

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.

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:	12/8/2018
2.	NAME:	Derek Lindblom
3.	WARD:	43rd
4.	PARTY AFFILIATION:	Democrat
5.	VOTING ADDRESS*:	
6.	MAIN PERSONAL PHONE*:	
7.	BUSINESS PHONE*:	
8.	CAMPAIGN PHONE	
9.	CAMPAIGN FAX:	
10.	PERSONAL EMAIL*:	
11.	CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:	2733 N Halsted St.
12.	CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	VoteForDerek.com
13.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER:	Kyle Gibson
14.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER PHONE:	██████████
15.	CAMPAIGN MANAGER EMAIL:	████████████████████

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Part III: Candidate Background Information

16.	<p>How many petition signatures were you required to file?</p> <p>473</p>
17.	<p>How many petition signatures did you file?</p> <p>We submitted 2,435 signatures to obtain our place on the ballot (after preemptively striking over 170 from our original total of 2,600+).</p>
18.	<p>Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held (<i>including dates</i>).</p> <p>From 2003 to 2005, I served on the United States Senate Judiciary Committee as a Legislative Aide to Sen-Chuck Schumer. From 2011 to 2014, I served as Chief of Staff to the Mayors Economic Council.</p>
19.	<p>Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.</p> <p>None</p>
20.	<p>What is your primary occupation?</p> <p>Health tech startups and Venture Capital</p>
21.	<p>Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.</p> <p>Membership Director - Wrightwood Neighbors Association Board - 43rd Ward Dems Member - Working Families Task Force on Paid Sick Leave Several other local and City-wide charitable organizations on issues such as public health, chronic disease, sexual trafficking, and many others.</p>
22.	<p>What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?</p> <p>After receiving my undergraduate degree from Harvard, I had the opportunity to begin my career working for the Democrats on the United State Senate Judiciary Committee. There I was able to draft legislation and organize coalitions on comprehensive gun safety, civil rights, equal pay, identify theft, and women’s rights among other issues. I then graduated from Harvard Law where I was the President of the Harvard Law and Policy Review and won the Dean’s Award for Community Leadership for bringing people together across the community.</p>

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	<p>After several years in the private sector as a management consultant, I had the opportunity to work in the Mayor’s Office from 2011 to 2014, where I worked on some of the most difficult issues that our city faces. I was part of the the City of Chicago LMCC Working Group where, with Labor and management working hand-in-hand, we were able to improve healthcare programs for City employees.</p> <p>In City Hall, I also led the City’s winning bid on the \$300 million dollar-plus grant to form UI Labs, the University + Industry partnership making Chicago a leader in digital manufacturing and other industries of the future. UI Labs have significant untapped potential to drive long-term industrial economic growth in the City of Chicago and surrounding region. I was also a leader in creating the system that recruited businesses to Chicago, which resulted in strong business and headquarters growth in Chicago.</p> <p>My next stop was in the private sector when I founded health tech companies, helped startups grow, and created jobs. My job was to work with startups to support people with chronic diseases, give more people access to quality, easy-to-use healthcare, and help people live healthier and better lives. One healthcare company that I helped found, Livongo, has created over 300 jobs (entirely U.S.-based) and improved the lives of people with diabetes by bringing cutting-edge technology and personal support to diabetes-management.</p>
<p>23.</p>	<p>Please list any candidates have you supported in past elections and specify your role in each campaign.</p> <p>I’ve been involved in Democratic political campaigns since I was 18 years old and supported many candidates as a volunteer, staffer, and donor.</p> <p>Some of the campaigns I’ve been involved with include:</p> <p>2000 NY Senate Race - Intern 2004 Pennsylvania Coordinated Campaign - Policy Staff Assigned to District 2006 Rhode Island Senate Campaign - Law Student 2008 10th District Illinois Congressional Campaign - Senior Advisor</p> <p>I have since advised and played “kitchen cabinet” roles on many other races and would be happy to discuss in detail.</p>
<p>24.</p>	<p>Which candidate, if any, are you supporting for Mayor?</p> <p>I am not supporting a mayoral candidate at this time and look forward to hearing more about their policy ideas for the city before committing to any candidate.</p>
<p>25.</p>	<p>Please list all endorsements you have received.</p>

