

## **WINDY CITY TIMES CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR RONDA LOCKE**

Name: Ronda Locke  
Not an Incumbent  
Office Sought: Alderman  
Ward: 1st Ward

- 1) Yes
- 2) Yes
- 3) Yes
- 4) I fully believe in a woman's right to choose the time and circumstance for giving birth. I am a member of Emily's List having donated to Emily's List, Planned Parenthood and Progressive PAC.
- 5) I believe that HIV/AIDS is a horrible disease and that treatment should be made available to those with limited means by neighborhood clinics. Also, HIV/AIDS education should be taught in public schools as part of an age appropriate comprehensive sex education program.
- 6) Yes, absolutely. I have seen firsthand many friends be denied the right to marry and am so grateful that IL has started moving in the right direction.
- 7) Yes, I believe that acts of violence based on sexual orientation or gender identity should absolutely be classified as 'hate crime' and there is no place in a civilized society.
- 8) Yes. A loving household is a loving household.
- 9) Yes. Absolutely and there needs to be legal recognition of both parents to ensure those kids remain in a loving situation.
- 10) Yes
- 11) I would like to see a proposal with input from positions from experts, but on the surface a dedicated school sounds like a good idea. I have a family member that is transgender and feeling that good about himself only began once he was in a camp and a school that served a large population of LGBT students. On the other hand, I look forward to the day, that 'LGBT Chicago residents' are just 'Chicago residents' and we no longer fear discrimination and in that context a dedicated school would not be necessary. But we are not there today, nor the near foreseeable future.
- 12) Yes and there should be funding to assist with the program. In the climate of tight CPS budgets, the wrap around programs tend to be eliminated.
- 13) On the surface I am supportive, but again would want to have experts advise on the age appropriateness.
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- 15) Considering the recent protest following the Ferguson and New York incidents, I support an increased sensitivity training for officers, more hiring of officers or all ethnicities and LGBT selection. The Alderman could work with the CAPS office to facilitate community meetings and dialogue

- 16) As a challenger, I would have voted for the increase of the minimum wage. However, I believe that \$15 per hour is a correct minimum wage, yet with a more nuanced approach as proposed by the Progressive Caucus of City Council. \$15 per hour would be phased, with the larger businesses required to implement much quicker interim steps.
- 17) I will work to increase the number of police officers on the street and ensure they have the resources to help keep our communities safe. The current City policy of working existing officers overtime, instead of hiring officer, at \$100 million per year, puts the officers and the safety of the community at risk. In addition, there are programs that we can streamline to ensure officers are relinquished of clerical duties; for example, allow residents, not just sworn officers to be able to view police cameras. Include the installation of security cameras as part of qualifying reimbursable efforts to incent more 'eyes' on the street.
- 18) After talking with many people in the neighborhoods, the biggest issue facing our ward is poor delivery of City services; including rats, potholes, tree trimming, garbage issues, etc. In addition, safety, education, and how the ward is changing are equally important issues. As 1st Ward Alderman, I pledge to be a full time alderman, and be 100% responsive to the needs of the community.
- 19) We need a comprehensive review of our homeless situation. We have too few shelters and not enough intervention teams. We need to provide tools to help adults and teens alike, so they can get successfully on their feet. This need is even greater for young people, especially LGBT, who have not yet formed mature coping skills. I would advocate for youth shelters and segregated wings of shelters with LGBT management. In addition, we need to make counseling available.
- 20) Yes
- 21) No. However, as Alderman, I will have each member of my staff attend classes for training on LGBT sensitivity issues and am completely open to hiring all qualified persons.
- 22) I live my life, and am instilling in my daughters, that we respect all people. We have family friends that are same sex couples, some of my marketing clients are lesbians, and I have a transgender relative. My daughters are being reared in a healthy environment of respect. We talk about how at one point, people of different colored skin could not marry and that no one thinks twice now and that is where we will get with the families with two dads or two moms.
- 23) Harassment and lack of acceptance is absolutely the biggest issue in Chicago. This would include bullying, especially among younger LGBT. This is why it is utmost importance to require any publicly funded entity to be required to conduct business in a tolerant way, including LGBT sensitivity training, policies, and education. As Alderman I will respectfully serve all of the ward's constituents and build a responsive tolerant office.