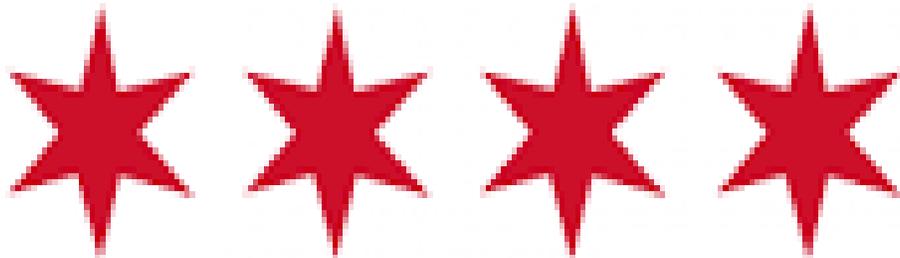


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**2015 Candidate Questionnaire for the
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The questionnaire was created to education constituents from the 10th Ward and surrounding wards on the positions of the candidates running for the 10th Ward Aldermanic and City of Chicago Mayoral Race. The questions asked reflect on the work of the sponsoring organizations, and addresses the needs in our communities.

It is our goal that all registered voters are educated on the candidates running for office.

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Frank Corona
10th Ward Aldermanic Candidate



1. *Whereas 10th Ward residents believe neighborhood stability leads to increased community safety. **What methods would you use to promote healthy mixed income housing without the displacement of low income households?***

To promote mixed income housing without the displacement of low-income households would require a plan to attract the mixed income population to the area by:

1. Cleaning up the neighborhoods by making the existing structures in the neighborhoods look welcoming, and pleasing to the eye, “curbside appeal”.
 2. Schools have to be up to par, updated curriculums and have teachers that are motivated.
 3. Parks should offer recreational areas that are safe and have programs that interest all ages, from toddlers to senior citizens.
 4. Safety is a high priority and well as lowering the crime rate. Stability creates a sense of community.
2. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, women in the 10th Ward are more likely than men to have wages stolen (43% compared to 31%). **What would you do to help women in 10th Ward obtain more access to economic opportunity?***

I would start in the mid teen years of our young ladies to develop confidence and forward thinking. I will work with principals, the LSC and teachers, community leaders and churches to develop programs that will motivate and inspire young women to be the best they can be by offering basic life skills classes, and would encourage the institutions to start a mentorship program. With self-awareness there is self-improvement, and confidence. I would like to have programs that are educational and offer safe social activities, all of which build a sense of empowerment and community. Vocational training must not be forgotten and should be included in the plan to empower women as not all young woman will go on to institutions of higher learning.

3. *With 53.3% of South Chicago adults without any higher education in an economy that needs skilled workers, **what is your plan to create quality local education that promotes higher learning and connects students to economic opportunities?***

Only through education can we become self aware about the role we as individuals, families and organizations contribute to our society. Quality local education begins with quality teachers who are expected to be knowledgeable about the learning process, and the student’s neighborhoods. I would seek funding for continued opportunities are presented to those who demonstrate perseverance as a student. Student loans for higher education must also be mentioned here. The economic opportunity that the FAFSA create (college tuition/ student loans) brings many lessons apart from the initial and exit interview, promissory notes, and transparency.

4. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, 2 of every 5 low-wage workers in the 10th Ward experience wage theft. **What would you do to prevent wage theft in the 10th Ward?***

I would lobby to strengthen labor laws and advocate for strict enforcement of the laws that allow the license of unscrupulous employers to have their licenses revoked. I would create a task force to investigate and shut down the exploitive business owners and publish via local newspapers and social media of the criminal activity. I would track their business record to check if wage theft is habitual and not allow them to do business in our community in the first place.

5. *Lakeside Development is expected to offer 139,000+ jobs over the next 30 years. Meanwhile, South Chicago has 17% unemployment, 30% of people living in poverty, and a high number of formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The Coalition for a Lakeside CBA has drafted a proposed CBA (Community Benefits Agreement - a written agreement with the Developer) to ensure current, local residents benefit from the Development. (Copy available at: www.asechicago.org/cba) **Do you support the Coalition’s proposed CBA that: prioritizes local residents for jobs,***

provides job training and educational supports for local schools, offers affordable housing, supports tax relief for local residents, and provides environmental protections? Please explain.

Yes, I support the CBA position: with the expected 139,000 plus jobs they MUST include local residents, provide job training, and educational support for local schools and offer affordable housing as well; and I also support tax relief for local residents and environmental protection to bring stability to our community and safety for our residents.

6. ***Given that the 4th Police District consistently has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the city, what will you do to see that additional domestic violence services (counseling, affordable housing, violence prevention programs in schools) can be developed for the residents in the 10th Ward?***

The programs /services addressing domestic violence would be expanded at every level of service through additional funding, such as state and federal grants. A direct hot line with professional experienced counselors would be available 24 / 7. I would encourage the victim to talk about it and let them know that help is available. The offender will be punished to the fullest extent of the law and counseling will be mandatory for family members.

7. ***President Obama's recently decided to grant Administrative Relief to allow more undocumented immigrants to obtain exemption from deportation. Will you lobby state legislators to pass the Trust Act (Bill language available at: <http://bit.ly/ILGATrustAct>), the state legislation proposed to keep police focused on public safety and not leak information to Immigration and Customs Enforcement?***

Yes, of course, I would absolutely lobby state legislators to pass the "Trust Act". It is a well written piece of legislation that proposes to keep police focused on public safety and not leak information to ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) City police have no place in enforcing federal laws/mandates. The Chicago Police Department has its hands full dealing with the escalating crime rate in our communities and that's where the focus should remain, keeping our neighborhoods safe.

8. ***Claretian Associates hosts programs, such as Safe Passage and Cease Fire, to deter community violence by facing conditions that contribute to violence. What are your beliefs about Conceal and Carry?***

I support the 2nd Amendment – and also support the State of Illinois/City of Chicago strict gun laws. Any citizen that purchases a gun must pass the tests designed for safe, responsible handling guns, as well as to undergo a thorough background check. I strongly believe that we as citizens of the United States of America have a right to protect our homes and ourselves.

9. ***With over 43% of South Chicago homeowners and 66% of South Chicago families who rent being categorized as "cost burdened" (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing per Chicago Rehab Network's Affordable Housing Factbook), how will you work as alderman to make sure that existing rental housing stock remains in good condition and affordable?***

I would lobby for existing rental property owners to continue to get tax breaks when repairs are made and would create incentive programs (via federal funding) to lower some of the insurance and utility payments that continue to rise. I would also propose that rental property owners screen potential renters to make sure they have enough income to pay the rent. People who are long-term renters provide stability in our communities. Neighbors' knowing their neighbors creates a sense of community and safety.

10. ***Bullying in local schools has become a problem that affects our neighborhoods. How do you plan on dealing with the epidemic of bullying?***

A clear and concise anti-bullying policy that is consistently applied, as well as early intervention is key when bullying occurs. The teachers and counselors should immediately address bullying in schools and/or play areas. An all school assembly discussing the topic of bullying would be a good way to address the problem and will allow the student population to talk about bullying experiences and how they resolved the problem. Create a safe environment of inclusion and support. Parents should, of course, be notified and depending on the severity of the bullying, the local authorities should be notified as well. Engage Parents - Bullying can be prevented by remaining proactive and engaged in the group, family or individual.

John A. Pope (Incumbent)
10th Ward Aldermanic Candidate



1. *Whereas 10th Ward residents believe neighborhood stability leads to increased community safety. **What methods would you use to promote healthy mixed income housing without the displacement of low income households?***

Promoting both affordable and market rate housing allows for diverse and stronger communities. During my time in office I have supported numerous housing programs such as New Homes for Chicago which creates affordable family housing by providing vacant city-owned lots to not-for-profit housing developers. I have also been supportive of various families and senior housing (Casa Kirk, Senior Suites, Pathway, Porta Coeli) which utilize tax credits and other funding sources to allow for our seniors to remain in the communities which they have called home for their entire lives. Using TIF and promoting tax abatement programs in our neighborhoods, as I have done consistently with my colleagues in the County (Board of Review and Assessor), has allowed local property owners to save money by reducing their real estate taxes which can be one of the most significant financial burdens to a property owner. Home repair and technical assistance programs offered by the City of Chicago and other government and private agencies, also allow for stability and growth of our local housing, both mixed and affordable. Of course, job creation is essential to the stability and growth of our local housing.

2. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, women in the 10th Ward are more likely than men to have wages stolen (43% compared to 31%). **What would you do to help women in 10th Ward obtain more access to economic opportunity?***

I have and will continue to promote local hiring opportunities for women who often times are overlooked, and unfortunately, not provided equal pay compared to their male counterparts. My office has conducted/hosted countless job fairs, apprenticeship programs, and maintains an employment binder in the office which provides for employment opportunities and job readiness programs. My office regularly assists residents with overcoming barriers to employment including the lack of a driver's license, drug/alcohol abuse problems, and resume writing. I am also a strong advocate for maximizing hiring potential by participating in local programs like ESL and GED. My office has a strong relationship with all three local chambers, and the local development commission, as well as our local community college – Olive Harvey. We have conducted employment outreaches including those for Ford Motor Company which now is working three shifts and employs nearly 4, 000 people, many local residents including women.

3. *With 53.3% of South Chicago adults without any higher education in an economy that needs skilled workers, **what is your plan to create quality local education that promotes higher learning and connects students to economic opportunities?***

We continue to improve educational opportunities in the ward year after year. I am proud that we will be starting construction this spring on a new elementary school to alleviate overcrowded classrooms at Gallistel and Jane Addams Elementary Schools. This will be the third new neighborhood public school to open in the 10th Ward during my tenure as Alderman. But it doesn't end with building new schools. Our students need adequate resources including buildings, books, computers, and quality educators.

Implementing cutting edge programs like STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) and International Baccalaureate (IB) help prepare our student for a very competitive job market that lies before them. I have seen the success of the George Washington High School IB program and the impact of after school programs like those at George Washington Elementary School to help our students both in and out of the classroom. Our City's summer youth employment programs teaches our kids the responsibility of holding down a job, provides valuable employment experience, exposes them to other parts of the city and different cultures. The development of the Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics (TDL) program at Olive Harvey College provides a curriculum for students to develop skills that can serve them well in the workforce.

Finally, promoting secondary education opportunities and assisting parents and students for education after high school is paramount. This is especially important when many lack the financial resources to do so. Washington High School's efforts to aid students pursue a college education (and help...

4. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, 2 of every 5 low-wage workers in the 10th Ward experience wage theft. **What would you do to prevent wage theft in the 10th Ward?***

I have already taken action by proudly signing legislation in early 2013 which made Chicago's Wage Theft laws some of the toughest in the country. Among other things, this ordinance allows the City to revoke the business licenses of those involved with such illegal activity. Wage theft is often times overlooked as bosses prey upon their employees through acts of intimidation resulting in employees not speaking up about these injustices. Wage theft is a serious offense which has dramatic and lasting impacts on families and the economy. I encourage all who are subjected to such illegal activity to contact my office or law enforcement, anonymously if they choose, to right this wrong.

5. *Lakeside Development is expected to offer 139,000+ jobs over the next 30 years. Meanwhile, South Chicago has 17% unemployment, 30% of people living in poverty, and a high number of formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The Coalition for a Lakeside CBA has drafted a proposed CBA (Community Benefits Agreement - a written agreement with the Developer) to ensure current, local residents benefit from the Development. (Copy available at: www.asechicago.org/cba) **Do you support the Coalition's proposed CBA that: prioritizes local residents for jobs, provides job training and educational supports for local schools, offers affordable housing, supports tax relief for local residents, and provides environmental protections? Please explain.***

I support a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) which is paramount, especially with a large development like Lakeside. Such an agreement ensures local residents and businesses are provided opportunities to participate in the redevelopment of our neighborhood. I have demonstrated such support with other groups like Wal-Mart who tried to enter the Chicago market without making concessions/agreements to be a good community partner. Our protest of Wal-Mart eventually led to a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) which establishes conditions for construction including hiring and wages. Not only do I support a Lakeside CBA but an Advisory Board, to include members of the local community, to allow for the ongoing input and guidance that is needed to ensure the development will move forward with the best interest of the community.

6. *Given that the 4th Police District consistently has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the city, **what will you do to see that additional domestic violence services (counseling, affordable housing, violence prevention programs in schools) can be developed for the residents in the 10th Ward?***

I have been a strong and proud supporter of Family Rescue, the ward's premier domestic violence housing and service provider. I have been a regular participant in their Domestic Violence March in the South Chicago community which helps raise awareness of domestic violence in our society. The 4th Police District and their Advisory Council's recognize the significance of this issue and makes it a key component of their crime prevention activities.

I will continue to lobby federal, state, and city entities for funding so these vital services can be provided for those in need.

7. *President Obama's recently decided to grant Administrative Relief to allow more undocumented immigrants to obtain exemption from deportation. **Will you lobby state legislators to pass the Trust Act (Bill language available at: <http://bit.ly/ILGATrustAct>), the state legislation proposed to keep police focused on public safety and not leak information to Immigration and Customs Enforcement?***

Yes, absolutely. I have supported state legislation in the past such as the 2013 action that allows undocumented immigrants in Illinois to receive a driver's license. I have also been vocally opposed to racial profiling techniques instituted by some police departments. This was reinforced in a Chicago Police Department General Order prohibiting members of the force implementing such techniques.

I also recall discussing this at several CAPS meetings to inform the public and remind the men and women in blue. We have a great many issues in the state. Law enforcement must focus on crime without utilizing such repulsive techniques.

8. *Claretian Associates hosts programs, such as Safe Passage and Cease Fire, to deter community violence by facing conditions that contribute to violence. **What are your beliefs about Conceal and Carry?***

Conceal and Carry recently became law in Illinois after much debate. I and a large number of aldermen in the City Council opposed such legislation. When Conceal and Carry did become law, however, we took action at the city-level to ensure that as many restrictions and safeguards were in place to protect the citizenry.

9. *With over 43% of South Chicago homeowners and 66% of South Chicago families who rent being categorized as “cost burdened” (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing per Chicago Rehab Network’s Affordable Housing Factbook), **how will you work as alderman to make sure that existing rental housing stock remains in good condition and affordable?***

As a former employee of the City Building Department, I recognize the housing challenges in our City and across the country. Building new quality housing is an effective way of ensuring good and affordable housing. Of course, maintaining a strong working relationship with local housing groups like Claretian Associates, Spanish Coalition for Housing and the City’s Planning Department (Housing division) is of great importance. Proper management and enforcement is critical.

10. *Bullying in local schools has become a problem that affects our neighborhoods. **How do you plan on dealing with the epidemic of bullying?***

Bullying has become an epidemic and has evolved over the years to include not just physical but emotional and psychological abuse. It has been exacerbated through technology and social media (cell phones, emails, Facebook, Twitter) which allows for immediate and universal communication. I support the antibullying initiatives that exist in the 10th Ward including those provided by the Hegewisch Community Committee (HCC) and CPS. I have spoken with program managers and participants and have seen firsthand the serious impacts of bullying. I will continue to support this and other programs. Keeping kids active is a key component and I am proud to have supported the 2015 summer youth programs that will employ some 23,000 Chicago youth. I am also an advocate of utilizing our various outstanding libraries, our parks, our soccer programs, as well as the scout programs. These programs, as well as the YMCA and art programs (under the Bridge and the South Chicago Art Center), which I strongly support, provide positive activities for our youth. Often times the bullies are reaching out, albeit in a negative manner, because of personal issues including family, friend, and school. Parents need to be made aware of this and provided assistance to address these problems.

Juan Huizar
10th Ward Aldermanic Candidate



1. *Whereas 10th Ward residents believe neighborhood stability leads to increased community safety. **What methods would you use to promote healthy mixed income housing without the displacement of low income households?***

Safe, decent, affordable housing is the bedrock of a strong community. And as we have learned from failed attempts at public housing in the past, true safe and decent housing can only come from planning sustainable mixed income neighborhoods and communities. With the four billion dollar Lakeside Development set to occur in our Ward, we must take aggressive affirmative steps to ensure that the families or our communities are not displaced. One method of ensuring this is by demanding that the developers coming into our community agree to and sign a Community Benefits Agreement which will provide that one-third of housing remain accessible to low income families, one-third remain accessible to middle income families, and one-third remain at market rate. When our community residents speak in one voice, they wield substantial power to negotiate with these corporations, and as Alderman I, along with clergy and community leaders, will be at the frontline of these negotiations.