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	<p>We've received endorsements from former elected officials which we will be rolling out over the next month.</p>
26.	<p>Who are your top 5 contributors and how much has each contributed to your campaign?</p> <p>Steve Koch, Mark Angelson, Meghan Shehorn, Lee Shapiro, and Glen Tullman are among the individuals that have contributed the maximum amount to my campaign.</p>
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>Throughout my career, I have made it a priority to run at hard problems, not run away from them.</p> <p>That work includes my time at the United States Senate, where I helped draft legislation and organize coalitions on comprehensive gun safety, civil rights, equal pay, identify theft, and women's rights among other issues. In the Mayor's office, I worked on issues like expanding quality, affordable healthcare, economic development, and improving our fiscal health. In the private sector, I've helped built health tech companies that have improved the lives of people with diabetes by bringing cutting-edge technology and personal support to diabetes-management.</p> <p>None of these were easy issues with easy solutions. But on all, I've taken them on and worked towards solutions that would make the biggest impact for the most people. I plan on approaching the job as Alderman the same way. Our main policy priorities are public safety, great public schools, stable city finances, and energizing our commercial corridors.</p>
28.	<p>What is your campaign budget and (b) how much have you raised to date?</p> <p>At the time of our last public fundraising deadline on September 30th, we had over \$263,000 and we have raised tens or thousands of dollars since then. Our campaign has raised more money from contributors than any other Aldermanic challenger in the City. Our fundraising has given us the ability to fund the fixed costs of our campaign and our expected additional fundraising will be put towards communicating with voters in order to get our message out.</p>
29.	<p>How many paid staffers and (b) how many volunteers do you have on your campaign?</p> <p>Our campaign has four full time staff and so far have more than 80 volunteers helping the campaign.</p>

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Part IV: Issue Questions

City Council Reform and Ethics

Yes/No			
	YES	NO	
30.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X <input 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? I would just want to make sure this is economically efficient for the City in-practice before continuing this practice long-term.
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you joined, or will you join the Progressive Reform Caucus? I think the caucuses and set-up of city council is likely to look very different after the 2019 elections and I wouldn't want to commit myself to any caucus at this point.
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?

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a limit of two 4-year terms for Mayor? I am undecided on a two-term limit at this point. I am interested in a three-term limit (similar to the term-limit length changes made in California after the initial 6 year term limits resulted in outsized control and influence from lobbyists).
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you or have you accepted campaign donations from people or businesses seeking zoning changes in your ward? I would appoint a blue-ribbon planning & zoning board of neighborhood leaders who would be able to make zoning decisions in my place whenever I needed to recuse myself because of a conflict of interest.

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 type="checkbox"/>	entities seeking licenses, permits or zoning changes? I think we should have thoughtful campaign finance laws that prevent cronyism and outsized influence on behalf of the wealthy. If I am understanding this question correctly, this would prevent a homeowner that's renovating a house, or anyone that owns any business, from making a legal contribution and, if so, I think you're going to quickly run in to first amendment issues and only create an expensive lawsuit.
41 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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. Yes. With evidence that meets an agreed-upon legal standard, the Inspector General should not be forced to have a public complaint. In order to root out corruption and improve the public's faith in city

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	government, I believe it is imperative that we do all we can to empower the Inspector General with the ability to conduct good-faith investigations of Alderman.
43.	<p>Do you support public financing of municipal campaigns? Please explain your position.</p> <p>Yes. There are a lot of variations on how to implement this and I think how you do so matters. Fortunately, many jurisdictions are taking the lead with interesting experiments. Many such experiments, like in Seattle where eligible residents get a \$100 "Democracy Voucher" to allocate to municipal candidates of their choice, are still in their infancy. I think we're going to have a great opportunity to test ideas here, but also want to study some of the experiments that have taken place before supporting any specific plan of implementation.</p>

Revenue and Budget

Yes/No			
44.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you support a progressive City income tax for Chicago?</p> <p>I am against a City Income Tax.</p>
45.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will you institute participatory budgeting to allow ward residents to vote on discretionary spending in your ward?</p> <p>I am very passionate about this. I would not only introduce participatory budgeting but use technology tools to create a truly interactive civic participatory budgeting experience.</p>
46.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you support creation of a public bank for Chicago?</p> <p>I want to learn more about these specific plans and how they are funded before making a commitment.</p>
47.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will you vote to hire independent analysts to conduct a forensic audit of past City spending?</p> <p>Yes, especially for targeting vendor fraud.</p>

