

IVI-IPO 2009 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates. **None**

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate. **None**

C) What is your primary occupation? **General Field Superintendent, Chicago Housing Authority**

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. **Co-Chair, Windows of Opportunity fundraisers – coaching youth sports, volunteering for church fundraisers**

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

Construction Law – Project Management – Construction Contracting – Federal Acquisition Regulations

United States Navy (Honorable Discharge)

F) Which candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.

Poll watcher Alderman Tom Allen – Poll watcher Committeeman P.J. Cullerton

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

Illinois State Director, Uniformed Services Disabled Retirees - Dan Cedusky

H) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally? **I am the only candidate with true progressive goals, I want to fix campaign financing (I favor Clean Elections), I want to fight for healthcare for all Americans (I favor a single-payer system) I will fight for energy conservation measures and use and funding of alternative energy resources.**

I) What is your campaign budget? **\$25,000** How much have you raised to date? **\$0.00**

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? **None** How many volunteers are on your list? **8**

IVI-IPO 2009 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

Foreign and Military			
1.	ESSAY	What should be the US role in multi-national alliances such as the UN, NATO and the International Criminal Court?	
2.	ESSAY	What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?	
3.	ESSAY	What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?	
	YES	NO	
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If a Timetable for withdrawal from Iraq is not established, will this affect your votes on funding for the Iraq War? Please explain your answer.
There must be an aggressive timetable for withdrawal or my vote for funding will always be NO.			
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation giving Governors veto power over deployment of their National Guard units overseas?
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you agree with the current proposed level of funding for the military?
8.	ESSAY If you agree, explain. If you disagree, how would you distribute the funds?		
Military spending has more than doubled since 2001 and the war in Iraq and Afghanistan could cost 170 billion dollars this year alone. I believe we should cut military spending in half over the next 5 years and utilize the money to buy down our debt, ensure that we never again have homeless veterans, and implementation of a single payer health care system.			
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support congressional investigations into government contractors that have participated in Human Rights violations such as the rendition/torture flights
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation banning such activities in the question above?
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support legislation guaranteeing the protections of the Geneva Conventions and the US Constitution to "enemy combatants" or others similarly detained by the US Government anywhere in the world?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
14.	ESSAY What would you change? I think too much money is being spent on street level drug enforcement and too little is being spent on truly stopping the proliferation of hard drugs into our country. There are no Coca or Poppy Fields in the Continental United		

			States. More effort should be focused on education and rehabilitation. The cost of imprisoning non-violent offenders for simple possession is money that is better spent. Most experts and politicians will agree that the war on drugs is not winnable but it is eminently fundable. The vast majority of drug war money is spent on more walls, more bars, and more guards. Abroad we need to bolster diplomatic discussions with drug producing nations and offer viable alternatives to their economies.
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
SAME AS ABOVE			
16.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support normalization of relations with Cuba?
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Helms-Burton Act?
Energy & Environment			
	YES	NO	Do you support:
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support any increased off-shore drilling? Explain – Not only do we need to eliminate our dependence on foreign oil, but we need to be mindful of the environment and acknowledge that fossil fuel emissions from domestic oil are as damaging as foreign oil. Automakers have demonstrated alternative technology that is not dependant on fossil fuel.
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower National Carbon emissions goals?
21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Energy Efficiency goals?
22.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coal Liquefaction?
23.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing use of Nuclear power for electric generation?
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mountaintop coal strip mining?
25.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase user fees for grazing, mining and lumbering on Federal lands?
26.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kyoto Protocols?
27.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biodiesel mixture and agri-biodiesel production tax credits?
Transportation			
			Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for
28.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		infrastructure improvements?
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		highways?
30.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		mass transit?
31.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		high-speed rail?
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Amtrak?
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Air transportation?
34.	ESSAY		Please comment on specific proposals
There are basic responsibilities that are almost the sole domain of federal government and along with civil rights, national defense and health care, infrastructure is tied for first. This is particularly true of innovations such as a national high speed rail			
Taxes and Economic Policy			

			Do you favor
35.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a more progressive income tax?
36.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a flat tax?
37.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a national sales tax?
38.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction of the capital gains tax?
39.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		taxing capital gains at the same rate as earned income?
40.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		reduction or elimination of the estate tax?
41.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	elimination of the corporate alternative tax?
42.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction of the tax on stock dividends?
43.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		taxing dividends at the same rate as earned income?
44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Increasing the Federal Minimum wage?
45.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		any other changes in our tax structure?
46.	ESSAY		Please explain.
47.	ESSAY		What changes, if any, do you support regarding Social Security? I would change the taxable income to a much higher level of \$500,000 and from \$125,000 to \$500,000 would be taxed at a 1.5% higher rate.
48.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you support “fast track” legislation for trade treaties?
49.	ESSAY		Please discuss your ideas for an economic recovery plan. Please be specific as to what criteria would be necessary for you to support such a plan. I would start with a merit based infrastructure list of projects. I would get the hardest hit industry, the construction industry back to work. I would not rush or fracture any construction related process by suggesting a use-it-or lose – approach. I would place a moratorium on all foreclosures. I would use remaining TARP funds to renegotiate all foreclosure cases. I would not give the financial industry another dime. We need to force systemic regulatory changes to help ensure this devastating episode in America never happens again. I would call for an investigation to see if any laws were broken by the financial industry and hold all accountable for their actions. I would force banks to drop credit card rates to 4% for the next 24 months. I would offer loans to States to help offset the lost revenues to keep in place teachers, police and firemen. I would vote for an economic stimulus plan that could prove what it claims to do.
50.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support utilizing anti-trust laws against firms that are “too big to let fail?”

