

IVI-IPO 2010 WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT 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? school nurse

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years. Past first vice president Illinois NAACP, currently President North Side NAACP, Illinois Chairman of Women in NAACP, first VP West Side Branch NAACP, Illinois Chairman Million Woman March, Chicago Chairman of Million Mom march, Urban League Get Our the Vote, member of Chicago Black United Communities

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek? Lived all my life in Chicago and have seen the mismanagement of the MWRD, the flooding of Jeffery Manor, etc.

F) What candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign. Harold Washington – precinct coordinator and plebiscite with CBUC, Barack Obama – petitioning and canvassing with CTU in Illinois and Indiana, Danny Davis – fund raiser, Art Turner – office worker, David Orr – first campaign office worker

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far. It's too early. Not yet.

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 committed to what the people. I am not tied to any corporations or political machine. Fairness in lock closings to least affect homeowners in Cook County.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date? We are hoping to have a budget of \$10,000. Right now we have \$500.

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list? **Right now I have three volunteers and I am still recruiting.**

IVI-IPO 2010 WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

1. Should Commissioners be elected at-large or by district? If we want to go to election by district, the length of the terms needs to be cut. Otherwise we would only get to vote for MWRD every six years.
2. Should cumulative voting be used to elect commissioners? yes
3. Do you have a business relationship with or financial interest in any entity doing business with the MWRD or other governmental bodies in Cook County? no
4. Will you accept or have you accepted campaign donations from current or potential suppliers, employees or outside contractors? No donations from suppliers or contractors. Donations from employees only if no strings attached.
5. a. In what circumstances should the District contract for outside professional services? Limit this as much as possible. Preserve permanent jobs.
b. In what circumstances should competitive bidding for contracts be required? Almost all circumstances, but in very time sensitive situations you might not want to do this.
c. Please comment on any existing abuses. I hear rumors, but I have no facts.
6. Do you support a ban on hiring, firing and promotion based on political considerations for non policy making positions? yes
7. Will you support public postings of all permanent and temporary jobs at the District? yes
8. Do you support Affirmative Action? yes
9. Do you favor permitting MWRD employees to hold other public sector employment concurrently? Two full time jobs should not be allowed. A part time job with an unrelated agency would probably be all right.
10. Do you favor permitting MWRD employees to have outside employment or contracts with entities which do business with the district? no
11. Is the District in good financial condition? Please comment on both expenditures and sources of revenues. I'm not an accountant so I have a hard time being specific. The present system based on property taxes is not really fair. We should find another formula based on use.
12. Under what circumstances would you support sale of MWRD property? There is no hard and fast rule. We do want to preserve as much river bank land for recreation as possible.
13. a. What should be the MWRD's role in policy on lakefront, riverfront and canal development? The MWRD could take a lead role in establishing guidelines for development.
b. What responsibility should it have for planning or monitoring such development? The MWRD should have an oversight committee to make sure that the guidelines are adhered to. The public should have its say through town hall meetings, written comments, and testimony.
14. a. Do you support creation of a regional riverfront trail? yes
b. Why or why not? More recreational opportunities.
c. What role, if any, should the MWRD have in such a project? Develop the overall plan with community input.
15. Do you support the existing agreement between the district and the property owners on the North Branch of the

Chicago River? I am not clear about this.

16. Do you think the MWRD should be required to kill bacteria from human sewage that is pumped into the Chicago and Calumet river systems as part of sewage effluent? yes

17. Do you think the MWRD should be required to remove phosphorus and nitrogen from the effluent it releases into our waterways? yes

18. a. Are you for or against using green technologies to manage storm water? Of course I am for this.

b. Do you think storm water should be preserved and protected? Storm water needs to be dealt with differently than we do now. This water needs to be allowed to sink into the ground and flow back to Lake Michigan.

c. Please explain your answers. Storm water could be a resource. Right now it is just treated as a problem.

19. What can the do to exceed minimal requirements for permitting under the Clean Water Act? The MWRD needs to treat for all contaminants before releasing the effluent back into the rivers and canals.

20. What can be done to alleviate flooding in Chicago and the suburbs which persists despite the construction of TARP? The locks need to be closed on a rotating basis so that flooding is not concentrated in one area..