Choose One		
48.	Should discretionary funds for ward services and infrastructure improvements be allocated:	
48 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>in equal amounts to each ward</p> <p>Based on population</p>

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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 type="checkbox"/>	Other-please specify

Select all that apply

49.	Will you vote for a budget ordinance which would require:	
49 a.	<input type="checkbox"/> X	public questioning of city department heads concerning their departments' specific budget requests?
49 b.	<input type="checkbox"/> X	making budget copies available to the public 30 days in advance of hearings?
49 c.	<input type="checkbox"/> X	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.	<p>What measures will you vote for to reform the city pension plan and ensure its solvency?</p> <p>While in the Mayor's office, I worked very closely on pension reform, putting City pensions on an actuarially-based funding plan for the first time in City history. I would support generating revenue for pensions by taxing the sale of cannabis, and supporting measures to increase the population to expand the tax base.</p>
51.	<p>What additional revenue sources, if any, would you propose?</p> <p>I think we need to expand the tax base by working to increase the population of Chicago and tax cannabis in order to generate additional revenue.</p>

Planning, Zoning, Economic Development, and Privatization

Yes/No

52.	<input type="checkbox"/> X	<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?
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53.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will you vote to return unspent and uncommitted TIF funds on an annual basis to the various taxing bodies?</p> <p>(If uncommitted is defined to include funds without a clear plan (you still want to allow a TIF to have multi-year planning capability for major infrastructure projects))</p>
54.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>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?</p> <p>I am for strong TIF reform that limits TIF spending to infrastructure, green space, and schools and increased transparency and more selective use of TIFs in general.</p>
55.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>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?</p>
56.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you support the Fair Workweek Chicago Ordinance which would give employees greater control over their schedules?</p> <p>Last minute schedule changes are a real issue for working families, especially because of our Country's inability to provide adequate childcare options. There are a lot of complex issues at play here, but if we all work on this together as we did with earned sick leave (where I served on the City's taskforce), we can reach a solution that could be widely supported. I look forward to being part of such a solution at either the City or State level.</p>
57.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>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?</p> <p>We need to have a bigger discussion around housing types in our Ward (including 3-unit and 6-unit buildings) and stabilizing the City's financial condition and property taxes. We need to ensure that housing types and property assessments maintain and increase accessible price points in our Ward. I think jumping from <10% affordable housing to 30% misses the key issues that affect most residents of this community who are trying to stay in this community.</p>
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>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?</p>

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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"/>	<p>Do you support privatization of Midway Airport?</p> <p>Midway Airport is an important public asset to Chicago and our regional economy. I am not familiar with any current efforts to privatize Midway so I'm hesitant to weigh in, but I'm generally very way of privatizing any City assets so I'm comfortable saying this is extremely unlikely.</p>
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>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.</p> <p>Note: I'm assuming this is not including building office space leases?</p>

Select all that apply:		
63.	Do you support any of the following to be built in your ward?	
63 a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>low income rental housing that is affordable to those at 15% to 30% of the Area Median Income?</p> <p>Our Ward already has homeless support and SRO capacity, some of which are in poor condition. I think we need to fix what we have first before considering anything else.</p>
63 b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>supportive housing for people overcoming addiction and other problems which contribute to homelessness?</p> <p>Our Ward already has homeless support and SRO capacity, some of which are in poor condition. I think we need to fix what we have first before considering anything else.</p>
63 c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>shelters for the homeless?</p> <p>Our Ward already has homeless support and SRO capacity, some of which are in poor condition. I think we need to fix what we have first before considering anything else.</p>

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64.	Which standard should the City use to define affordable housing?	
64 a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Area Median Income of Chicago
64 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area Median Income of the Community Area (I would note I'm for a larger definition of community area in these calculations than the traditional 77)