Additionally, another method to ensure that our families are not displaced is by pushing for the proper use of TIF funds. Instead of using TIF funds to build arenas for private institutions, we should use them for their intended purpose of revitalizing blighted areas. I insist that TIF funds be used to recruit developers that will invest in our communities and build sustainable mixed income housing. Along with other tax incentives, we can ensure that any business or developer that wants a “piece of our pie,” must play by our rules.

2. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, women in the 10th Ward are more likely than men to have wages stolen (43% compared to 31%). **What would you do to help women in 10th Ward obtain more access to economic opportunity?***

First and foremost, no hardworking employee should have to fear having his or her wages stolen, whether woman or man. It is important that residents are aware of their rights under the law. It is our duty to educate one another through workforce development resources, in collaboration with our local community organizations to ensure an honest and equal playing field.

My plan is to bring a workforce center to the 10th Ward, a ward whose neighborhoods are deprived of this city service, and the men and women can benefit from immensely. But to specifically help woman obtain more access to economic opportunity, I will champion so that employers include benefits including paid maternity, equal options for flexible work [for men and women], increase the share of women in decision-making positions, ensure employment protection and rights for pregnant women, ensure laws and regulations cover employment in the informal [legal] sector, increase the balance of parental leave taken by women and men, and ensure subsidized, quality and accessible childcare.

3. *With 53.3% of South Chicago adults without any higher education in an economy that needs skilled workers, **what is your plan to create quality local education that promotes higher learning and connects students to economic opportunities?***

My plan is to bring a workforce center to South Chicago, a neighborhood deprived of a city service it can benefit from. The Chicago Department of Family & Support Services (DFSS) provides resources for workforce development initiatives to meet the needs of disadvantaged neighborhoods such as South Chicago. DFSS invests in workforce programs for individuals of low income and/or limited work skills. They focus on individuals with criminal backgrounds, homeless [or at-risk of homeless], and those with limited English proficiency. South Chicago embodies all three target groups and would benefit immensely from a workforce center. Chicago has five workforce centers. The closest to South Chicago, on 43rd & Cottage Grove, is 10 miles away. Meanwhile there are 3 workforce centers clustered in an 8 mile strip from Garfield to Pilsen to Mid-South. South Chicago demands a workforce center.

Another part of my plan is to bring a sister campus from a credited university. A sister campus would not only provide a source of higher education but would serve as an anchor to South Chicago, much like University of Chicago in Hyde Park. University of Illinois and Purdue have sister campuses in the Chicagoland area. Imagine a sister campus coming to South Chicago.

Workforce Centers and proximity to South Chicago

- Mid-South - 4314 S. Cottage Grove Ave (10 mi)
- Southwest 75th & Pulaski (11 mi)
- Garfield - 10 S. Kedzie (15 mi)
- Pilsen - 1700 W 18th (13 mi)
- Northside - 4740 N Sheridan (21 mi)

4. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, 2 of every 5 low-wage workers in the 10th Ward experience wage theft. **What would you do to prevent wage theft in the 10th Ward?***

Education and communication is the answer. Educating our 10th Ward residents on their rights as employees, whether they live/work in the community or not, is vital to the economic stability. If I am made aware of their rights being violated then I will help ensure their rights may be exercised. These subject employees are already making low wages and employers are still daring to steal their wages? Unacceptable. The fact that there are still employers who are knowingly stealing from their workers tells us that legislators still have more work to do. Not only to ensure that laws are being upheld but also to make sure bad employers are penalized for committing wage theft. Wage theft does not benefit the employees or the employers who follow the laws. In fact, law abiding employers are placed at a disadvantage having to play on an uneven playing field, competing with employers who are not following the rules.

5. *Lakeside Development is expected to offer 139,000+ jobs over the next 30 years. Meanwhile, South Chicago has 17% unemployment, 30% of people living in poverty, and a high number of formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The Coalition for a Lakeside CBA has drafted a proposed CBA (Community Benefits Agreement - a written agreement with the Developer) to ensure current, local residents benefit from the Development. (Copy available at: www.asechicago.org/cba) **Do you support the Coalition's proposed CBA that: prioritizes local residents for jobs, provides job training and educational supports for local schools, offers affordable housing, supports tax relief for local residents, and provides environmental protections? Please explain.***

Yes, I support the proposal by the Coalition for a Lakeside CBA. The proposed terms outlined in the Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) are fair requests by Alliance for the Southeast and its collaborating organizations, who want nothing more than to ensure the success of the Lakeside Development but not at the expense of displacing low-income families. When Europeans first settled in this country, Native Americans were being displaced from their land by force with total disregard of their wishes. Although they fought back for what rightfully belonged to them, they were losing efforts. Today, through gentrification, it is still happening. But rather than to fight back with bullets and bow & arrows, the current residents present a CBA so they may coexist with the new settlers.

Thanksgiving is one of this country's most recognized national holidays. It celebrates the harmonious breaking of bread between Pilgrims (settlers) and Natives every 4th Thursday in November. That is what the CBA wishes to accomplish, a co-existing relationship for years to come between current residents and those wishing to become part of the Lakeside Development.

In conclusion, the current families are not opposed to the Lakeside Development project. They are willing to work with McCaffery to help build the Lakeside Development project. They are not asking to receive something for nothing, a total hand-out. They simply wish to coexist and a CBA in place will help to ensure this request.

6. *Given that the 4th Police District consistently has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the city, **what will you do to see that additional domestic violence services (counseling, affordable housing, violence prevention programs in schools) can be developed for the residents in the 10th Ward?***

So many pre-teens and teens turn to gangs because in their eyes they are gaining a "family" and "protection." They really don't have many options and families are not aware of resources. One idea would be to compile a list of

resources and have group meetings for parents to meet with faculty and discuss these resources. One good resource can be the program Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (<http://www.bbbschgo.org>) who service children who are in need of a role model and inspiration. After school programs are also very important to engage young minds in non-criminal activities.

7. *President Obama's recently decided to grant Administrative Relief to allow more undocumented immigrants to obtain exemption from deportation. Will you lobby state legislators to pass the Trust Act (Bill language available at: <http://bit.ly/ILGATrustAct>), the state legislation proposed to keep police focused on public safety and not leak information to Immigration and Customs Enforcement?*

Absolutely, the safety of our community depends on many things including our residents feeling safe engaging with law enforcement without the fear of being detained or deported because of their immigration status. The Chicago Police Department, along with state and local police, has a huge responsibility and enforcing immigration law is an issue on the federal level. We cannot ask for an already stretched department to alienate members of our community. Profiling in any shape of form is unacceptable.

8. *Claretian Associates hosts programs, such as Safe Passage and Cease Fire, to deter community violence by facing conditions that contribute to violence. What are your beliefs about Conceal and Carry?*

Good law abiding citizens should have the right to bear arms so they may defend themselves from armed criminals. However, citizens need to be well educated on the laws surrounding Conceal and Carry. There are many places where Conceal and Carry does not apply such as schools, public parks, government offices and hospitals. Most importantly, it does not apply in sensitive areas where children and families gather. The law also prohibits guns at events where there is a large gathering of people, like neighborhood street festivals. Yet they can pass through as long as they are doing just that...passing through. Same with parks, you can walk on path/trail that runs through the park but you cannot stay in the park. It seems as if you are within the law one moment then breaking the law five walking steps later. I fear that people will either not take the time to educate themselves or simply not make the effort to follow the law to its full capacity. And last, the application process was flawed and could lead to guns ending up in the hands of the mentally ill and people arrested for domestic violence or gang crimes.

9. *With over 43% of South Chicago homeowners and 66% of South Chicago families who rent being categorized as "cost burdened" (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing per Chicago Rehab Network's Affordable Housing Factbook), how will you work as alderman to make sure that existing rental housing stock remains in good condition and affordable?*

Recently the South Chicago TIF district held a seminar at Villa Guadalupe Senior Citizen Center to educate the community on how to apply TIF dollars toward improvements to their homes on the exterior and interior. Communicating to the residents and educating them on such services will help ensure housing stock remains in good condition. Services offering subsidizing for seniors also need to be made aware to them to ensure affordability.

