

Constitution Party of Illinois

Candidate & Leadership Questionnaire

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: _____

District: _____ County: _____

Opponent(s): _____

Campaign Headquarters Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Campaign Manager: _____

Primary Date: _____ General Election Date: _____

Funds you have raised to this date: \$ _____

Affirmation

Signature_____
Date

By your signature above, you affirm that you have faithfully and honestly answered every question on this questionnaire. You also affirm your understanding that you understand how important it is to adhere to what you have espoused as your position on the issues. You further affirm that you understand that upon flagrant violation of these principles that the Constitution Party of Illinois will first attempt to correct the situation but failing that, will attempt to remove you from the position of trust that you have been given.

Instructions

Upon completion of this questionnaire, please send it to:

Constitution Party of Illinois
Election Committee
P.O. Box 8063
East Peoria, IL 61611

In completing the following questionnaire, please answer every question. If you need to expand or expound upon any particular question and there is not enough room provided, please do so on a separate sheet of paper, putting your name at the top of each page and providing the section and question number that you are responding to. Notate next to the question that you are providing more information on a separate sheet of paper by placing, "See more info" next to the answer or space provided.

You are expected to answer every question. If you fail to answer a question, it will be considered an avoidance of that particular issue or question. It's what many of our politicians who are in office do now, by not voting on particular issues or legislation. If you are unsure what a question is asking or you are unsure how you stand on that particular question or issue, please state so.

Again, if you feel the question is vague, unfair, unclear or doesn't give you the ability to answer it in the way you feel it needs to be addressed; or if you wish to respond to a question that isn't even asked, Please do so on a separate sheet of paper and indicate on this form that you are doing so.

Section A - Top 5 Issues

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Section B - Platform

- 1 Are you familiar with the National Constitution Party's Platform
Yes ___ No ___

- 3 Are there any areas of the National Platform with which you don't agree?
Yes ___ No ___

- 4 If you answered "Yes" please explain.

- 5 Are you familiar with the State Constitution Party's Platform?
Yes ___ No ___

- 6 Are there any areas of the State Platform with which you don't agree?
Yes ___ No ___

- 7 Are there any planks that you feel should be added to the state platform?
Yes ___ No ___

- 8 If you answered "Yes" to either question 6 or 7, please explain.

Section C – Sanctity of Life

- 1 Do you believe that human life begins at fertilization/conception?
Yes ___ No ___

- 2 Do you believe that unborn children deserve complete legal protection from abortion at any stage of the pregnancy beginning at fertilization/conception?
Yes ___ No ___

- 3 Will you support or vote-for legislation that allows for abortion?
Yes ___ No ___

- 4 Will you support or vote for a bill that allows abortion if the baby has a genetic defect/handicap?
Yes ___ No ___

- 5 Will you support or vote for a bill that allows abortion if the baby was conceived through rape?
Yes ___ No ___

- 6 Will you support or vote for a bill that allows abortion if the baby was conceived through incest?
Yes ___ No ___

- 7 If you answered “Yes” to any of the questions 3 - 6, please explain under what circumstances you would support such a bill?

- 8 Do you support eliminating taxpayer funding for domestic and international organizations, like Planned Parenthood, which promote and/or perform abortions?
Yes ___ No ___

- 9 Will you support legislation that approves of destroying human embryos for cloning or other medical (such as stem cell) research?
Yes ___ No ___

Section D – Campaign Finance and Government Reform

- 1 Do you support public taxpayer funding for candidates who comply with campaign spending limits?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should publicly financed matching funds for campaigns be eliminated?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Would you support raising the campaign spending limits for candidates who wish to receive matching funds?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Do you feel that the amount individuals are permitted to contribute to campaigns should be increased?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Do you support Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions to candidates for office?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should unregulated soft money campaign contributions be banned to political parties or committees?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Should ads paid for by soft money that support or attack a candidate for federal office be banned?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Should “issue advocacy” commercials by corporations, labor unions, and non-profit groups which appear within 60 days of a general election and within 30 days of a primary election be banned?
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Should all contribution limits on federal and state campaigns and parties be removed?
Yes ___ No ___
- 10 Should unions be required to give members the option of not having dues used for political purposes, especially in support of a candidate in which the member may not support?
Yes ___ No ___
- 11 Do you support instant run-off voting (IRV)?
Yes ___ No ___
- 12 Should Election Day be a national holiday?
Yes ___ No ___

