

Legislative Interview Questions 2024

Transparent and Ethical Government

- ★ 1. You are likely aware that it has been some time since the legislature in Illinois has had an effective Legislative Inspector General. Do you favor legislation to institute an independent Legislator General? If so, what do you think it would accomplish?
- ★ 2. Illinois courts are not currently subject to FOIA requests. We are one of only six states that don't require this of our courts. Do you think citizens should have a right to require Illinois courts to respond to FOIA requests as a way to monitor how and how well our courts are operating? Why / Why not?

Budget Matters / Fiscal Policy

- ★ 1. The General Assembly has been considering a \$300 child tax credit and a guaranteed income pilot. Do you support these benefits for Illinois residents regardless of immigration status? Why / Why not?
- ★ 2. Do you support the state of IL increasing funding for evidence-based distribution to schools in order to meet the state's commitment to improve funding inequities in marginalized communities?
 - 3. Do you support expanding access to publicly funded preschool, high quality childcare, and home visiting programs to help all children start kindergarten ready for school?

Elections and Voting

- ★ 1. Do you think it is important to have an Independent Commission to approve any change of boundaries of voting districts? What are your thoughts on other ways to prevent gerrymandering through partisan redistricting?
- ★ 2. Would you support a requirement that all candidates for public office in Illinois (state and local) provide an email address and phone number on that candidate's petition to be on the ballot?
 - 3. Several bills have been introduced regarding local school board approval before locating polling places in schools. The League has a concern that limiting the election

commission's choices for polling places will be detrimental to voters accessing convenient polling locations within their community. What are your thoughts on this?

Public Safety

- ★ 1. Do you believe that civilian possession of firearms is compatible with public safety? What ideas do you have, such as requirements for safe gun storage or funding of community violence interrupters, to help decrease gun violence in Illinois?
- 2. What are your thoughts on strengthening legislation that would require the removal of firearms by police when a domestic violence survivor is granted a firearm remedy under an Order of Protection.

Environment and Environmental Justice

- ★ 1. Would you consider protections for wetlands along with preserving a certain percentage of Illinois' open lands to protect the environment and its biodiversity? How does the protection of wetlands and small streams factor into your constituents' legislative priorities? Explain.
- ★ 2. Where do you stand on the reduction or elimination of polystyrene and single use plastics in Illinois including foam food-ware and plastic bags for take-away? What obstacles do you see in implementing such a law?
- 3. The construction of pipelines to transport CO2 across the state is under consideration here in Illinois. Do you have any concerns with the environmental and health risks associated with these pipelines?

NOTE: These Questions May Have Special Interest To Local Leagues Most Impacted By The Issue

- 1. Would you consider a recommendation that rural cooperatives or municipal power agencies be subject to the same transparency as governmental agencies for utilities?
- 2. What types of recommendations would you have for the staff of rural cooperatives and municipal power agencies as to how to maintain ethical standards in their operation?
- 3. Are you a proponent of Governor Pritzker's decision to tear down two prisons this year (Stateville and Logan Correctional Centers)? What positive or negative impact do you think that decision will have?