Essay	
65.	<p>Which city services or assets, if any, do you believe should be privatized and what is your criteria?</p> <p>I am very concerned about the city's history of asset privatization and the selling off of public assets in general. I would lead the scrutinization of any such deal and believe strongly that public assets are best kept public.</p>
66.	<p>What criteria do you or will you use in determining whether or not to grant a zoning change or variance?</p> <p>There are number of important factors I would take into account. Some of the top factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The opinion of the local neighborhood association representing the opinion of local residents ● The density-capability of the infrastructure and transit in the area ● The character of the local community ● The contribution to local economic vitality ● The economic and tax contribution of the project ● The feelings of the immediate neighbors and the community at-large ● Previous precedent in the local community from related changes, excluding outliers
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>I am for strong TIF reform that limits TIF spending to infrastructure, green space, and schools and increased transparency and more selective use of TIFs in general. I believe that is the best way to ensure that TIF dollars are spent on community assets, not on private development, and the best way to ensure our schools aren't short-changed by the creation of TIF districts.</p>

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Housing

Yes/No			
<p>I think affordable housing is critical to any economic development plan but requires thoughtful, context-specific decision-making.</p>			
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>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?</p> <p>I think there's merit to creating a process that doesn't allow Alderman to let affordable housing or any other issue die through "pocket veto"-like maneuvers. I think this deserves a full legislative process and discussion and we could come to a thoughtful outcome.</p>

Schools

Yes/No			
71.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will you support a city-wide lottery for enrollment in magnet schools?</p> <p>I am not sure what this question means, is this instead of the current Magnet high school application and selection system? I think having a neighborhood component, especially for K-8 schools, can be very valuable for community support of a school. We saw this so successfully in my son's local school, Oscar Mayer, and I would be <u>very strongly against eliminating that.</u></p>

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72.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>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?</p> <p>I am a strong believer in the LSCs and would engage with as partners as Alderman, including frequently attending their meetings, working with their leadership, and supporting their efforts.</p>
73.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>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?</p> <p>This question has a lot of milestones that seem subjective in its evaluation. I think school closings are a last resort not a first option.</p>

Select all that apply		
74.	Will you support an ordinance requiring every school to have a:	
74 a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>full-time nurse?</p> <p>(I believe any ordinance creating unfunded liabilities is a political exercise and not a real attempt to help our children. I would want to see a clearly identified funding stream from CPS as part of this legislative effort before committing myself to any ordinance.)</p>
74 b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>full-time social worker</p> <p>(I believe any ordinance creating unfunded liabilities is a political exercise and not a real attempt to help our children. I would want to see a clearly identified funding stream from CPS as part of this legislative effort before committing myself to any ordinance.)</p>
74 c.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>full-time librarian?</p> <p>(I believe any ordinance creating unfunded liabilities is a political exercise and not a real attempt to help our children. I would want to see a clearly identified funding stream from CPS as part of this legislative effort before committing myself to any ordinance.)</p>

Choose one	
75.	Which of the following options for choosing the School Board do you support?

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75 a.	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A mix of elected and appointed members

Environment

Yes/No			
76.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will you oppose disposal of contaminated dredging sediment from the Cal-Sag Channel within Chicago city limits?</p> <p>I am not aware of the details of this issue and eager to learn more.</p>
77.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will you consult with neighborhood residents before approving permits that could affect air or water quality?</p>

Parks

Yes/No			
78.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you support park prioritization of land acquisition and capital improvements first to those neighborhoods which are underserved by existing facilities?</p> <p>I will note that significant parts of Chicago could use more parkland, including large parts of the 43rd Ward.</p>
79.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you support election of the Chicago Park District Board?</p> <p>I am in favor of a greater role for the elected City Council on park matters. I believe this is the best way to empower residents on park matters.</p>

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Transportation

Yes/No			
80.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Will you vote to increase the City subsidy to the CTA?</p> <p>I am in favor of expanding our public transportation system based on a combination of need, economic development, and availability of federal dollars and don't think we should limit ourselves to City funds. I'm not going to commit to a general subsidy increase without knowing the specific use of the funds.</p>

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"/> (1 - tied)	Red Line south to 130th Street	This is a great chance to build on the Red Line renovations
81 b.	<input type="checkbox"/> (3)	Orange Line to Ford City Mall	I am concerned about using a mall as a key point in our transit network in 2018 but would want to learn more before committing to or against this project.
81 c.	<input type="checkbox"/> (1 - tied)	Downtown-O'Hare Express	I am strongly in favor of this if it is done at absolutely no cost or risk to the taxpayer by a private entity and investors that takes on the risk.
81 d.	<input type="checkbox"/> (2)	Other – please specify	I think we need to consider a ring line as a long-term goal of City-development.