10. *Bullying in local schools has become a problem that affects our neighborhoods. How do you plan on dealing with the epidemic of bullying?*

Bullying affects not only our schools; but the community as a whole as well. Students are a part of the 10th Ward and therefore we all have a responsibility to ensure that schools are safe and conducive to education and skill building, and that not child has to fear their fellow classmates. Programs of restorative justice allow for students to learn from their peers how this behavior affects them and holds youth accountable for their actions in a way that restores their self respect and dignity and does not focus on criminalizing someone for unproductively acting out their emotions.

Bullying can stem from different reasons, but many times it is because they are seeing it in the home and they do not know of a healthy way to respond to it. It is important to implement courses in the schools led by certified instructors on bullying. Many times, schools take time to focus on this matter; however, it's usually for a day or a week. Bullying is constantly occurring so why not increase bullying awareness all year long (1x/week, 1x/month). Additionally, having a celebrity they look up to (e.g., Bulls basketball player) would be beneficial and inspiring to let kids know that "bullying" is never cool.

Olga Bautista
10th Ward Aldermanic Candidate



1. *Whereas 10th Ward residents believe neighborhood stability leads to increased community safety. **What methods would you use to promote healthy mixed income housing without the displacement of low income households?***

The priority should be to preserve, rehabilitate and maintain *existing* housing for low income households already in south Chicago. The stated goal of “mixed-income housing” has historically meant the bulldozing of working class communities to make way for more expensive, “luxury” housing. The developers set aside a tiny fraction of what they call “affordable, reduced-rent” units in an otherwise high-rent complex and call it “mixed income housing.”

Lakeside Development is a good example: Despite receiving –so far- \$108 million dollars in TIF funds (i.e., a set aside portion of our property tax dollars), developers McCaffrey Interests, Inc. and U.S. Steel Real Estate have refused to even come to the table to discuss a Community Benefits Agreement.

I would use all the legal and persuasive powers of the office of Alderman to place a moratorium on foreclosures and force the banks and mortgage companies to bring displaced residents back to their homes. We bailed out these institutions, many of which have skirted the law in throwing the residents of some 400 foreclosed South Chicago homes into the streets. Now, through a case by case re-examination of these circumstances, the providing of low and no-interest loans and the re-allocation of TIF dollars to these communities, I would put unemployed tradesmen—of which we have thousands in South Chicago—to work rehabilitating these homes and see to it that South Chicago is repopulated by those who built this community.

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In addition, there are growing numbers of undocumented immigrant females who are disproportionately impacted by the lack of employment opportunities and family obligations. I have years of experience training and assisting immigrants and would use this experience to specifically address the plight of women who have been forced by circumstances to come to South Chicago, as have previous generations of workers of all nationalities and ethnicities.

Also, there are thousands of men in the Ward who suffer debilitating chronic health conditions as a result of decades of exposure to occupational hazards in the steel and related industries. Care for these men imposes a significant burden on their wives and daughters. Many women have been widowed as the result of the premature death of their husbands and are left facing economic difficulties, loneliness and isolation. I would create employment and services specifically targeting the caretakers and widows, not only paying and assisting them with in-home attendant care, but with opportunities to mentor young people and otherwise tap into the experience and untapped resources they represent.

Funding to finance women-focused job training and socially useful employment would come abolishing the TIF program and recouping the \$108 million the City has provided to Lakeside Development.

3. *With 53.3% of South Chicago adults without any higher education in an economy that needs skilled workers, **what is your plan to create quality local education that promotes higher learning and connects students to economic opportunities?***

Quality local education will continue to suffer unless we end Tax Increment Financing (TIF). TIF is a failed policy in which property taxes are raised supposedly to fund improved services like schools and public safety but are then actually spent on massive development projects that loot and exploit poor communities. In the last 25 years we have paid \$5.5 billion into TIF. Already, the City of Chicago has set aside \$108 million in TIF funds to bankroll Daniel

McCaffrey and the luxury Lakeside Development that will take 35-40 *years* to complete! As alderman I would reverse that decision and redirect that money into grants for South Chicagoans to obtain higher education, training and hiring more teachers and ending the overcrowding and understaffing of our schools.

I am the only 10th Ward candidate who has advocated abolishing TIF so that our taxes can go to directly to education, health care, jobs and job training.

We have hundreds, if not thousands of unemployed and underemployed workers who once were employed at U.S. Steel as skilled tradespersons. They should be hired to teach our youth welding, pipefitting, carpentry, electrical work and other trades. Combined with new electronic and computer education, these re-employed, experienced workers and a new generation of skilled tradespersons would become the skilled labor force we need to fix and build homes, youth recreation projects and assist local small businesses who are loyal to the community.

4. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, 2 of every 5 low-wage workers in the 10th Ward experience wage theft. **What would you do to prevent wage theft in the 10th Ward?***

The Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act (IWPCA) came into effect in January 1, 2011. This new law –which was won by the concerted efforts of many, including the sponsors of this discussion –stiffened penalties for wage theft. But four years later, wage theft continues. Last year, the Illinois Department of Labor filed 5,000 complaints and collected \$7 million in wages stolen through unpaid overtime, misclassification, working off the clock and other violations. What is needed, however, is for the Attorney General and the States' Attorney's Office to enforce *criminal* sanctions so that employers who violate the wage and hour laws are *put in jail*. It is simply wrong that a poor person caught shoplifting faces hard time while those who steal the labor of the workers won't spend a day behind bars.

I would develop a task force of immigrants' rights activists, workers centers, union members, local attorneys and the responsible, law-abiding employers in South Chicago to pinpoint and gather evidence against violators of Wage and Hour laws. I would establish a hotline to take anonymous complaints against law-breaking, low-wage paying employers. I would press States Attorney Anita Alvarez and Attorney General Lisa Madigan to establish new prosecutorial units to focus exclusively on these criminal employers.

5. *Lakeside Development is expected to offer 139,000+ jobs over the next 30 years. Meanwhile, South Chicago has 17% unemployment, 30% of people living in poverty, and a high number of formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The Coalition for a Lakeside CBA has drafted a proposed CBA (Community Benefits Agreement - a written agreement with the Developer) to ensure current, local residents benefit from the Development. (Copy available at: www.asechicago.org/cba) **Do you support the Coalition's proposed CBA that: prioritizes local residents for jobs, provides job training and educational supports for local schools, offers affordable housing, supports tax relief for local residents, and provides environmental protections? Please explain.***

First, I am opposed to even one nickel of public funds, whether TIF or otherwise, going to underwrite this luxury development. The \$108 million in TIF funds already allocated to the Lakeside should be recouped and used to address the multitude of economic hardship and substandard housing issues in the Ward, especially in the Bush and hard-pressed neighborhoods in the immediate vicinity of the former U.S. Steel South Works.

Having said that, I nevertheless support the Coalition for a Lakeside CBA and its efforts to secure a CBA. I have read and generally support the proposed agreement drafted by the Coalition for a Lakeside CBA. I would make sure the CBA has firm timetables with penalties and sanctions for non-compliance. There would need to be a strict enforcement mechanism and I would require as a precondition to an agreement, that U.S. Steel Real Estate and McCaffrey Interests, Inc. divested themselves of any and all vacant lots they own or control in the Bush and the neighborhoods in the immediate vicinity of the former South Works. These properties must be turned over to a community trust which the Developers will provide with sufficient funds to build new, low-cost housing. In other words, the Developers must make a demonstration of their intent to preserve these neighborhoods and not run the residents out by committing land and resources right now to preserving and improving our neighborhoods.

Of course, the main issue now is the Developer's continuing refusal to even come to the table...

6. *Given that the 4th Police District consistently has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the city, **what will you do to see that additional domestic violence services (counseling, affordable housing, violence prevention programs in schools) can be developed for the residents in the 10th Ward?***

Domestic violence and the sexual exploitation of women in the 10th Ward has worsened with the deepening poverty, joblessness, frustration and endemic drug and alcohol abuse. As discussed above, uprooting the economic causes of this vicious cycle is the path to resolution of the particularized oppression of women. More immediately, I would work with protective agencies and law enforcement to develop a task force aimed at insuring the physical safety of women in dangerous circumstances, including those in the sex trade. I would create alternatives to the degradation of these women such as women-centered safe spaces, job training, access to higher education, self-protection training and comprehensive community education and rehabilitation for abusers and abused alike.

