

## Reclaim Illinois Candidate Questionnaire

Reclaim Illinois is a grass roots organization aimed at educating, advising and encouraging citizens to take informed action to reclaim our state from the culture of corruption which poisons our government. Gathering valuable information in order to further inform voters is key as the primary election quickly approaches.

After finding inadequate detail on candidate web sites Reclaim Illinois has designed this questionnaire to bring further clarity to light regarding candidate stances and proposals on foundational subjects. Citizens deserve additional details into how such massive problems as state government corruption are going to be effectively addressed as well as how honor, integrity, justice and a sense of pride will be returned to Illinois through the efforts of possible leaders such as yourself.

Please honor the citizens of this state by filling out this questionnaire briefly and yet completely and e-mailing it to (ReclaimIllinois@yahoo.com) by **COB 1/15/2010**

Candidate Name:

Candidate's Web site:

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Do you believe there is a culture of corruption within Illinois state government i.e. statewide elected office holders, the legislature and state employee ranks? Y/N, please provide details,

A:

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How do you think that those hired during the Blagojevich administration should be dealt with given the expanse of corruption during his administration? Provide details regarding what action you will take.

A:

Q?

Do you think those hired and/or retained in leadership during the Quinn administration should be removed given the lack of change and even the adoption of questionable Blagojevich projects that were allowed to continue? Example: During 2009 IBM TSP contactors were allowed to continue at inappropriately high hourly rates on web related projects within CMS/BCCS despite the fact that the Quinn administration was alerted several months earlier.

A:

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Do you think those hired during the Ryan administration should be considered questionable as well?

A:

Q?

Governor Quinn was in a unique position to make meaningful reforms within the sphere of his own authority as governor in early 2009 which would have improved Illinois state government dramatically but chose to squander the "Golden" opportunity. Over and above dealing with Blagojevich and Quinn hires what are your specific proposals, actionable by your administration within your elected authority, to diminish the culture of corruption?

A:

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What will you do to root out inept and or ineffective management?

A:

Q?

In some cases those involved in questionable activities early in the Blagojevich administration continue on the state payroll to this day having had little or no punishment. What will you do to uncover past inappropriate, questionable or even criminal activities and bring about justice including firings, prosecution and restitution?

A:

Q?

State employees can conceivably play a key role as watchdogs within state government. What will you do to alleviate the fears that state employees have regarding coming forward to expose corruption, bullying and generally questionable treatment and/or activities?

A:

Q?

What will you do to improve state employee morale and instill a sense of pride?

A:

Q?

What will you do about the questionable state employees that have been moved around and squirreled away and or have been able to achieve further protection for themselves by joining unions?

A:

Q?

What will you do to address possible reverse discrimination activities and issues that have taken place in recent years?

A:

Q?

Do you support term limits for statewide offices? Y/N, why?

A:

Q?

Do you support term limits for legislators? Y/N, why?

A:

Q?

Do you support all state FOIA requests and accompanying results being provided online? Y/N why?

A:

Q?

Do you support a constitutional amendment designed to reform the Illinois legislature known as the PutBack Amendment? Y/N, why?

A:

Q?

In November citizens will vote on a constitutional amendment to allow the recall of a governor by citizen initiative. Do you support this amendment? Should all public officials be subject to recall?

A.

Q?

Do you favor or oppose limits on campaign contributions by individuals and interest groups? Should limits apply to contributions made by political parties and by funds controlled by the leaders of the House and Senate? Explain.

A.

Q?

Should legislative redistricting be conducted by an independent, nonpolitical organization or should the power to draw legislative boundaries stay with the legislature? If you support a change, detail your suggestions toward an accomplishable new method.

A.

Q?

Lawmakers recently approved revisions in the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Do you believe those changes are adequate? If not, what other changes should be made?

A:

Q?

Illinois is struggling with a multi-billion dollar budget deficit. What are your top targets for spending cuts? Can the state balance its budget without a tax increase? Y/N, why?

A:

Q?

At what rates would you raise or lower income taxes for individuals and/or corporations?

A:

Q?

Do you support Zero-Based Budgeting Y/N, why? If yes, when and where will you implement it?

A:

Q?

Would you consider raising other taxes and/or fees to raise money? Explain.

A.

Q?

Health care for state employees and retirees costs Illinois billions a year. What do you propose to reduce the state's costs?

A:

Q?

Illinois has an unfunded pension liability. Please briefly identify the root causes and what you propose in order to remedy the situation.

A:

Q?

Should the state expand or reduce eligibility for Medicaid? What are your proposals to make the state's Medicaid system more frugal?

A:

**Thank You!!**