

## WINDY CITY TIMES CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Aldermanic races

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**DEADLINE: Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, by 5 p.m. LATE RESPONSES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Please feel free to use additional paper as needed.

YOUR NAME: David Moore                      INCUMBENT? NO  
OFFICE SOUGHT: Alderman                      WARD (if appropriate): 17<sup>th</sup>

- 1) Do you have or would you install a written policy in your office regarding sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination? **Yes**
  
- 2) Have you started or would you start sensitivity training for your staff members regarding LGBT-related issues? **Yes**
  
- 3) Have you taken or would you take any steps to further HIV/AIDS treatment and education programs? If so, what are those measures? **I am very active with several grassroots and youth-focused organizations in the 17<sup>th</sup> Ward. I would facilitate their access to the resources of the Chicago Department of Public Health's Division of STD/HIV/AIDS Public Policy and Programs. I would also host screening/education sessions in partnership with foundations, local universities and nonprofit agencies with services geared toward HIV/AIDS interventions, as well as encourage the involvement of schools and religious institutions, as part of a comprehensive strategy developed with the community.**
  
- 4) What is your position on abortion as it pertains to the law? **I support the basic principles of Roe v. Wade and the right to choose without government intrusion.**
  
- 5) What is your position regarding funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and education? **A 2013 report issued by the city indicated that Chicago's 2011 HIV prevalence rate was three times greater than the national rate, while new HIV infection and AIDS diagnosis rates were both at least double. The rates among Blacks were more than double that of Hispanics and over three times higher than that of whites. Given my predominately African American ward, I would definitely push for funding targeted to this demographic, particularly youth.**

6) Do you favor marriage equality (marriage between two people of the same gender)?  
**I accept the law as it is in Illinois.**

7) Do you favor hate-crimes legislation that increases penalties for crimes committed based on the sexual orientation or gender identity of the person attacked? **Yes**

8) Do you believe that LGBT individuals should become foster parents if they are qualified? **I believe every human being qualified has the right to be a foster parent.**

9) Do you believe that LGBT individuals have the right to adopt children if they are qualified? **Yes**

10) Would you keep committees around such as the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues? **Yes, otherwise these groups tend to fall through the cracks.**

11) What are your thoughts on a school that would be designed specifically for LGBT students, much like the Harvey Milk School in New York City? **I understand the school is open to others as well and that it was designed for the local community. I believe such a school in Chicago could benefit all who wanted to attend, but should be developed in partnership with the LGBT community to address those most in need. For example, its location should be accessible/welcoming to students who might also be discriminated against because of race or income status.**

12) Would you advocate for mandatory anti-bullying policies/training in Chicago public schools? **Yes**

13) Would you advocate for mandatory LGBT-inclusive education in Chicago public schools starting in middle school? **I believe in total inclusiveness regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or gender. And any form of education and sensitivity training should be comprehensive and not selective.**

14) Would you advocate for mandatory comprehensive, LGBT-inclusive and age-appropriate sex education in Chicago public schools starting in middle school? **See answer 13.**

15) What would you recommend to have a better relationship between police and the citizens they serve, including people of color and the transgender community? **I would recommend diversity training with people of color and the transgender community. I believe dialog about issues in these communities with CAPS officers would also help, and they tend to be more sensitive and have "on the ground" experiences they**

could share.

16) If you are an incumbent, did you vote for the recent increase in the city's minimum wage and, if a challenger, would you have? Also, what do you think is the ideal minimum wage for the city of Chicago? **I have been fighting for an increase in the minimum wage and have spoken at hearings on the matter. I would have voted for the \$13/hr. minimum wage, while continuing to work for at least \$15/hr.**

17) How do you propose to handle the crime rate in Chicago, especially in minority neighborhoods? **The City should not run a department reliant upon overtime or getting people from behind desks. We need to hire an adequate number of police and effectively allocate resources so that no part of the city feels abandoned. The 17th Ward incorporates areas of the Englewood neighborhood, which has one of the city's highest crime rates and violent deaths. "Adequate" coverage there should reasonably mean greater police presence than in an area with lesser or more property-related activity. "Shifting" resources should be less short-term, with more focus on allocating officers to problem areas they can become familiar with and establish rapport with the community. CAPS is an effective program that should not be consolidated, reduced or eliminated. It is also important that newly hired officers are more representative of the communities they serve.**

18) What do you feel is the biggest financial problem facing your ward? How do you propose to tackle that problem? **One of my priorities will be addressing lack of quality jobs and business opportunities for local residents. As a former development manager, I am familiar with ways to market "distressed" communities to living wage employers, which the city has failed to do. I would also seek significant expansion of job training programs. This would include ones that place workers in transitional, subsidized jobs that combine work experience with an array of support services.**

**As to long-term impact, no amount of piece-meal efforts could offer greater potential job generation than the South Suburban Airport, especially for areas the city has virtually ignored when it comes to economic development. Residents could be trained and re-trained for the thousands of living wage jobs associated with building, staffing and servicing the airport, in conjunction with local universities and apprentice programs. Chicago's last two mayors have unconscionably worked to sabotage the airport. I would seek the support of the city council, state legislators, organized labor, community activists, my constituents, and others in garnering the city administration's active support for the airport.**

19) Some studies show that 40 percent of homeless youth are LGBTQ. What would you do to provide more resources for prevention, education and services for the entire

homeless youth population? **As a child, I lived in Robert Taylor Homes. During my tenure with the Chicago Housing Authority, I provided analyses projecting the impact of initiatives related to such issues as urban renewal and affordable housing. As a long-time community activist, I have worked alongside a variety of organizations advocating on behalf of quality housing for lower- and middle-income families. As mentioned above, I am passionate about engaging, mentoring and assisting all young people to have an equal opportunity at success.**

**In addition to programs and services, I would advocate that a certain percentage of new and renovated properties be dedicated to providing both longer term and temporary shelter for homeless youth. I would also work with churches and social service agencies to locate and train families to take in youth. I would ensure some of facilities address the particular needs of LGBTQ young people.**

20) New York City eliminated barriers to transgender people changing their birth certificates. They just need a letter from a doctor to do so. Would you support this for Chicago? **Everyone, if legally done, has the right to change their name if they desire and no individual should be discriminated against for any reason. I would support this measure.**

21) Are any members of your current staff—either campaign or general office personnel—openly LGBT? **No**

22) Please list any and all experience you have on LGBT-related issues. **When I was a resident assistant in college, I had to fight for the rights of two of my residents who were being discriminated against. Men did not want to take open showers with them. First through education and sensitivity training, I had to engage the other guys. Once I showed by example, they were willing to follow suit.**

23) What do you feel is the biggest problem facing the LGBT community today? **In my ward, it appears to be the same as for many residents – opportunities to earn a meaningful living. However, the situation is compounded by additional biases and challenges. Whatever initiatives we take to expand opportunities must include special attention to programs that facilitate that goal regarding LGBT job applicants and prospective employers.**