

2019 IVI-IPO SUBURBAN MAYOR, PRESIDENT, ALDERMAN, OR TRUSTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

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From within your Word processor, please answer all questions in Part I (Instructions and Candidate Details) and Part II (Issue Questionnaire). This questionnaire uses special formatting features: please see the specific instructions below for each type of question.

Question Type: Yes/No and Short Answer

- Please click within the appropriate box to mark your answer for each yes/no question.
- If you wish to add comments to a yes/no question, or if elaboration is requested, you may click within the gray rectangle directly below the question text (next line, flush-left) to type your answer. The rectangle will expand to accommodate the length of your entry.
- by adding a paragraph return at the end of the question and typing your comments in the same cell as the question. Use such comments only when clarification is necessary.

Question Type: Select Choice(s), rank choices, etc.

- These begin with a prompt (e.g., “I am a member of the following groups:”) then ask you variously to “select one” or “select all that apply” or “rank from 1 highest to 4 lowest”). If you wish to elaborate, you may click within the gray rectangle directly below the question text (next line, flush-left) to add text.

Question Type: Essay

- Click within the gray rectangle directly below the question text (next line, flush-left) to type your answer. The rectangle will expand to accommodate the length of your entry. Please answer the questions at the length you deem sufficient. It is OK if your comments cause tables, etc., to shift pages.

Saving and Naming Your Questionnaire

Please follow the form detailed below exactly. Your questionnaire was downloaded to your computer as a Microsoft Word file (docx) with a generic name that identifies the office for which you are running. After you complete your questionnaire, but before submitting, you must save your questionnaire as a PDF file and give it a new name to which you will append your personal name and the election year as specified below.

General Form:

- If you were running for a suburban mayor’s office, your downloaded file (doc) name would be: Mayor_SUB_f
- You must save-as a PDF file (.pdf) and replace the “f” part of the downloaded file name with your last and first name and add the election year.
- Use capitals for the first letter of your last and first name and lowercase for the rest.

Specific Example:

- Suburban Mayor candidate Elizabeth Rias would rename the Mayor_SUB_f file to: Mayor_SUB_RiasElizabeth2019

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If you are familiar with file saving routines, you may skip the step-by-step instructions below.

Step-by-Step Instructions for saving as a PDF file and personalizing your questionnaire file name:

1. Open your completed questionnaire in your word processor.
2. From the FILE menu, select "Save a Copy" (or "Save As").
 - 2.1. In the dialogue box that appears, find the pull-down list that shows the file type. It will show .doc or .docx.
 - 2.2. Click on the small triangle within the file-type box and select the "PDF" (.pdf) option from the menu.
 - 2.3. BEFORE selecting the "save" or "export as" option (varies depending on your computer platform set-up), rename your file.
 - 2.4. You will see the generic questionnaire title in a fill-in box (e.g. Mayor_SUB_f) with the first word identifying the office for which you are a candidate and the second indicating the jurisdiction (in the example, Mayor, suburban) followed by an underscore and the letter "f."
 - 2.5. Click on the generic name field to highlight the name.
 - 2.6. Then, click just after the END of the generic title (so that the entire file title is no longer highlighted but the field is active).
 - 2.7. Backspace once to eliminate the "f."
 - 2.8. Type your last name then first name, using appropriate capitals and lower-case letters (no space necessary: e.g., JohnsonJuan).
 - 2.9. Add 2019 (the election year).
 - 2.10. **Your file name should look like this (but with your specific office and name):**
Mayor_SUB_JohnsonJuan2019
3. BEFORE SELECTING "Save" look to be sure you are saving the file to the location you want (if you need to change the location, click on the file path and navigate to the location you wish to save the file (e.g., your desktop, a specific folder, etc.))
4. Make sure you remember this location: this is the location you must navigate to when you attach your file to an e-mail and submit to the IVI-IPO.

Submitting Your Completed Questionnaire to the IVI-IPO

- Your properly named PDF file (see above) completed questionnaire should be attached to an e-mail and sent to: : iviipopac@gmail.com.

Please go to the next page to begin your questionnaire.

