

WINDY CITY TIMES CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Aldermanic races

Return responses by fax (773-871-7609), regular mail (Windy City Times, c/o Andrew Davis, 5315 N. Clark, #192, Chicago, Ill., 60640) or e-mail (Andrew@windycitymediagroup.com). Call 773-871-7610, ext. 201, if questions arise.

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: MARVIN MCNEIL INCUMBENT? YES NO
OFFICE SOUGHT ALDERMAN WARD (if appropriate): 21

1) Do you have or would you install a written policy in your office regarding sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination? YES I WOULD

2) Have you started or would you start sensitivity training for your staff members regarding LGBT-related issues? ONCE ELECTED I WOULD INSTITUTE THE POLICY.

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 CURRENTLY VOLUNTEER WITH LE PENSEUR, INC. WHICH HAS A HIV/AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAM.

4) What is your position on abortion as it pertains to the law?
I RESPECT A WOMANS RIGHT TO CHOOSE. I ALSO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLINICS FOR PREGNANCY.

5) What is your position regarding funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and education?
HIV/AIDS SHOULD BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL ALONG WITH A COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION PROGRAM.

6) Do you favor marriage equality (marriage between two people of the same gender)? YES

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 LGBTs should become foster parents if they are qualified? YES
9) Do you believe LGBTs have the right to adopt children if they are qualified? YES
ALL CHILDREN DESERVE TO BE CARED FOR BY THOSE WHO CARE.

10) Would you keep committees such as the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on LGBT Issues? YES

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?

MANY OF THESE STUDENTS SUFFER BECAUSE OF HARRASSMENT & BULLYING. SURE I DO.

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

13) Would you advocate for mandatory LGBT-inclusive history education in Chicago public schools starting in middle school? YES

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

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?

MORE INTERACTION WITH THE CITIZENS, MORE WALKING & RIDING BIKES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY.

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 BELIEVE AN IDEAL MINIMUM WAGE IS \$15.00/HR.

17) How do you propose to handle the crime rate in Chicago, especially in minority neighborhoods?

MORE POLICE OFFICERS INTERACTING WITH THE RESIDENTS TO ESTABLISH A MANNER OF TRUST,

18) What do you feel is the biggest problem facing your ward? How do you propose to tackle that problem?

CITY SERVICES. I INTEND TO HOLD A WARD CONVENTION TO CATALOG AND PRIORITIZE WARD NEEDS & SERVICES.

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?

WORK WITH HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS. PROVIDE ACCESS TO CDBGs.

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?

YES

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.

I HAVE AN UNCLE AND SEVERAL GAY FRIENDS. I DON'T TREAT THEM (NOR THEY ME) DIFFERENTLY.

23) What do you feel is the biggest problem facing the LGBT community today?

ACCEPTANCE FROM THE BIGOTS. ARCHIE BUNKER IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL,