



Chicago NOW PAC 2019 Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: Derek Lindblom

OFFICE SEEKING: Alderman in the 43rd Ward

CURRENT OFFICE OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: 7Wire Ventures (on leave of absence to run)

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CAMPAIGN MANAGER: Kyle Gibson

1. Do you support the basic principles of Roe v. Wade and the right to choose when or whether to have an abortion, in consultation with one's physicians, without government intrusion?

YES NO

2. Do you support an increase in the minimum wage to at least \$15 an hour?

YES NO

3. Do you support Chicago Public Schools teaching comprehensive sexual health education that is medically accurate, age appropriate, and includes information on both abstinence and prevention in order to reduce rates of sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies among youth?

YES NO

4. Do you support school-based health centers which provide preventive health care, including reproductive health care, to students in Chicago Public Schools?

YES NO

5. Would you support an ordinance requiring that Crisis Pregnancy Centers provide medically

accurate, evidence based medical information and counseling to women who seek their services?

YES NO

6. Would you support an ordinance that would make it illegal to prevent or intimidate a patient or staff person from entering or leaving a medical facility, while at the same time protecting First Amendment rights to free speech and assembly?

YES NO

7. Would you support a city-funded campaign to end sexual harassment on the CTA?

YES NO

8. Do you support increased funding for domestic violence shelters?

YES NO

9. Would you be a supporter of programs to get sex workers into safe houses?

YES NO

10. Do you support employers being required to give their employees sick leave?

YES NO

I was a member of the earned sick leave task force and pushed for earned sick leave.

11. Are you a feminist?

YES NO

12. In 2017, the Chicago City Council voted in support of a \$5.5 million TIF to Presence Hospital. Due to Presence Health's restrictions on birth control and reproductive healthcare, Chicago NOW opposed granting them this subsidy.

For incumbents, please explain your vote:

For non-incumbents, would you pledge to oppose allocating tax-payer dollars to organizations that discriminate, limit, and restrict services to women, LGBTQ individuals, and other groups?

Yes, I would oppose allocating taxpayer dollars to organizations that discriminate, limit, and restrict services to women, LGBTQ individuals, and other groups.

13. Please outline what sexual harassment policies you have within your campaign.

We mandated a comprehensive sexual harassment training as a condition of employment and have a sexual harassment policy that the campaign rigorously adheres to.

14. Have you had sexual harassment or discrimination complaints filed against you, or anyone within your current administration or political campaign?

No.

15. Briefly, please explain how, if elected, you will strive to improve the lives of women in your ward and fight against inequality.

I would start with my support for a strong minimum wage. The majority of workers making the minimum wage are women, including a significant number of single mothers supporting families. We have also seen that raising the minimum wage is one of the best ways to help women in abusive homes escape their situation. I'm passionate about this issue. One of the things that inspired me to run in the first place was that our Ward currently has an Alderman that was one of the few to vote against a minimum wage increase.

I also was appointed a voting member on the City's Working Families Task Force, where we were able to bring earned sick leave to Chicago for the first time. This allows both women and men time off to care for their families or themselves.

Finally, we need to continue to look at ways to expand childcare options throughout the City. This is a key issue keeping many women out of the workforce or in part-time when they'd rather be full-time.

I would want to continue to work on these important issues if elected Alderman.

For current office holders: Please provide specific examples of how you have used your office to promote social justice and equality for women.

Please use this page to provide any additional information you would like us to know.

I've been working on women's issues throughout my career. During my time on the Senate Judiciary Committee, I worked on choice, equal pay, and equal rights. I was also very involved in judicial nominations, including working to filibuster Brett Kavanaugh's initial confirmation to the D.C. Circuit Court.

I am a passionate supporter of raising the minimum wage. I would work to make sure we are raising the minimum wage in a way that will be successful for our City long-term.

I was raised by a mother who was one of the first Big Law female litigation partners in Chicago and have followed in her footsteps by supporting critical legal causes.

Attaching additional materials is also welcome.

**Return completed questionnaire no later than Friday, December 14th to:
Kelly Marie Murphy, Chicago NOW PAC President, chinowpac@gmail.com**