

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: Regina D. Lewis INCUMBENT? YES/NO NO  
OFFICE SOUGHT: Alderman WARD (if appropriate): 24th

- 1) Do you have or would you install a written policy in your office regarding sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination? Yes, to educate employees and safeguard my office as well as my employees.
- 2) Have you started or would you start sensitivity training for your staff members regarding LGBT-related issues? Every organization should have training on regarding LGBT related issues
- 3) Have you taken or would you take any steps to further HIV/AIDS treatment and education programs? If so, what are those measures? HIV/AIDS has been around a long time; everyone should already be educated.
- 4) What is your position on abortion as it pertains to the law? As it stands now an individual has the right to abort and it should remain that way.
- 5) What is your position regarding funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and education? I believe that we should continue with the current funding and consider increases in funding.
- 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
- 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?

I feel as though all schools should be one on accord. Not separated

12) Would you advocate for mandatory anti-bullying policies/training in Chicago public schools? Yes; most definitely - This is much needed with the internet being what it is.

13) Would you advocate for mandatory LGBT-inclusive history education in Chicago public schools starting in middle school? Yes, history is not complete until the complete story is told. This include LGBT history, as it relate to our city, state & country.

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?

~~He~~ I would like to see Workshops, Seminars and forums that include both LGBT and Police as well as community members ~~that~~ that are Heterosexual!

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?

Yes \$15/hour // yes, I would vote for an increase but more so, a "cost of living" increase.

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

More involvement with community organizations and churches. And the community as a whole along taking a closer look at how shift officers and patrolmen.

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

Abandoned buildings. Rebuild  
We also have <sup>a problem with</sup> ~~of~~ drugs, drug dealing, substance abuse and lack of jobs.

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?

A much bigger & better Community Center should be built, and it should be in Boys Town.

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, I will.

21) Are any members of your current staff—either campaign or general office personnel—openly LGBT?

Yes; we have the Campaign Manager my assistant and <sup>one of my case managers</sup>

22) Please list any and all experience you have on LGBT-related issues.

People not understanding why LGBT what to be gay and change their sex. Parents needs to be educated on LGBT issues so far as educating them on why the child is like the way they are.

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

People in the community where they live not accepting them