

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: Ariel Reboyras INCUMBENT? YES/NO Yes
OFFICE SOUGHT: Alderman WARD (if appropriate): 30

1) Do you have or would you install a written policy in your office regarding sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination? Yes, I am willing to have a Policy.

2) Have you started or would you start sensitivity training for your staff members regarding LGBT-related issues? We would start a training.

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 support funding for all Education Programs.

4) What is your position on abortion as it pertains to the law?
I stand with my religious beliefs not to support abortion.

5) What is your position regarding funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and education?
I believe we need funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and Education. Personally I raise funds Annually in the Ride for AIDS

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 support any school that advocates for students and improves learning.

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? Depending on the curriculum

14) Would you advocate for mandatory comprehensive, LGBT-inclusive and age-appropriate sex education in Chicago public schools starting in middle school? This should be left to parents to decide.

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 recommend communities to continue being involved in programs such as CAPS

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, I believe how we have set the minimum wage is ideal.

17) How do you propose to handle the crime rate in Chicago, especially in minority neighborhoods? We need to increase community involvement

while also ensuring we have an adequately staffed police force.

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

We need to increase business development. We have begun to do that by expanding and creating TIF Districts

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? We need to advocate for increased funding

and ensure these youth have support to move forward.

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.

As Chairman of the City Council Committee on Human Relations, I work with and support many LGBT-related issues

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

Equality and discrimination. We ~~are~~ need to ensure that all are treated fairly.