

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). Feel free to 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: _____ Joseph J Moseley II _____ INCUMBENT? NO
OFFICE SOUGHT: _____ Alderman _____ WARD (if appropriate): _____ 7th ward _____

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

Yes, I would install a written policy regarding sexual orientation and gender discrimination

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

Yes, I would institute additional sensitivity training for my staff member's regarding the 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?

I would incorporate both subject matters into all training that would come out of this office

4) What is your position on abortion as it pertains to the law?

I support a womans right to choose

5) What is your position regarding funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and education?

Any issue that relates to public policy to has to be addressed. I would support any funding for HIV/AIDS treatment and education. I would seek additional funding for this issue also

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

I support a persons' right to choose who they love _____

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?

No, I support forcing the law enforcement community implementing the laws already in place and not selectively choosing what law they believe to be correct

8) Do you believe that LGBT individuals should become foster parents if they are qualified?

I believe anyone that loves children should have the right to become foster parents regardless of sexual orientation or gender issues

9) Do you believe that LGBT individuals have the right to adopt children if they are qualified?

I believe all people have the right to adopt a child, children don't discriminate why should we to

10) Would you keep committees around such as the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations' Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender 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?

After understanding that the school deals with a myriad of issues surround the LGBT students I could support an institution along the lines of the Harvey Milk School

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

Yes, I would advocate for mandatory anti bullying police and training in the Chicago Public Schools. This could also serve to combat the gang problems currently plaguing the Chicago Public School System

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

I would support any training that allows different segments of society learning about each other

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

Yes, but only with parental consent of the child

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?

We (society) have to understand the world around us is forever evolving and what was a “norm” might have long past. We have to communicate a lot better than the current level we’re functioning at

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 would have voted for the recent increase in the city’s minimum wage. I’d have to do further research on what the ideal minimum wage should be taking into account cost of living indicators and the ideal living wage should be

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

I believe that in order to get a handle on the crime in the city of Chicago, I’ve/we’ve got to think outside the box. I’d speak to the target groups and find out what they believe the problem to be. I’d build a sports facility within my ward that is accessible to all of the residents that includes recreation activities such as pool, chess, and reading rooms. I’d take all the abandon and vacant homes in my ward and form a corporation with as many non-profit organizations, and unions, that want to be a part of true revitalization.

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

Crime, when people are afraid to come out of their homes because of the perceived threat of violence, everything stops, from commerce to interaction between neighbors. We’ll change this by going at the problem straightforward.

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 will take some of the vacant homes and turn them into shelters. Within the shelters I intend to place social services thereby eliminating needless travel. I also intend on having an educational section within my office that will identify any and all resources need to place the students into a college or vocational training program

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’d support this proposal

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 don't support, encourage or engage in "bashing" anyone that chooses LGBT life style. I've got friends that are LGBT and I'm proud to call them my friends

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

The biggest problem facing the LGBT community is ignorance