

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: SEAN STARR INCUMBENT? YES/NO N
OFFICE SOUGHT: ALDERMAN WARD (if appropriate): 31

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? NOT YET - BUT I WILL. SEXUAL EDUCATION AND FREE CONDOMS ARE WHAT I WOULD START WITH.

4) What is your position on abortion as it pertains to the law?
I BELIEVE IN A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE. I ALSO BELIEVE THE LAW IS SETTLED ON THIS.

5) What is your position regarding funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and education?
WE NEED MORE FUNDING FOR TREATMENT AND EDUCATION. WE HAVE A HANDLE ON THIS DISEASE BUT IT IS FAR FROM BEING SOLVED.

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 AM IN FAVOR OF IT BUT I AM ALSO CONCERNED WITH WHETHER OR NOT IT PROMOTES IDEAS OF DIFFERENCE AND INEQUALITY.

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 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. BETTER
AVENUES OF COMMUNICATION

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?

NOT THE INCUMBENT — \$15.00

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

BY FOSTERING STRONGER COMMUNITY POLICING
EFFORTS AND PROVIDING JOBS.

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

PUBLIC EDUCATION. I WILL BECOME A PRIMARY
ADVOCATE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

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 AN INCLUSIVE HOMELESS
SHELTER ON THE CITY'S NORTHWEST SIDE.

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?

YES

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

I HAVE COUNTLESS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE
LGBT COMMUNITY. I HAVE LIVED WITH MULTIPLE MEMBERS OF
THE LGBT COMMUNITY.

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

PREJUDICE THAT STEMS FROM A LACK OF
EDUCATION.