Of course, none of this possible without funding. That is why I favor the abolition of Tax Increment Financing and a favor a return to the community of the billions in property tax dollars now going to underwrite expensive developments that only exclude our people and bleed resources out of the Ward.

7. *President Obama's recently decided to grant Administrative Relief to allow more undocumented immigrants to obtain exemption from deportation. **Will you lobby state legislators to pass the Trust Act (Bill language available at: <http://bit.ly/ILGATrustAct>), the state legislation proposed to keep police focused on public safety and not leak information to Immigration and Customs Enforcement?***

As the members of the sponsors of this Candidate Questionnaire know, I have been on the forefront of the immigrant rights struggle for years. I come from a family of poor Mexican workers forced to come to the United States to survive and this is a commitment that I will always retain. As a leader of the South East Chicago Committee for Immigrant Rights (SECCIR) I organized support at Cygnus where I was an accountant and where workers went on strike for their rights. Two years later I was passing out leaflets in the parking lot to build support for the March 10, 2006, mass immigrant rights march that sparked a wave of similar mobilizations across the U.S.

As recently as two weeks ago I was one of the organizers of a training—one of dozens I have given—to inform immigrants of their rights under President Obama's new executive orders. Thus, there is no question that as Alderman I would organize the entire community—not immigrants alone—to support the Trust Act and prevent police from serving as informers for the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement division of the Dept. of Homeland Security. True "security" comes from communities united around our common concerns—housing, education, safety. The immigrant is there on the lowest rung of the ladder—but when the lowest rung is raised, the entire ladder goes up. The immigrant's fight, therefore, is in the interests of all working people in the 10th Ward and I will devote the...

8. *Claretian Associates hosts programs, such as Safe Passage and Cease Fire, to deter community violence by facing conditions that contribute to violence. **What are your beliefs about Conceal and Carry?***

The debate over conceal and carry, gun control and the proliferation of handguns and handgun violence generally misses the main point and fails to target the real culprits. The issue is not whether or not concealed carry is good or bad policy, but is about the gun industry and its massive, disproportionate influence on public policy and the underlying causes of violence.

It is well documented that the firearms industry manufactures guns that it knows full well will go directly into illicit markets. The industry does little or nothing to track the course of its products into the stream of commerce and extra-legal routes into our poorest communities. I would like to see legislation that requires guns to be engineered and manufactured such that they cannot be fired by anyone other than their legal, licensed owners, technology which manufacturers are reluctant to for fear of reduced sales and profits. Most studies show that concealed carry has brought more death and less protection. In Illinois, it was predicted that 300,000 people would apply for permits; to date, less than 23,000 have done so. Across the country, 259 people have been shot either purposefully or accidentally in incidents related to concealed carry--few involved instances of citizens protecting themselves.

Crime must be—and can be—eliminated at the roots, which, overwhelmingly reflect endemic poverty, lack of jobs and opportunity in Chicago’s most economically distressed wards, including the 10th. I am the only candidate that is NOT calling for hundreds of more police...

9. *With over 43% of South Chicago homeowners and 66% of South Chicago families who rent being categorized as “cost burdened” (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing per Chicago Rehab Network’s Affordable Housing Factbook), how will you work as alderman to make sure that existing rental housing stock remains in good condition and affordable?*

First, I would undertake a comprehensive, door-to-door survey to determine the actual status of each and every homeowner and renter with respect to the conditions and cost of their housing, including the identification of every bank and institution to which homeowners are paying a mortgage and every landlord to whom tenants are paying rent.

Second, I would make a city-wide call for attorneys, law students and housing activists to come to South Chicago and working with the appropriate City Housing officials, take legal action against lending institutions who have refused illegally refused home improvement loans and slumlords who have violated the implied warranty of habitability by failing to properly maintain rental properties.

Third, there must be caps on the amount of rent that can be charged low-income tenants. IN many cases, properties are owned by wealthy absentee landlords who are not subject to any rent-control. I would introduce ordinances to create genuine rent-control and place a moratorium on evictions for renters in dire economic straits.

Fourth, I would insist that the 80 city-owned vacant lots in the Bush and South Chicago neighborhoods be immediately turned over to a community housing trust comprised of South Chicago community leaders. It is highly suspect that these lots—and more owned by U.S. Steel Real Estate—are sitting idle where they will likely be gobbled up by Lakeside Development as it inevitably encroaches further into our neighborhoods, displacing those who are barely hanging on to their homes and apartments. Then, funds already allocated to...

10. *Bullying in local schools has become a problem that affects our neighborhoods. How do you plan on dealing with the epidemic of bullying?*

Bullying in schools and workplaces is absolutely symptomatic and derived from the systemic bullying of poor people, minorities, women and other marginalized segments of our community. Our children are surrounded by a culture of violence: the United States waging wars and marching into poor countries, essentially to protect the looting of resources to enrich the petrochemical and arms industries; Rich bullying poor; police bullying and using deadly force on the most vulnerable members of society. The fact is, bullying is part of a deeply ingrained culture.

I support all efforts to provide anti-bullying programs in schools, etc. aimed at both the victims and the perpetrators. But these efforts need to be properly funded and must be aimed, in large part, at remedying the societal inequities discussed above.

Richard Martinez
10th Ward Aldermanic Candidate



1. *Whereas 10th Ward residents believe neighborhood stability leads to increased community safety. **What methods would you use to promote healthy mixed income housing without the displacement of low income households?***

As Alderman of the 10th Ward I will push for mixed income housing on all future development projects including, but not limited to the Lakeside Redevelopment Project. This would also call for housing specifically for veterans.

2. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, women in the 10th Ward are more likely than men to have wages stolen (43% compared to 31%). **What would you do to help women in 10th Ward obtain more access to economic opportunity?***

As Alderman of the 10th Ward I will utilize my office to be a resource center which would include bringing organizations and resources from outside of the ward to assist in the areas of grant writing, permitting and licensing and entrepreneurship.

3. *With 53.3% of South Chicago adults without any higher education in an economy that needs skilled workers, **what is your plan to create quality local education that promotes higher learning and connects students to economic opportunities?***

As Alderman of the 10th Ward I will lobby our State Elected officials to bring more funding to our local Chicago Public Schools. I will also lobby the Chicago Board of Education for the necessary resources that our local neighborhood schools in the 10th Ward need. I am also calling for a moratorium on all public funding of Charter Schools and will call for that \$75 million dollars plus to be put back into our local schools in the areas of arts, music and sports. I am also advocating for bringing a hospital/university campus to the Lakeside Redevelopment to be the economic anchor of that project.

4. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, 2 of every 5 low-wage workers in the 10th Ward experience wage theft. **What would you do to prevent wage theft in the 10th Ward?***

As Alderman of the 10th Ward I will work with Federal, State and Local officials to create or enhance policies that prevent wage theft in the 10th Ward.

5. *Lakeside Development is expected to offer 139,000+ jobs over the next 30 years. Meanwhile, South Chicago has 17% unemployment, 30% of people living in poverty, and a high number of formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The Coalition for a Lakeside CBA has drafted a proposed CBA (Community Benefits Agreement - a written agreement with the Developer) to ensure current, local residents benefit from the Development. (Copy available at: www.asechicago.org/cba) **Do you support the Coalition's proposed CBA that: prioritizes local residents for jobs, provides job training and educational supports for local schools, offers affordable housing, supports tax relief for local residents, and provides environmental protections? Please explain.***

As Alderman of the 10th Ward I will force McCaffery/USX back to the table and fight for the community to establish a Community Benefits Agreement which includes the Environmental Justice Principles of SE Chicago as well as job training and placement, contracting and including caps on real estate taxes for existing homeowners.

6. *Given that the 4th Police District consistently has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the city, **what will you do to see that additional domestic violence services (counseling, affordable housing, violence prevention programs in schools) can be developed for the residents in the 10th Ward?***

As Alderman of the 10th Ward I will work with our non-profit community based organizations to identify government funding sources for their existing or new programs that address violence prevention. I will also work

with our local churches through a Pastoral Advisory Council that I will establish to bring our churches to the table with their resources. I will also work with CPS to identify programs and services that we can bring in or support as well.