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Part II: Candidate Contact Information

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

1.	DATE:	December 11, 2018
2.	NAME:	Ameya Pawar
3.	VOTING ADDRESS*:	[REDACTED]
4.	MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:	[REDACTED]
5.	BUSINESS PHONE*:	
6.	CAMPAIGN PHONE	630-779-2102
7.	CAMPAIGN FAX:	
8.	PERSONAL EMAIL*:	[REDACTED]
9.	CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:	PO BOX 64381 Chicago IL 60664
10.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	pawarforchicago.com
11.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Sean Coari
12.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	630-779-2102
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	seancoari@pawarforchicago.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? Over 30,000
16.	Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>). Alderman of the 47th Ward (2011-2015; 2015-2018)
17.	Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. Governor of Illinois
18.	What is your primary occupation? Alderman of the 47 th Ward
19.	<p>Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.</p> <p>I have served as the alderman of the 47th Ward on Chicago’s North Side since 2011. When I was reelected in 2015, I took 82% of the vote, which was the largest margin of victory in the election cycle. It is a distinct honor to be the first Indian-American and Asian American elected to the Chicago City Council.</p> <p>I am a US State Department Critical Language Program alum, a 2012 University of Illinois Edgar Fellow, and was named to Crain's Chicago 40 under 40 in 2011. This year, I was named a 2018 McCormick Foundation Executive Fellow and I became the Executive Director of One Illinois, a non-profit news outlet focused on bridging the divides across race, class, and geography in Illinois.</p>
20.	<p>Please explain your knowledge of, and experience with, accounting and finance, especially noting experience dealing with short- and long-term cash flow and capital budgeting. How is your experience specifically relevant to the challenges you would face as Treasurer.</p> <p>As a City Council member I have been analyzed and voted on seven city budgets and established the City Council Office of Financial Analysis the purpose of which is to provide oversight, transparency and independent analysis of financial matters.</p>
21.	Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign.
22.	<p>Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor?</p> <p>I have not made a decision.</p> <p>* The document prevents me from filling in an answer to questions #23. My response: I will be announcing further endorsements throughout the race, but to date, I have been endorsed by the following: SEIU Local 1, IUOE Local 150, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, State Senator Heather Steans, Representative Gregory Harris, Representative Ann Williams, Commissioner Bridget Gainer, Alderman Pat Dowell, former City Clerk of Chicago Miguel del Valle, State Senator-elect Ram Villivalam, Commissioner Josina Morita, Alderman David Moore, Alderman Harry Osterman, Committeeman Paul Rosenfeld, Alderman Ricardo Muñoz, Representative Theresa Mah, State Senator Heather Steans, Alderman Tom Tunney, Representative Greg Harris, and Commissioner Michael Cabonargi.</p>
23.	Please list all endorsements you have received.

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<p>24.</p>	<p>Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign? Cari Sacks \$5,600 Michael Sacks \$5,600 Julie Hobert \$5,600 James Coffman \$5,600 Julie Coffman \$5,600</p>
<p>25.</p>	<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? I am running to be City Treasurer on the foundation of three important responsibilities of the office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer as the fiduciary and chief investment officer of the City of Chicago • Treasurer as the financial watchdog of the City of Chicago • Treasurer as the chief advocate for financial inclusion and equity <p>Central to those roles would be developing innovative and effective ways to maximize the public assets of the City to best benefit the people of Chicago in a sustainable manner. An example of this would be tackling the student debt crisis to ensure that all Chicagoans have an economically vibrant future.</p>
<p>26.</p>	<p>What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date? We plan on being very competitive financially and have raised over \$100,000 as of December 10, 2018.</p>
<p>27.</p>	<p>How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign? The campaign has one full-time and two part-time paid staffers. Over my career in politics, I have built a list of over 20,000 volunteers, and the grassroots campaign I'm running for treasurer relies on that broad network of support.</p>

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A. Yes/No			
	YES	NO	
28.	<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?
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you accept, or have you accepted campaign contributions from officers or employees of banking institutions? As the designated fiduciary for the City's bank accounts and investment portfolios, the treasurer must always avoid conflicts of interest. That is why I refuse to accept contributions from any firm engaged in business related to the Office of Treasurer.
31.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you or have you accepted campaign contributions from individuals and companies doing business with the City? As the designated fiduciary for the City's bank accounts and investment portfolios, the treasurer must always avoid conflicts of interest. That is why I refuse to accept contributions from any firm engaged in business related to the Office of Treasurer.
32.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you or have you accepted campaign contributions from employees of this office?"
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns?
34.	<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?
35.	<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?