Section E – The Constitution

- 1 Do you believe that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land and needs to be obeyed by the President, Congressmen, Senators, Judges, all elected officials and government employees?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Do you believe the Constitution means whatever the Supreme Court and other courts say it means?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Do you believe that the Constitution still means what the founders and writers of the Constitution meant when they wrote it and is still relevant?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should the federal government be limited to its enumerated (listed) powers in the U.S. Constitution?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Does the constitution give Congress the power to do whatever they want as long as the president signs the bill and the courts don't overturn it?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Do you believe that the Bill of Rights was to protect the people's rights and to restrict the government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 The "Bill of Rights" is over 200 years old, is it still relevant today?
Yes ___ No ___

Section F – Crime

- 1 Do you support the use of the death penalty for crimes?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should "truth in sentencing" be imposed for violent criminals so they serve full sentences with no chance of parole?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Do you support programs to provide prison inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Do you support programs to provide prison inmates with drug and alcohol addiction treatment?
Yes ___ No ___

- 5 Should funding for community policing programs be increased?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should prison sentences for those who commit non-violent crimes be reduced?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Should there be additional criminal penalties if a fetus is killed in the commission of a crime against a pregnant woman?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Should crimes based on gender, sexual orientation, and disability be required to be prosecuted as "hate crimes?"
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Do you support programs that provide job training and placement services for at-risk youth?
Yes ___ No ___
- 10 Would you impose stricter penalties for those convicted of white-collar crimes?
Yes ___ No ___ See additional comments
- 11 Should the enforcement of civil rights primarily be the responsibility of the federal government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 12 Should minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults?
Yes ___ No ___
- 13 Is crime is a state issue?
Yes ___ No ___

Section G - Drugs

- 1 Do you support mandatory jail sentences for selling illegal drugs?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should tax supported drug education and drug treatment programs be expanded?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should the possession of small amounts of marijuana be decriminalized?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should doctors be allowed to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Should we increase border security to stop the flow of illegal drugs into the U.S.?
Yes ___ No ___

- 6 Should the federal funding for programs associated with the “war on drugs” be eliminated?
Yes ___ No ___ See additional comments
- 7 Do you believe that Federal involvement in the “war on drugs” is unconstitutional?
Yes ___ No ___ See additional comments

Section H - Education

- 1 Would you support national standards for and testing of public school students?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should parents be allowed to use vouchers (equal opportunity scholarships) to send their children to any public school of their choice?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should parents be allowed to use vouchers (equal opportunity scholarships) to send their children to any private school of their choice?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should parents be allowed to use vouchers (equal opportunity scholarships) to send their children to any religious school of their choice?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Should teachers and professionals be allowed to receive authorization and funding to establish charter schools?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should federal funding for block grants to states to help them hire additional teachers be increased?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Do you support teacher testing and reward teachers with merit pay?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Do you support increased funding for school capital improvements (e.g. buildings, infrastructure, and technology)?
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Would you eliminate restrictions on federal education funding, giving educators or local school districts more flexibility to design and to implement programs?
Yes ___ No ___
- 10 Do you support granting states limited control over “Head Start” programs?
Yes X No ___