Criminal Justice

Yes/No:			

82.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Do you support re-allocating police services from low-crime to high-crime neighborhoods?

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			Police services have already been significantly reassigned in the City in the last decade and I do not support further withdrawing police from my Ward.
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you vote for more funding for alternative crime prevention programs such as Cease Fire? I believe there is significant merit to the studies of violence as an epidemic.
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support an ordinance codifying the provisions of the Consent Decree regarding the duties and accountability of school resource officers?
85.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the proposed Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) Ordinance? I think there's merit in multiple police reform proposals that should be realized in a truly open legislative process with full amendment debate and votes. I am wary of the creation of additional layers of bureaucracy and believe that needs to be addressed as part of the legislative and amendment process.

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>There are many ways that 911 service can be improved in our neighborhood. Technology would give us the ability to improve our 911 service by integrating camera feeds, pictures, and texts into deployment. These kinds of technologies would give us the ability to not only improve 911 services, but also potentially stop crimes before they happen and prioritize violent and gun crime issues.</p>

Civil Rights

Yes/No:			
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you support affirmative action based on race, gender and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees?</p> <p>I think opposing prejudice in City hiring is an important part of the City's duty as an employer. Racial, gender, and sexual orientation diversity is one criteria among many that should be considered in Mayoral appointments</p>

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			and City hiring in departments that have previously had significant issues with racial, gender, or sexual orientation discrimination.
88.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you support affirmative action as a criteria in letting city contracts?</p> <p>I support the City's MBE/WBE program, but believe it can be continuously improved to deliver the benefits it promises and avoid the challenges of pass-through vendors. This is needed until the City's previous discrimination in vendor contracts is reversed. I would be open to alternative investments if a more efficient solution to diversifying the City's vendor base is found.</p>
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do you favor restructuring the wage scale of city employees to institute gender-equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?</p> <p>Yes - I've been involved in many pay equity efforts in my life and strongly believe in that goal.</p>

Aldermanic Priorities

Essay	
90.	<p>What are your top priorities for the Ward?</p> <p>Our main policy priorities are public safety, great public schools, stable city finances, and energizing our commercial corridors.</p>
91.	<p>What is your long-range plan for development of the ward?</p> <p>Too often this Ward has made development decisions that emphasize profit instead of the people who live here. I'm running to change to resident-focused development priorities that emphasize creating a vibrant City community that we can all enjoy, instead of a developer-focused approach solely based on profit. I will focus on eliminating retail vacancies, creating more green space, great transit and traffic reduction, and making our neighborhood a great place to live, work, and play. We need to continue to build many different types of housing in our Ward to maintain the city-feel and allow our neighborhood to be a place many different kinds of people can live.</p>
92.	<p>How will you involve ward residents in planning?</p> <p>I'm the former Membership Director of the Wrightwood Neighbors Association and a believer in the importance of neighborhood groups. I would involve neighborhood groups in the planning process from beginning to end, and make sure that the voices of community</p>

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	<p>members and their neighborhood association representatives are heard and taken into account.</p> <p>I would also appoint a blue-ribbon planning & zoning board of neighborhood leaders who would be able to make zoning decisions in my place whenever I needed to recuse myself because of a conflict of interest.</p>
93.	<p>How will you work with community groups and residents on City matters?</p> <p>Yes, I will work very closely with community groups and ensure that when decisions are made affecting their neighborhood, they have a prominent seat at the table. At least once a quarter, and further as the need is created by specific events, I would meet with neighborhood groups on policy priorities and pressing issues to gather opinions, facts, and advice.</p> <p>I will also use the neighborhood groups as a source for specific committees and task forces we will set up to achieve concrete goals in the Ward (e.g. fighting the vacancy issue in our commercial corridors).</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 will be a full-time Alderman and will not hold outside employment or receive any outside salary. I have never worked a job that wasn't at least 60-70 hours a week and I would anticipate being a good Alderman requiring more, not less, time.</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>This is dependent on the budget allocation for the following year and the availability of talent. I will hire the most energetic and capable staff possible and develop them through long-term training and a customer service mindset.</p>

Thank you for your participation!