revenue raised by the adoption of progressive rates be diverted through the Local Government Distributive Fund, to all municipalities to be utilized for pension debt stabilization.</p>
49.	<p>How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public employee pensions?</p>

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Essay	
	We owe it to our workers and retirees to full fund our pension system. Relying on the state to help us with our pension crisis is a gamble we can not afford to take. We have to find creative ways to generate progressive and long term revenue to help fund our pension obligations.
50.	How would you modify (if at all) the benefit and contribution levels and eligibility requirements for public school teacher pension? I support passing a tax reform package that included progressive revenue will allow the state to stabilize the pension debt systems and reduce the growth so that Illinois can afford to live up to its obligation to properly fund education.

## Planning, Zoning, Economic Development, and Privatization

Yes/No			
51.	<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?
52.	<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?
53.	<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?
54.	<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?
55.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to privatize Chicago's water delivery system?
56.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?

Choose one	
57.	Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?
57 b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Area Median Income of Chicago
57 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Median Income of the Community Area

Essay	
58.	Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?

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Essay	
	I am opposed to privatizing city services and assets. In 2008, I was one of just five aldermen to vote against the parking meter privatization deal.
59.	How do you propose to replace property tax revenue for CPS and other taxing bodies that is lost to TIF development? I support a progressive tax reform plan that including progressive revenue, including yearly TIF surplus earmarked to Chicago public schools

### Housing

Yes/No			
60.	<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?
61.	<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?

Essay	
62.	What will you do to ensure that there is an adequate supply of affordable family sized units available to families in the Section 8 program? We need to make the ARO stronger so it can provide sustainable, affordable housing to the middle class, seniors, communities of color and the disabled community. We should increase the percentage of units set aside from 10-20%.

### Schools

Yes/No			
63.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?
64.	<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?
65.	<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?

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Select all that apply		
66.	Will you support an ordinance requiring every school to have a:	
66 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	full-time nurse?
66 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	full-time social worker?
66 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	full-time librarian?

Choose one		
67.	Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?	
67 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Popular Election
67 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayoral appointment from nominations made by community representatives
67 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining the current system of Mayoral appointment
67 d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A mix of elected and appointed members

### Environment

Yes/No			
68.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you oppose disposal of contaminated dredging sediment from the Cal-Sag Channel within Chicago city limits?
69.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support an infrastructure project to replace Chicago's remaining lead service lines?
70.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support mandatory private side replacement of lead pipes with need-based subsidies for homeowners?

### Parks

Yes/No			
71.	<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?
72.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?

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Yes/No			

### Transportation

Yes/No			
<b>73.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?

Rank from 1 <sup>st</sup> to last preference (1, first – 4, last)		
<b>74.</b>	<b>Please indicate which CTA expansion plans, if any, you support and rank them in order of priority.</b>	
<b>74 a.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Line south to 130th Street 2 - Our transportation priorities have to emphasize equity. We have to maintain the commitment the current Mayor made to the North side Red Line improvements. However, significant challenges exist in identifying and securing the \$2.3B in capital costs to complete construction of the Red Line extension in the South side of the city. We have to insist on a comprehensive solution that not only includes the CTA but also the existing assets found in Metra and Pace (currently servicing the 95th street station).
<b>74 b.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange Line to Ford City Mall 3- While this is an important community to serve there needs to be updated study to assess how to best connect line to major jobs center.
<b>74 c.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Downtown-O'Hare Express 1- The O'Hare expansion would best support the significant investments already made in the O'Hare modernization program and terminal expansion. It is important that our transit options support the robust business community that drives the city's economy forward. There are many options out there to implement a more express line from downtown to O'Hare, which includes the modernization of the Blue Line in conjunction with coordinated service with CTA and Metra. A coordinated deployment of these assets would ensure that express access is afforded to both members of our communities and the business markets. .
<b>74 d.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – please specify

### Criminal Justice

Yes/No:			
<b>75.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?

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Yes/No:			
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire?
77.	<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?