- 11 Would you support changing the mission of Head Start to improving the math and reading skills of disadvantaged children?
Yes ___ No ___
- 12 Is providing education a responsibility of the federal government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 13 Do you support affirmative action in public college admissions?
Yes ___ No ___
- 14 Would you increase funding of programs such as Pell grants and Stafford loans to help students pay for college?
Yes ___ No ___ The Students would have to earn it by their grades.
- 15 Do you support federal tax incentives to help families save for college?
Yes ___ No ___
- 16 Should schools be funded equally by state funds and locally approved taxes (e.g. income, property, sales)?
Yes ___ No ___
- 17 Should schools be funded primarily by locally approved taxes (e.g. income, property, sales)?
Yes ___ No ___
- 18 Should schools be funded primarily by state funds?
Yes ___ No ___
- 19 Should the state's formula for distributing aid to local school districts be fully funded?
Yes ___ No ___
- 20 Do you believe that education should be completely private?
Yes ___ No ___

Section I - Employment

- 1 Should funding for state job-training programs that re-train displaced workers and teach skills needed in today's job market be increased?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should state government regulations be reduced on the private sector in order to encourage investment and economic expansion?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should low interest loans and tax credits for starting, expanding, or relocating businesses be provided?
Yes ___ No ___

- 4 Should tax credits for businesses that provide child care for children in low-income working families be provided?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Should state funds to provide child care for children in low-income working families be increased?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should the state increase the minimum wage?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Should workers' compensation benefits be allowed only for injuries in which work was the prevailing rather than a substantial factor?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Should race, ethnicity, or gender be taken into account in state agencies' decisions on Public employment?
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Should race, ethnicity, or gender be taken into account in state agencies' decisions on State college and university admissions?
Yes ___ No ___
- 10 Should race, ethnicity, or gender be taken into account in state agencies' decisions on State contracting?
Yes ___ No ___
- 11 Should sexual orientation be included in anti-discrimination laws?
Yes ___ No ___

Section J – Environment and Energy

- 1 Would you promote increased use of alternative fuel technology?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Do you support increased production of traditional domestic energy sources (e.g. coal, natural gas, and oil)?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should state funds be used to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated, unused, or abandoned?
Yes ___ No ___

- 4 Should funding for open space preservation be supported?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Should environmental regulations be enacted even if they are stricter than federal law?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should the state continue the fifty-cent waste tire collection fee?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Should the regulation and enforcement of the Clean Water Act be strengthened?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Should the regulation and enforcement of the Clean Air Act be strengthened?
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Should the states be required to compensate citizens when environmental regulations limit uses of privately-owned land?
Yes ___ No ___
- 10 Should the military be exempted from some environmental regulations?
Yes ___ No ___
- 11 Should the logging restrictions on federal lands be relaxed?
Yes ___ No ___
- 12 Should the standards on federal lands be relaxed to allow increased recreational usage?
Yes ___ No ___
- 13 Do you support increased development of traditional energy resources (e.g. coal, natural gas, oil)?
Yes ___ No ___
- 15 Should emission controls and fuel efficiency standards on all gasoline and diesel-powered engines, including cars, trucks, and sport utility vehicles be strengthened?
Yes ___ No ___
- 16 Do you support opening a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil exploration?
Yes ___ No ___
- 17 Would you encourage further development and use of alternative fuels to reduce pollution?
Yes ___ No ___
- 18 Do you support the use of ethanol as an alternative fuel?
Yes ___ No ___
- 19 Should energy producers be allowed to trade pollution credits?
Yes ___ No ___

- 20 Do you support the U.S. re-entering the Kyoto treaty process to limit global warming?
Yes ___ No ___
- 21 Should "federal lands" be transferred to the states?
Yes ___ No ___

Section K – Gun Rights

- 1 Is the 2nd Amendment right to own and bear arms is an absolute right guaranteed to individuals by the U.S. Constitution?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should the 2nd Amendment be restricted by the federal government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should the 2nd Amendment be restricted by the state government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should the 2nd Amendment be restricted by local government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Should there be an instant background check conducted before someone may purchase a gun?
Yes ___ No ___ But the paper trail destroyed.
- 6 Should people be required to obtain a license in order to own a gun?
Yes ___ No ___ But the paper trail destroyed.
- 7 Do you support the repeal of all federal restrictions on the right to bear arms?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Do you support the repeal of all state restrictions on the right to bear arms?
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Should people be able to carry a gun without having to pay licensing fees or applying to the state for permission?
Yes ___ No ___
- 10 Does an individual have a right to use deadly force in defending self and family from violent assault -- both in or away from the home?
Yes ___ No ___
- 11 Should manufacturers be required to provide child-safety locks on guns?
Yes ___ No ___
- 12 Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows?
Yes ___ No ___