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36.	<p>Do you support creation of a public bank for Chicago? Please explain your reasoning.</p> <p>Yes, and I propose we go further to make the City's economy work for all Chicagoans by establishing a municipal-owned bank. For too long, big banks have been able to take advantage of Chicago taxpayers through predatory service fees, unpredictable changes in interest rates, and other bad deals that have cost us dearly. A public bank could remove the stranglehold big banks have had over our city for decades, and would allow us to wrest back control over our own financial future.</p> <p>The goal of a public bank should be two-fold: to generate revenue for the public entity, and to responsibly loosen credit markets. Creating a City Bank of Chicago must be founded on solid fiscal principles that provide strong returns, prevent political control, and meet a significant and specific public demand. As a centralized bank, the City Bank of Chicago must have a clear lending directive along with a well-balanced structure. It will also be essential to adopt lending terms that have a proven track record of avoiding and discouraging predatory lending while maintaining solvency for the bank.</p> <p>Using the city's assets to allow better access to credit will make it easier for Chicagoans to live here and participate in the economy by getting small business loans where they are needed most, while also maintaining a protected financial approach so we are not putting the city's finances at risk.</p>
37.	<p>What are your priorities with respect to the administration of your functions as City Treasurer? How will you accomplish those priorities?</p> <p>I am running to be City Treasurer on the foundation of three important responsibilities of the office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer as the fiduciary and chief investment officer of the City of Chicago • Treasurer as the financial watchdog of the City of Chicago • Treasurer as the chief advocate for financial inclusion and equity <p>Central to those roles would be developing innovative and effective ways to maximize the public assets of the City to best benefit the people of Chicago in a sustainable manner. An example of this would be tackling the student debt crisis to ensure that all Chicagoans have an economically vibrant future.</p>
38.	<p>In what circumstances should the Treasurer's office contract for outside professional services and what criteria would you implement for letting contracts? Please comment on any existing abuses and how you would correct them.</p>
39.	<p>How will you deposit or invest city funds to balance social policy with rate of return?</p> <p>The city's funds are currently invested in a manner that seeks to provide a stable rate of return while prioritizing the securement of the underlying principal. To improve returns, I would</p>

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	<p>explore further diversifying the portfolio along environmentally sustainable and good governance standards, and would work closely with the next administration, especially the city CFO and comptroller, to better forecast cash requirements to shorten the amount of the portfolio that needs to be liquid at any time. By doing so, the portfolio as a whole will be better diversified and thus better positioned to garner stronger returns on investment.</p> <p>In addition to making sure our investments are safe and strong, I believe the treasurer's office has an opportunity to ensure that our investments are a reflection of our values. I am running to be the next city treasurer to enact a bold progressive agenda to harness the power of 2.7 million Chicagoans and invest in our neighborhoods and each other.</p>
40.	<p>What role will you take in reviewing and making recommendations regarding privatization of city assets?</p> <p>I view this responsibility as going above and beyond fiduciary obligations and standards of prudence. It is the obligation of the treasurer on those boards to insist not only upon responsible fiscal practices and securing returns, but also to monitor and advise on where they come from. As treasurer I would use my voice on those boards to examine the impact our investments have on our workers, communities, environment and the nation.</p> <p>It has been proven time and again that investing along ESG principles -- an investing mindset around environmental, social and corporate governance -- is a strong investment strategy for the financial portfolio of the City of Chicago and the environmental and public health of the City of Chicago.</p> <p>Additionally, as has been highlighted by the recent Sun-Times investigation into DV Urban Realty Partners, it is important that a fiscal watchdog be present to raise red flags about clout heavy deals that hurt the long-term financial strength of the pension funds. I pledge to be that watchdog, and carefully scrutinize the investment decisions of the various funds.</p> <p>Even basic due diligence can inform business investment decisions to prevent bad actors from polluting our economy, environment and future.</p>
41.	<p>What recommendations do you have to ensure the solvency of the city's pension plan?</p> <p>It is essential that we amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois to allow for fair, progressive income taxation. Until we liberate our state and the City of Chicago from the flat tax provision, all taxes will be regressive to some degree. A progressive income tax could reduce State income taxes for more than 90% of Illinoisans, while generating more revenue than is currently generated by the State's flat income tax structure.</p> <p>With new leadership in Springfield, it is imperative that all elected officials continue to push for fundamental changes to our tax system, including advocating in Chicago and Springfield for a progressive income tax at both the state and city level.</p>

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	I also see the legalization of marijuana and the establishment of a public bank as being two mammoth opportunities to bring new, dependable and sustainable profits to the City of Chicago.
42.	In what ways can this office work more effectively with other municipal and county offices to avoid duplication and waste of effort and money? Please comment specifically on tax assessment, collection and budgeting. Recommendations on efficiency of operations and waste avoidance have historically come from the Office of the Inspector General and I welcome recommendations on improving functionality and avoiding waste.
43.	Should the Treasurer's office be run independently of the Mayor or function as a department of the City? I view the role of the treasurer as one of collaborator, partner and resource. Having some degree of seperation from the mayor's office is useful because it distributes his means working the mayor when appro

Thank you for your participation!