7. *President Obama's recently decided to grant Administrative Relief to allow more undocumented immigrants to obtain exemption from deportation. Will you lobby state legislators to pass the Trust Act (Bill language available at: <http://bit.ly/ILGATrustAct>), the state legislation proposed to keep police focused on public safety and not leak information to Immigration and Customs Enforcement?*

Yes.

8. *Claretian Associates hosts programs, such as Safe Passage and Cease Fire, to deter community violence by facing conditions that contribute to violence. What are your beliefs about Conceal and Carry?*

With the proper training and background checks I support the Conceal and Carry.

9. *With over 43% of South Chicago homeowners and 66% of South Chicago families who rent being categorized as "cost burdened" (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing per Chicago Rehab Network's Affordable Housing Factbook), how will you work as alderman to make sure that existing rental housing stock remains in good condition and affordable?*

I believe the greatest way we can improve our housing stock in South Chicago is to be meaningful and gainful employment, economic development, job creation to the community which will support, home buying, home improvement and investment in the community.

10. *Bullying in local schools has become a problem that affects our neighborhoods. How do you plan on dealing with the epidemic of bullying?*

As Alderman of the 10th Ward I will support anti-bullying initiative and programs in all of our schools, parks, churches, etc. I will also set the right example as Alderman to not "bully" as the current Alderman of the 10th Ward has been accused of over the last 15 years threats, bullying, intimidation and political gangsterism. This will end with my election as Alderman of the 10th Ward.

Samantha Webb
10th Ward Aldermanic Candidate

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Sue Sadlowski Garza
10th Ward Aldermanic Candidate



1. *Whereas 10th Ward residents believe neighborhood stability leads to increased community safety. **What methods would you use to promote healthy mixed income housing without the displacement of low income households?***

First, I would ensure residents have the proper understanding and resources to be able to identify if they have been a victim of housing discrimination and red lining. Secondly, my administration would focus on addressing the root causes of economic inequality by attracting living-wage employment opportunities. Finally, I would mandate any new housing developments have a minimum of 30% low-income housing options.

2. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, women in the 10th Ward are more likely than men to have wages stolen (43% compared to 31%). **What would you do to help women in 10th Ward obtain more access to economic opportunity?***

Wage theft and wage disparity is a crime and should be taken seriously. As a woman, I find it offensive that we get paid less than males. I will work with women, local organizations and national women's groups to ensure that the women of the 10th ward are no longer victims of such antiquated tactics of intimidation. I will utilize the City's Law Office to fully enforce the Equal Pay Act and partner with the agency to hold workshops for 10th Ward residents.

3. *With 53.3% of South Chicago adults without any higher education in an economy that needs skilled workers, **what is your plan to create quality local education that promotes higher learning and connects students to economic opportunities?***

My work with youth and education speaks for itself. For the last 20 years I've promoted higher education in Chicago Public Schools. I will hold monthly college resource fairs across the ward. These workshops would include, resume, interview and college application and FAFSA Completion. I will also partner with local colleges for free college trips. These trips will help broaden our youth's horizons and experiences. There are already a plethora of such organizations available; it is just a matter of connecting those resources to our community. Additionally, I ensure 10th Ward residents are aware of the local college resources available to them, such as the City Colleges of Chicago

4. *According to a recent study completed in September 2014 by Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project, 2 of every 5 low-wage workers in the 10th Ward experience wage theft. **What would you do to prevent wage theft in the 10th Ward?***

Wage theft is a crime and should be dealt with accordingly. I will work with legal experts, existing worker rights organizations and workers themselves to recuperate lost wages. To prevent future theft I create education programs for workers, enforce current legal statues and pressure employers into treating workers with respect.

5. *Lakeside Development is expected to offer 139,000+ jobs over the next 30 years. Meanwhile, South Chicago has 17% unemployment, 30% of people living in poverty, and a high number of formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The Coalition for a Lakeside CBA has drafted a proposed CBA (Community Benefits Agreement - a written agreement with the Developer) to ensure current, local residents benefit from the Development. (Copy available at: www.asechicago.org/cba) **Do you support the Coalition's proposed CBA that: prioritizes local residents for jobs, provides job training and educational supports for local schools, offers affordable housing, supports tax relief for local residents, and provides environmental protections? Please explain.***

Yes, 100%. This is imperative to our community's vitality and survival. I have attended numerous meetings, planning sessions and demonstrations for the CBA and will continue to do so in the future. I will not allow our community to be stolen from us by profit driven developers and corrupted elected officials.

6. *Given that the 4th Police District consistently has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the city, **what will you do to see that additional domestic violence services (counseling, affordable housing, violence prevention programs in schools) can be developed for the residents in the 10th Ward?***

As a woman, I take domestic violence very seriously. My previous work with the Battered Women's Shelter in South Chicago speaks volumes to my commitment to such causes. In the schools, I will advocate for wrap-around services including, housing, counseling and violence prevention. In addition to these proactive measures, it is important to implement a safety net for people who are already victims of such abuse. Working with existing agencies, and creating additional ones where necessary is important.

7. *President Obama's recently decided to grant Administrative Relief to allow more undocumented immigrants to obtain exemption from deportation. **Will you lobby state legislators to pass the Trust Act (Bill language available at: <http://bit.ly/ILGATrustAct>), the state legislation proposed to keep police focused on public safety and not leak information to Immigration and Customs Enforcement?***

Yes, unequivocally. Our nation and more importantly, our community is built by immigrants. We become better when we embrace and celebrate our diversity.

8. *Claretian Associates hosts programs, such as Safe Passage and Cease Fire, to deter community violence by facing conditions that contribute to violence. **What are your beliefs about Conceal and Carry?***

I believe conceal and carry laws to be a band-aid approach to a much larger issue. More guns on the streets increase the probability of violence. However, law-abiding citizens have the constitutional right to own and properly operate a weapon. Personally, I am not a gun owner and will never be one. I believe the true problem lies in the illegal flow of handguns by gangs, organized crime and unethical weapon manufacturers/vendors. I am committed to working with local, county, state and federal agencies to enforce the current gun laws.

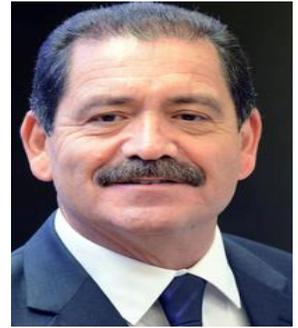
9. *With over 43% of South Chicago homeowners and 66% of South Chicago families who rent being categorized as "cost burdened" (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing per Chicago Rehab Network's Affordable Housing Factbook), **how will you work as alderman to make sure that existing rental housing stock remains in good condition and affordable?***

I will work with local tenant associations/unions and legal advisors to ensure that landlords are not violating existing city, state or federal ordinances/ laws. If tenant associations/unions are not established, I will work to create them. I will work to introduce an ordinance calling for rent stabilization/control.

10. *Bullying in local schools has become a problem that affects our neighborhoods. **How do you plan on dealing with the epidemic of bullying?***

I will deal with bullying epidemic by implementing my award winning program "Bully Patrol." I will use my 20 years of experience working with children to use restorative justice techniques. You can learn more about my award winning program here. <http://www.myfoxorlando.com/story/23804757/bully-police-squad-closes-bully-prevention-month-atjane-addams>

Jesus “Chuy” Garcia
City of Chicago Mayoral Candidate



1. *Given that the southeast quadrant of the city has been consistently underdeveloped and has some of the highest rates of domestic violence in the city, **what will you do, if elected Mayor, to ensure that additional domestic violence services (counseling, affordable housing, violence prevention programs in schools) will be developed for the residents living in the southeast quadrant?***

As Mayor, I would take a three pronged approach to help eliminate domestic violence:

Intervention- As Mayor, I would make sure law enforcement is continuously trained in handling domestic violence situations, and knows where to refer survivors. In addition, the community must have domestic violence agencies that are culturally accessible to the community and properly staffed to meet survivors' needs (such as legal advocacy, counseling, etc.).