Section L – Health Care

- 1 Should citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance reforms, or state-funded care where necessary?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should more existing Medicaid recipients be transferred into managed care programs?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should the amount of punitive damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits be limited?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Do you support patients' right to sue their HMOs?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Do you support patients' right to appeal to an administrative board of specialists when services are denied?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Is guaranteed medical care to all citizens a responsibility of state government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Is health care the responsibility of the state government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Is guaranteed medical care to all citizens a responsibility of federal government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Is health care the responsibility of the federal government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 10 Is health care the responsibility of any level of government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 11 Should physician assisted suicide be legalized?
Yes ___ No ___
- 12 Should doctors be allowed to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes?
Yes ___ No ___
- 13 Should state bonds be used to supplement private investment in life science research facilities?
Yes ___ No ___

15 Do you support stem cell research on existing lines of stem cells?

Yes ___ No ___

16 Should laboratories be allowed to create lines of stem cells for additional research?

Yes ___ No ___

Section M - Immigration

1 Should the number of legal immigrants allowed into the country be decreased?

Yes ___ No ___

2 Establish English as the official national language

Yes ___ No ___

3 Increase the number of visas issued for agricultural workers

Yes ___ No ___

4 Relax restrictions barring legal immigrants from using social programs (e.g. public housing, food stamps)

Yes ___ No ___

5 Bar legal immigrants from using social programs (e.g. public housing, food stamps)

Yes ___ No ___

6 Support amnesty for certain illegal immigrants who already reside in the United States.

Yes ___ No ___

7 Support the detention of asylum seekers from countries known to sponsor terrorism

Yes ___ No ___ Depending on the circumstances

Section N – International Aid

1 Aid should be granted to countries when extraordinary circumstances that cause disaster and threaten civilian lives

Yes ___ No ___ This should be done through charitable organizations.

2 Aid should be granted to countries when it is in the security interests of the U. S

Yes ___ No ___ Depending on the aid to be given and the security interests.

3 Aid should be eliminated for any nation with documented human rights abuses.

Yes ___ No ___

- 4 Aid programs should be scaled back and eventually eliminated.
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Aid programs are unconstitutional and should be eliminated immediately.
Yes ___ No ___

Section O – International Policy

- 1 Should the United States continue to provide leadership in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should the United States support the creation of a Palestinian state?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should the United States withdraw its troops from Iraq?
Yes ___ No ___ But not like we did in Vietnam. We need a definitive goal to shoot for.
- 4 Should the U.S. use diplomatic pressure to encourage North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Should the U.S. use economic pressure to encourage North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should the U.S. use military force to destroy the North Korean nuclear weapons program?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Should the U.S. remove the North Korean government from power?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Should the U.S. increase financial support to Afghanistan?
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Should the U.S. increase military support to Afghanistan?
Yes ___ No ___

Section P – United Nations

- 1 Should the U.S. increase participation in United Nations peacekeeping missions?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should the U.S. commit military troops to United Nations peacekeeping missions?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should the U.S. withdraw completely from the United Nations?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should the U.S. have full diplomatic relations with Cuba?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Should the U.S. increase its financial support to Colombia to combat “the War on Drugs”?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should aid to African nations for AIDS prevention programs fund abstinence education and distribution of contraceptives?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Should aid to African nations for AIDS prevention fund abstinence education only?
Yes ___ No ___

Section Q – International Trade

- 1 Do you support the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Do you support the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Do you support continued U.S. membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO)?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should a nation’s human rights record affect its normal trade relations (most favored nation) status with the United States?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Do you support the trade embargo against Cuba?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should trade agreements include provisions to protect workers’ rights and to address environmental concerns?
Yes ___ No ___

