

NATIONAL BLACK AGENDA CONSORTIUM - CHICAGO
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2016 U.S. SENATOR / U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE



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Part I: Instructions and Candidate Details

Instructions: This is a fillable form, please answer all questions in Part I (Instructions and Candidate Details) and Part II (Issue Questionnaire). Part II includes yes/no and essay answer questions. Please mark the appropriate box for each yes/no question. If you wish to add comments to a yes/no question, or if elaboration is requested, you may type directly in the box below the Yes/No section. Please answer all essay questions. Each essay box has scrolling functionality which allows you to answer the questions at the length you deem sufficient. ***We appreciate your participation.***

Candidate Details

DATE:		DISTRICT:		PARTY:	
NAME:					
VOTING ADDRESS:					
HOME PHONE:		BUSINESS PHONE:			
CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:					
CAMPAIGN PHONE:		CAMPAIGN FAX:			
EMAIL:		WEBSITE:			
CAMPAIGN MANAGER:					
NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES FILED:		NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES REQUIRED:			

Candidate Details

- A) Elective or appointive, public or party, offices previously held.

- B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

- C) What is your primary occupation?

- D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.

- E) What experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

- F) Please list all endorsements you have received.

- G) What is your campaign budget and how much have you raised to date?

- H) Please concisely state what goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

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Part II. Issue Questionnaire

GENERAL - Yes/No Questions			
	YES	NO	
1			Legislation has been introduced in Illinois for a process to Recall the Mayor of Chicago. Do you support the passage of that Legislation (HB4356)?
2			Do you support the recently enacted Iran Nuclear Deal, negotiated by the President's State Department?

Additional Explanation for Yes/No Responses:

GENERAL - Essay Questions	
3	What do you see as your primary responsibilities and duties as a U.S. Senate/House member?
4	*For those seeking re-election. What legislation did you sponsor or co-sponsor that addressed the issues of importance to African Americans in Chicago?
5	There has been a lot of attention, for good reason, on physical violence. However, many observers argue that abstract violence (the failure for citizens to obtain the resources necessary for a good quality of life) is just as pervasive and debilitating (i.e. high unemployment rates, poverty, poor education, poor housing, food deserts, et. al.). Do you agree that abstract violence is just as debilitating as physical violence? If so, have you introduced or proposed any legislation that deals with the abstract violence confronted by African Americans in Chicago?

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ECONOMY / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Yes/No Questions			
	YES	NO	
6			The US Dept of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration spends billions on projects such as High Speed Rail. There are no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements for FRA funded projects. Would you be willing to sponsor / support a bill that would create a DBE program for FRA projects?
7			Would you be willing to sponsor / support a bill that targets funding for black economic development in under-served / unserved areas of Illinois?
8			Do you support the revival of the Glass-Steagall Act?

Additional Explanation for Yes/No Responses:

ECONOMY / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Essay Questions	
9	In May 2015 CNBC ranked Chicago as the second best city for small business. What will you do to ensure that African Americans have access to the capital needed for small business development?
10	What is your plan to increase job growth in Illinois and how does your plan enhance the quality of life for minorities?
11	What areas in Illinois do you view as undeveloped and having great potential for development?

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EDUCATION - Yes/No Questions			
	YES	NO	
12			Would you support legislation making public higher education free to all graduating highschool seniors?
13			Do you support making 'improving the public education of children' a major federal mission comparable to the President's challenge to cure cancer or our mission to land a man on the moon?

Additional Explanation for Yes/No Responses:

EDUCATION - Essay Questions	
14	What is your position on charter schools? Please explain the pros and cons of charters versus public schools.
15	What do you do with a school that is failing to meet basic standards? Do you cut funding or increase it? What happens to those who are left in a failing school?
16	Approximately 51 percent of Illinois school children are from low-income households and 86 percent of children that attend Chicago's public schools are low income. What can you do to ensure these students receive a quality education that prepares them for college and/or skill training and development?

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PUBLIC SAFETY and JUSTICE - Yes/No Questions			
	YES	NO	
17			Do you support the Department of Justice expanding its investigation of the Chicago Police Department into a potential Cover Up of the murder of LaQuan McDonald?
18			Do you support legislatively restoring parts of the Voting Rights Act struck down by the Supreme Court?
19			Do you support legislation mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
21			Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
22			Do you support US Rep John Conyers HR40 Bill "Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act"? Note: Numbered in recognition of the unfulfilled promise to freed slaves of "40 acres and a mule".

Additional Explanation for Yes/No Responses:

PUBLIC SAFETY and JUSTICE - Essay Questions	
23	Do you support President Obama's executive order on gun control? If yes, explain how this will reduce the number of illegal guns in Chicago. If no, explain what steps you support to reduce the number of illegal guns in Chicago.
24	Please explain what you believe to be the primary causes of gun violence in Chicago and the steps you propose to deal with the causes of gun violence.
25	What would you do to reduce the size of the Prison Industrial Complex? In other words, reduce the significant numbers of black men and women that are disproportionately sent to prison.

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POVERTY - Yes/No Questions			
	YES	NO	
26			Do you support an increase in the federal minimum wage?

Additional Explanation for Yes/No Responses:

POVERTY - Essay Questions	
27	One in three African Americans in Chicago live in poverty and 18% of Black Chicagoans live in deep poverty (below 50 per cent of the federal poverty line). Explain why African American communities are hit the hardest and what you will do to help eradicate poverty.
28	Poverty is a persistent problem in America and politicians routinely state that their plans will help eradicate poverty. Explain why voters should trust you to make headway in addressing poverty.

HEALTH - Essay Question	
29	What changes should be made to the Affordable Care Act to cover a greater number of individuals? Or would you replace the ACA and why?

All Questions derived from the [2016 National Black Agenda](#)



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