Never

Consumer Rights			
51.	ESSAY		What regulations would you support to safeguard consumers from being harmed in situations such as the recent sub-prime lending credit crisis?
52.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a moratorium on mortgage foreclosures?
	YES	NO	Do you support
53.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to cap interest rates on mortgages?
54.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		federal legislation to cap interest rates on credit card interest?
55.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
56.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?
Government and Ethics			
57.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support term limits?
			Do you support
58.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	public financing of Congressional campaigns?
59.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	spending limits?
60.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	abolition of PACs?
61.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Elimination of earmarks?
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All earmarks being made available in a searchable format on the internet?
63.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?
64.	ESSAY		Why or why not? I think the Congress should have oversight but not influence over the award decisions. Examination of no-bid or "best value" award should be conducted to ensure that contracts aren't rewards for campaign assistance.
65.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support Congressional investigations of wrong-doing under the Bush administration?
66.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation forbidding all Senate, House, and White House staff from engaging in any political activity on government time?
Health & Human Services			
67.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support comprehensive, universal, single-payer health care?
68.	ESSAY		If not, how would you address the need for healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured?
69.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should the FDA approve importation of drugs from countries whose manufacturing and safety standards are equal or superior to those in the US?
70.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support funding of comprehensive age appropriate sex education programs?
71.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services?

72.	ESSAY	Please discuss compulsory licensing of essential drugs where needed, in the US, Africa, Asia and elsewhere. Once again we are safeguarding profits of private firms. This time it is the pharmaceutical companies. I do appreciate the need for patent laws, but there must be a way to allow for reduced cost drugs to all in a crisis situation.
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	YES	NO	Do you support
73.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal funding for stem cell research?
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legislation prohibiting stem cell research?

			Do you support
75.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Human Life Amendment?
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Freedom of Choice Act?
77.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion?
78.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
79.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?

			Do you favor increased funding for:
81.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		food stamp allowances?
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Head Start?
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		school lunch programs?

85.	ESSAY	What services, if any, should be offered to those whose time on Welfare has run out and do not have adequate income to support themselves and their families?
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			Do you support
86.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased funding to develop affordable housing?
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?
88.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund to build, rehabilitate and preserve at least 1.5 million units of housing, 75% of which would be rental housing for households with income below the poverty level?
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?

			Do you favor
90.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased federal aid to public education?
91.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?

92.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act the most effective way to advance student achievement?
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93.	ESSAY	If not, what plan would you propose?
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NCLB is a good start but it needs some work to be truly effective. We must consider reforms for NCLB such as how it assesses schools and when a school should be placed on probation. We must consider changes to overall school scoring as it relates to special education students. New ways of measuring teacher accountability and we must stop teaching to a standardized test just to name a few. We must stop all unfunded Federal mandates.

Law, Justice, and Correctional System

			Do you support:
94.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
96.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
97.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
98.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
99.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
	YES	NO	
100.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminalization of hate crimes?
101.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Congressional oversight of the NSA?
102.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Real ID program?
103.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changes to the Military Commissions Act?
104.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
105.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
106.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
107.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation prohibiting secret military tribunals?
108.	ESSAY		Please explain your position.
	I do not support any type of military tribunal. This is unfair on many levels. We must ensure civil liberties for all.		
109.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning torture and inhumane treatment of detainees under US control?
			Do you support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
110.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	handguns?
111.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
			Do you support legislation
112.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
113.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
114.	ESSAY		What restrictions, if any, should Congress enact or repeal regarding the scope of federally funded legal services for the poor?
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights			
115.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support DC statehood?
116.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?
117.	ESSAY		Please explain your answer. The Patriot Act denies citizens basic civil rights.
			Do you support
118.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
119.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prioritizing family reunification as criteria in granting visas and processing citizenship

			and permanent resident applications?
120.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	halting deportations of immigrants until final determination of residency status has been made and appeals have been exhausted?
121.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	amnesty for undocumented immigrants currently in the country?
122.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building a US-Mexican border fence or "wall"?
123.	ESSAY		What immigration reforms do you support?
	YES	NO	Do you support
124.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
125.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?
126.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?
127.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal recognition of all state marriages for federal benefit purposes?
128.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
129.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support prior government restraint of the press?
			Do you support
130.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	prayer in public schools?
131.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	moment of silence?
132.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	faith-based initiatives?
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
133.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in private employment?
134.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in public employment?
135.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
136.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
137.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
Labor			
			Do you support
138.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?
139.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?
140.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	giving federal employees the right to strike?
141.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Employee Freedom of Choice Act?
142.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a federal public works program to ensure full employment?

143.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts? This must include training to ensure that individuals are job-ready and must also include formation of a list of qualified individuals that serve as a pool from which the programs may draw labor.
144.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to restructure the wage scale of federal employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
145.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a federal living wage law to guarantee that a person working forty hours a week would be able to afford housing, food, utilities, transportation and health care?