Section R – National Security

- 1 Do you support using military tribunals to try suspected terrorists when ordinary civil courts are deemed inappropriate or impractical?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should the U.S. adopt stricter rules for student visa applications from nations known to sponsor terrorism?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should the U.S. grant law enforcement agencies greater discretion to read mail and email, tap phones, and conduct random searches to prevent future terrorist attacks?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should the U.S. hold foreign states accountable for terrorists who operate in their country?
Yes ___ No ___ But neither should we provide trade and support for those countries.
- 5 Should the federal government increase funding to states and cities for homeland security?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Do you support a policy of pre-emptive strikes against countries deemed to be a threat to national security?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Do you believe that the “Patriot Act” is constitutional?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Do you believe that the “Patriot Act” should be repealed?
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Do you believe that a military draft is constitutional?
Yes ___ No ___ It’s no more unconstitutional than the current military structure.
- 10 Do you oppose a military draft during war time?
Yes ___ No ___
- 11 Do you oppose any type of universal conscription?
Yes ___ No ___
- 12 Do you believe that the current registration for the draft laws should be repealed?
Yes ___ No ___

Section S – Social Security

- 1 Should workers be allowed to invest a portion of their payroll tax in private accounts which they manage themselves?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should workers be allowed to invest a portion of their payroll tax in private accounts managed by private firms contracted by the government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should a portion of Social Security's assets be invested collectively in stocks and bonds instead of U.S. Treasury securities?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should the payroll tax be increased to better finance Social Security in its current form?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Should Social Security's annual cost-of-living increases be lowered?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should the retirement age be raised for when individuals are eligible to receive full Social Security benefits?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Should workers be allowed the right to opt out of social security entirely?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Do you believe that Social Security is unconstitutional and needs to be eliminated?
Yes ___ No ___

Section T – Technology and Communications

- 1 Should taxes be collected on commercial Internet transactions?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should the moratorium on Internet taxation be continued?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should regulation of Internet content be implemented?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Do you support government mandates to curtail violent and sexual content on television?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Do you support strict penalties for Internet crimes such as hacking?
Yes ___ No ___

- 6 Do you support legislation to detail how personal information can be collected and used on the Internet?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Is regulating the Internet is a responsibility of the federal government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Should regulations be imposed on “spam” emails?
Yes ___ No ___

Section U – Welfare and Poverty

- 1 Do you support increased work requirements for able-bodied welfare recipients?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should welfare recipients be required to spend at least 40 hours a week in a combination of work and training programs?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should funding for employment and job training programs be increased for welfare recipients?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should access to public transportation be increased for welfare recipients who work?
Yes ___ No ___
- 5 Should benefits given to recipients be limited if they have additional children while on welfare?
Yes ___ No ___
- 6 Should welfare funding be redirected to faith-based and community-based private organizations?
Yes ___ No ___
- 7 Should federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds be used to extend health and child care subsidies to the working poor?
Yes ___ No ___
- 8 Do you support marriage promotion programs for welfare recipients?
Yes ___ No ___
- 9 Should government-funded welfare programs be eliminated?
Yes ___ No ___

- 10 Do you support increased funding for child care programs?
Yes ___ No ___
- 11 Should states and local governments continue to be given flexibility in and responsibility for welfare programs through federal block grants?
Yes ___ No ___
- 12 Do you support housing assistance for low-income families?
Yes ___ No ___
- 13 Is charity the responsibility of the federal government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 15 Is charity the responsibility of the state government?
Yes ___ No ___
- 11 Should all charity be private?
Yes ___ No ___

Section W - Family

- 1 Should same-sex couples be allowed to form civil unions?
Yes ___ No ___
- 2 Should marriage be restricted to a union only between a man and a woman?
Yes ___ No ___
- 3 Should there be a defense of Marriage Act amendment or legislation be enacted at the federal level?
Yes ___ No ___
- 4 Should there be a defense of Marriage Act amendment or legislation be enacted at the state level?
Yes ___ No ___