Prevention- The community must be educated on what is domestic violence, the effects of domestic violence, and survivors' legal rights and options. Education must happen at all levels and at various locations, including schools, places of worship, and community centers.

Economic empowerment- Research shows that survivors return to their abuser for many reasons, such as for cultural and religious beliefs, wanting to keep the family together, or fear. However, many return because of lack of financial support. While in an abusive relationship, women are often isolated and financially dependent on their abusers. When they leave, many women struggle to find employment, affordable childcare, and affordable housing. Although domestic violence shelters exist, there are few in the city of Chicago, and most only allow you to stay for only 2-3 months. Many women find it difficult to restart their lives within this timeframe and have no choice but to return to their abusers. This is unacceptable. My economic development plan will address these barriers in an effort to remove them.

2. *Whereas 183,000 undocumented people reside in Chicago, half of which would benefit from President Obama's Executive Action. **How will you work with the Chicago Police Department to guarantee that police focus on public safety and will not take on Immigration Customs Enforcement responsibilities?***

During my first terms as Cook County Commissioner, I championed a Policy for Responding to ICE Detainers, which prohibited the Sheriff from complying with ICE detainers, administrative requests that caused unconstitutional detention and needless separation of families. Since then, my ordinance has been replicated by cities and states throughout the nation. It was used to inform Chicago's own Welcoming City Ordinance and the Illinois Trust Act, which Governor Quinn recently implemented via executive action. As Mayor, I would take another look at the City's Welcoming Ordinance to ensure that it provides the same level of protection that the County's Policy for Responding to ICE Detainers provides. Further, I would ensure that police are trained appropriately to recognize the difference between their public safety responsibilities and the federal government's immigration responsibilities. When police take on immigration custom enforcement responsibilities they hinder their ability to implement true community policing, which has been proven to be among the most effective public safety strategies.

3. ***Will you also commit to proactively support the passage of the Trust Act in Springfield? (Bill language: <http://bit.ly/ILGATrustAct>) Please explain.***

I have proactively supported the passage of the Trust Act in Springfield, and insisted that it offer the same level of protection as Cook County's own Policy for Responding to ICE Detainers which has become a model for the nation. I am pleased that Governor Quinn recently decided to implement the Trust Act via executive action.

4. *Lakeside Development is expected to offer 139,000+ jobs over the next 30 years. Meanwhile, South Chicago has 17% unemployment, 30% of people living in poverty, and a high number of formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The Coalition for a Lakeside CBA has drafted a proposed CBA (Community Benefits Agreement- a written agreement with the Developer) to ensure current, local residents benefit from the Development. (Copy available at:*

www.asechicago.org/cba) Do you support the Coalition's proposed CBA that: prioritizes local residents for jobs, provides job training and educational supports for local schools, offers affordable housing, supports tax relief for local residents, and provides environmental protections? Please explain.

Coalitions of community groups across the country have been involved in similar kinds of efforts -- to obtain Community Benefits Agreements (CBA) from developers that receive public subsidies. Although I would need to consider the specific provisions of Alliance of the Southeast's proposed agreement and to see if they are reasonable given the amount of public assistance and the impact of the new development, I support the idea of CBAs in theory. Community residents have few ways of raising valid, local concerns with developers, and they are currently shut out of many planning and subsidy decisions. I would seek to have these concerns written into any agreement that *the City* signs with a developer, and I would advise my legal staff to that effect. However, in the absence of community benefits language written into City of Chicago redevelopment agreements, I would support a separate legally enforceable contract committing the developer to certain standards of community benefits. In exchange, it would be expected that the coalition support the Lakeside project.

5. *What are your plans to connect both students and residents from the surrounding neighborhoods to the economic opportunities at Lakeside Development?*

My education platform discusses how I would improve the schools, community college and workforce development systems so that students and adult learners who move through these systems are in strong positions to take the jobs that are created at Lakeside Development. I would use whatever legal tools available to ensure that Lakeside developers and tenants hire locally and provide quality jobs to students and residents. Currently the City writes into its Redevelopment Agreements with developments provisions that subsidized developers create a certain number of jobs. To me, the number of jobs is less important than the quality of the jobs created and whether or not local residents can fill them. I would seek to attach job quality standards (that govern wages, benefits, labor protections) to any future agreements.

6. *South Chicago and East Side neighborhoods contain three different sites of speeding ticket cameras. The concentration of these cameras unfairly targets 10th Ward residents and visitors. What will you do to make sure that speeding/red light cameras are placed so that they do not overburden black, brown, and working class areas of the city?*

The traffic light program is simply another tax on city residents required to fund the \$1 billion increase in spending under Mayor Emanuel during the last 4 years. I would severely restrict the program or end it entirely. Under this administration, vehicle sticker costs are up, cable TV and phone taxes are up, water and sewer fees are up. As the Tribune reported, the additional city tax, fee and fine collections resulting from the increases in the mayor's four spending plans "will easily pump more than \$700 million annually into city coffers." I agree with the Tribune's analysis that these fee increases amount to a 60% increase in property taxes for the typical Chicago homeowner. I would add the traffic light fines to the cost of this stealth tax put on our families by the Emanuel Administration. Our families have been simply stretched to the breaking point, and it is time for a new direction. I would keep only those traffic cameras that can be fully proven to have reduced accidents. If the cameras are simply another source of revenue, I would remove them.

7. *With 53.3% of South Chicago adults without any higher education in an economy that needs skilled workers, what is your plan to create quality local education that promotes higher learning and connects students to economic opportunities?*

I would begin by giving the public school system back to the people through an elected school board; reducing to the barest legal minimum the plethora of high-stakes, standardized tests by which we falsely judge schools, students, and teachers; placing a moratorium on further charter schools; expanding public education to include pre-kindergarten and even earlier; and reducing class size, which is one of the largest in the state.

I would work to rebuild the industries that Chicago has been historically strongest in, such as manufacturing, by investing in the infrastructure that attracts employers, and then adopt a career pathways approach to workforce development that links secondary schools with relevant skills training for adult learners. I would align the city colleges' curriculum with employer's actual needs, providing certificate programs and licensing that is tailored to job

opportunities. And I would support entrepreneurship in the neighborhoods through incubators and innovation districts and curricula in the schools and community colleges that encourage small business development, particularly for groups that have historically had poor access to start-up financing.

8. *The City is currently revising the Affordable Requirements Ordinance and potentially the amount of monies South Chicago will receive for the creation/maintenance of affordable housing decreasing and with over 43% of South Chicago homeowners and 66% of South Chicago families who rent being categorized as “cost burdened” (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing per Chicago Rehab Network's Affordable Housing Factbook), **what is your plan to create more and maintain existing affordable housing for families?***

Housing security for all income levels is the foundation for a healthy family and community. As Mayor, my goal will be balanced development across the city with an emphasis on closing the affordability gap for families earning less than \$50,000. To this end, I will make sure we are effectively using all the tools in our housing preservation and development toolbox, and being more thoughtful about linking housing to transportation, schools and other basic necessities.

I would put to use current unused funding and resources from the CHA including unleased and unoccupied public housing units and unissued vouchers to immediately help thousands of cost-burdened and at-risk low-income families. I would also work with local non-profit developers to make good use of the estimated \$58 million sitting in the city's Affordable Requirements Ordinance fund in order to create more affordable housing options for lower-income families in communities across the city. Regarding the proposed changes to the ARO, I support raising the per unit in-lieu rate to generate more dollars for affordable housing everywhere and requiring affordable units to be built in higher income communities to have more balance and prevent displacement.

I also support the full funding of the National Low-Income Housing Trust fund, which potentially will bring millions of new dollars to our city to develop and preserve affordable housing for lower-income families. We also can solve the housing affordability problem for many by raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour so more people can afford the housing they're in.