Essay	
78.	<p>Do you support the proposed Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) Ordinance? If not, how can it be improved.</p> <p>I am troubled that the community has long been shut out of Chicago's police oversight system and believe in giving the community power in the oversight system is critical to ensuring that officers are held accountable for misconduct. A community oversight body is an increasingly common element of effective police accountability systems around the country. My administration would evaluate the national models like Los Angeles and Seattle Board of Police Commissioners. My administration would evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each option to ensure effectiveness and legitimacy at the outset, such as diversity.</p>

### Civil Rights

Yes/No:			
79.	<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?
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?
81.	<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?

### Mayoral Priorities

Essay	
82.	<p>What are your top priorities for Chicago?</p> <p>As Mayor, one of my first priorities in ensuring community-accountable police reform and working to continue to bring reform to the criminal justice system. As Mayor, I commit to continuing to work with criminal justice stakeholders, including the police, to reform the process that lands individuals behind bars in the first place. Once someone comes into contact with the jail, they are more likely to return. In fact, 50% of those released will be back behind bars within three years. That means entire communities are being criminalized and disenfranchised; they are kept from their families, neighborhoods and meaningful economic opportunity. The entire</p>

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Essay	
	<p>community suffers. That is why we need a holistic, coordinated public health approach to address the underlying issues within these communities - ranging from focused economic and community investment, targeted workforce development, trauma informed services and counseling, strong neighborhood schools and real housing options.</p> <p>As a former teacher, I know we need to invest in strong neighborhood schools. This must include an elected representative school board as well as long term resources dedicated to ensuring we fully staff schools, including wrap around services, to educate the whole child.</p> <p>As a former Alderman, I understand what it takes to realize community investment. I want to bring that experience to the Mayor's office to implement a holistic plan focused, in particular, on supporting and revitalizing the 15-17 (out of 77) neighborhoods experiencing the most violence, in large part because of a lack of resources and opportunities.</p>
83.	<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the city?</p> <p>As Cook County Board President, I met with employers in transportation and logistics, IT, manufacturing, healthcare and hospitality, among others, who desperately needed employees. I created programming to bridge the divide between these industries and the communities on the south and west side with high levels of unemployment. Job training must be sector specific and practical. We have to provide soft skills to improve young people's ability to communicate and trauma based counseling to build their resiliency. We must also work with these young people to help them remove the barriers to employment that many experience who have criminal backgrounds, linking them to community based organizations that can help them expunge or seal these backgrounds that hamper their ability to secure employment. Once a young person is working, he or she must be able to find affordable housing, live near public transportation, so that they can experience how employment can give them a stable living situation. When we have provided this kind of support many will be able to undertake college or further job training successfully. At the same time, we need to demand a more effective and accountable police force. We have a great State's Attorney in Kim Foxx. But she can only prosecute wrongdoers that the police actually arrest. We have to make sure the police arrest people who post real threats to our community so that she can work to hold them accountable. At the same time I will work to implement a holistic, coordinated public health approach to drive down violent crime. In addition to infrastructure and economic investments, I will extend the work pioneered by Cook County Health and Hospitals and their partners to interrupt the cycle of violence with targeted behavioral healthcare. I will also ask our new Attorney General Kwame Raoul to undertake steps, including litigation, to stop the flow of illegal guns from surrounding jurisdictions such as Indiana. In collaboration and in partnership with our law enforcement and community based agencies on the ground, I know we can improve the lives of these young men, their families and the communities in which they live.</p>
84.	<p>How will you solicit and follow citizens' and community groups' recommendations on City matters?</p> <p>At Cook County our process had several key steps: we began with a public hearing over the preliminary forecast for the coming budget year, we then sought input from organized labor. We then worked to craft a budget that we ultimately released via a public hearing, with</p>

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### Essay

considerable transparent supporting materials made available both online and in print form for review by members of the public and critical stakeholders such as our unions that comprised our workforce, and whom we offered a detailed budget briefing prior to releasing to the greater public to answer specific questions and ensure engagement during the coming budget hearings. We ultimately engaged in public hearings across the County, not just downtown but in Suburban locations, and I would similarly conduct budget hearings in the South, West, Southwest, Northwest, and North side locations of the City, not simply at City Hall.

***Thank you for your participation!***