**Rahm Emanuel (Incumbent)
City of Chicago Mayoral Candidate**

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Robert “Bob” Fioretti
City of Chicago Mayoral Candidate

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William “Dock” Walls III
City of Chicago Mayoral Candidate



1. *Given that the southeast quadrant of the city has been consistently underdeveloped and has some of the highest rates of domestic violence in the city, **what will you do, if elected Mayor, to ensure that additional domestic violence services (counseling, affordable housing, violence prevention programs in schools) will be developed for the residents living in the southeast quadrant?***

I would direct the Police Board to adjust Chicago Police Department policies in an effort to reduce the number of disorderly and domestic disturbance arrests by thirty-three percent (33%). In regards to the handling of low level Domestic Disturbances, Chicago Police officers should be further trained to distinguish between benign domestic disagreements and hostile confrontations. When police respond to a benign domestic disturbance call, they should immediately separate adversarial parties, deescalate the situation and take the necessary steps to ensure each of the parties go their separate way. These steps would require no more time that which is required to transport and process a person arrested for these relatively minor infractions. When an arrest results from a hostile Domestic Disturbance call, even if the victim later refuses to assist in the prosecution, both parties will be offered an opportunity to participate in counseling.

Lack of access to mental health services is one of the factors contributing to domestic violence. In 2012, the Chicago Department of Public Health closed 6 of its 12 clinics. This disruption of care reduced the services to Chicago residents, especially in low income, underserved communities, including those in the Southeast quadrant. I stood with STOP and fought against the proposed closure of Chicago’s mental health clinics. Consistent with my longstanding, time honored commitment to proper access to mental health clinics, my administration will provide an additional \$2.71 million to the CDPH budget each year over four years to open (or reopen) two mental health clinics...

2. *Whereas 183,000 undocumented people reside in Chicago, half of which would benefit from President Obama's Executive Action. **How will you work with the Chicago Police Department to guarantee that police focus on public safety and will not take on Immigration Customs Enforcement responsibilities?***

I support President Obama’s Executive Action which makes it easier and faster for high-skilled immigrants, graduates, and entrepreneurs to remain in the U.S. and contribute to our economy. I would direct the Chicago Superintendent of Police to further train all officers to ensure that no one violates the rule or concept, but instead operates in a manner consistent with the spirit of the Executive Action. Chicago police will be instructed that no Chicago resident, or person within our jurisdiction, shall be subject to any scrutiny of the type reserved for Immigrations Customs Enforcement Agents. Under my administration, all persons will be afforded equal service and equal protection under the law.

3. ***Will you also commit to proactively support the passage of the Trust Act in Springfield? (Bill language: <http://bit.ly/ILGATrustAct>) Please explain.***

Yes, I would commit to proactively support the passage of the Trust Act in Springfield. Paramount to an orderly society is the participation and cooperation of all who reside therein. Our goal is to make certain that all persons, regardless of Immigration status, are able to function in society. That includes the ability to report injustices and earn fair wages for the work they perform, without the fear of deportation.

State and local detention facilities should not be burdened with the responsibilities which result from unfounded requests from ICE. Therefore, my police department would not retain prisoners who have no conviction, absent a properly issued criminal warrant; a legitimate law enforcement purpose not related to Immigration law.

4. *Lakeside Development is expected to offer 139,000+ jobs over the next 30 years. Meanwhile, South Chicago has 17% unemployment, 30% of people living in poverty, and a high number of formerly incarcerated youth and adults. The Coalition for a Lakeside CBA has drafted a proposed CBA(Community Benefits Agreement- a written agreement*

with the Developer) to ensure current, local residents benefit from the Development. (Copy available at: www.asechicago.org/cba) **Do you support the Coalition’s proposed CBA that: prioritizes local residents for jobs, provides job training and educational supports for local schools, offers affordable housing, supports tax relief for local residents, and provides environmental protections? Please explain.**

Yes, I support the Coalition’s proposed CBA that: prioritizes local residents for jobs, provides job training and educational supports for local schools, offers affordable housing, supports tax relief for local residents, and provides environmental protections. The current Southeast residents will be the people most inconvenienced by the construction of the Lakeside Development. Those residents may be exposed to carcinogens and allergens. Local business will be interrupted by street closures, detours, restricted parking, as well as general construction traffic. Consequently, the persons who will be most disturbed and disrupted by the development project, should benefit from the process of the development. Additionally, those residents should benefit from linked development of their own community.

5. What are your plans to connect both students and residents from the surrounding neighborhoods to the economic opportunities at Lakeside Development?

It is imperative that students of the Southeast remain intimately connected to their community and the Lakeside Development. We must eliminate travel barriers and other related challenges. We must make certain local residents are logistically empowered to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the Lakeside Development Community Benefits Agreement.

Therefore, my plan to reopen the 50 schools Rahm recklessly closed is especially relevant to the residents of the southeast side. Those buildings will be “education first facilities” with a “mixed use” component. Those sound structures will be refurbished and restored to their primary use as neighborhood schools. However, to make this economically feasible, and reduce the burden on taxpayers, we will modify each building to also accommodate, a Police Sub Station; A Regional or

Local CPS office; A WIC office; A Neighborhood DHS office, and a student therapy facility. Given the proper design, these several essential community service providers can safely and efficiently co-exist in the same structure.

CTA must improve transit routes direct from the existing southeast side community to the hub of the Lakeside Development.

6. South Chicago and East Side neighborhoods contain three different sites of speeding ticket cameras. The concentration of these cameras unfairly targets 10th Ward residents and visitors. What will you do to make sure that speeding/red light cameras are placed so that they do not overburden black, brown, and working class areas of the city?

I do not favor the use of mechanical devices for the enforcement of minor traffic infractions. Thus, I will eliminate the red light cameras and speed zone cameras throughout the entire city of Chicago.

Instead, I favor highly visible devices which broadcast or reflect a drivers speed, or warn of a possible violation. The city’s objective should be to ensure compliance and adherence to the law. Thus, minimal warnings should be sufficient to accomplish that objective. If further enforcement is deemed necessary, it should be done by law enforcement officers.

I will return, direct to the alleged violators, the \$7.7 million in ill-gotten fines which resulted from the shortened yellow lights. Under my administration, the city of Chicago will not use fines, fees and assessments to balance the budget on the backs of the less fortunate.

7. With 53.3% of South Chicago adults without any higher education in an economy that needs skilled workers, what is your plan to create quality local education that promotes higher learning and connects students to economic opportunities?

President Obama recently announced an initiative to provide a free Community College education to students who maintain a C+ average. I fully support that program. Under my administration the city of Chicago will enlist the support of companies and corporations to maximize this opportunity. The CBA with Lakeside Development will be utilized to provide additional educational opportunities for South Chicago residents.

We will restore vocational education to Chicago Public schools and thereby enable residents to learn a trade which could translate into a career. Among my highest priorities will be jobs creation. We will shift the focus of Chicago city government from Beautification to Economic Development. Building planters down the middle of the street creates temporary construction jobs. That same money spent to develop a local business creates direct and ancillary permanent jobs.

8. *The City is currently revising the Affordable Requirements Ordinance and potentially the amount of monies South Chicago will receive for the creation/maintenance of affordable housing decreasing and with over 43% of South Chicago homeowners and 66% of South Chicago families who rent being categorized as “cost burdened” (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing per Chicago Rehab Network's Affordable Housing Factbook), **what is your plan to create more and maintain existing affordable housing for families?***

It is imperative that the city of Chicago adopt policies designed to increase the city’s housing stock. Thus my administration will invest more in the rehabilitation of structurally sound residential units. Pursuant to that policy, I will stop the process of Fast Track Demolition of housing in Chicago. “A recent citywide analysis of crime data in blighted areas completed by the Lawyers Council for Better Housing, found that there was virtually no difference in crime rates in depressed communities between abandoned buildings and vacant lots. The conclusion seems to call into question the central raison d’etre of fast track demolition.” Therefore, my administration will utilize eminent domain, where necessary, to gain control of abandoned buildings and restore them accordingly.

I am committed to the development, maintenance and proliferation of low-income housing. That includes Section 8 and larger family units. Pursuant to my direction, the Chicago Housing Authority would update the database of former CHA residents. After evaluating each client and performing a critical needs assessment, each potential tenant will be assigned a caseworker. That caseworker will prioritize them according to their at-risk status. Thereafter, a team of professional housing experts will design a critical path program, unique to each individual former resident.

The CHA caseworkers will assist former residents in their efforts to find a job, improve their skills, take advantage of educational opportunities, secure decent housing, repair their credit, expunge misdemeanors or seal other criminal records, and address physical and mental health concerns. My administration will develop policies to...

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