

Action Bulletin

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126 Candidates Respond to AIDS Public Policy Survey *Second Edition Completes AFC's 2002 Poll of Illinois Candidates*

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago is pleased to unveil the second and final report on its 2002 candidate questionnaire that includes responses from 126 state, federal, and local candidates for elected office.

As a service to Illinoisans concerned about HIV/AIDS, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) surveyed hundreds of federal, state, and Cook County candidates this year on a range of critical AIDS public policy issues. While not endorsing candidates for public office, AFC regularly surveys candidates and publishes the results to inform people with HIV/AIDS, their service providers and advocates, and the general public about candidates' positions on an array of important AIDS-related issues.

AFC conducted the 2002 candidate survey in two parts. The first report, published in March 2002, included responses from congressional and statewide candidates vying for their party's nominations.

This subsequent report includes responses from Illinois candidates running in the November 5 general election for Congress, state executive offices, the Illinois General Assembly, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners. In addition, AFC invited candidates for governor to submit written statements about their HIV/AIDS-related positions; Democratic nominee Rod Blagojevich was the only candidate to respond.

AFC's questionnaire and its official positions appear on pages 3-4; candidate responses begin on page 5; and gubernatorial positions appear on page 11.

**To view results from the previous report released in February 2002,
please visit www.aidschicago.org/policy/candidate_questionnaire.html**

AFC's 2002 Candidate Questionnaire

How AFC Conducted the Survey

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) mailed questionnaires to candidates identified by the Illinois State Board of Elections as running for Congress, state executive offices, the Illinois General Assembly, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

AFC received responses from 126 of the 384 candidates who were sent the survey, for a response rate of 33%. Ten statewide candidates, 23 congressional candidates, 80 state-legislative candidates, and 13 local candidates responded. In addition, AFC invited gubernatorial candidates Rod Blagojevich (D), Marseillis Brown (I), Jim Ryan (R), and Cal Skinner (L) to submit policy position statements on HIV/AIDS issues; Blagojevich was the only candidate to respond.

The survey consists of 21 questions: 6 posed to all candidates; 7 additional questions posed to candidates for federal offices; 5 additional questions for candidates running for statewide offices; and 3 questions for Cook County candidates. Respondents were asked to answer "yes," "no," or "don't know" to each question.

How to Read the Report

The 21 questions and AFC's official position on each issue begin on page 3. Candidate responses begin on page 5. The report only lists races where at least one candidate responded.

Survey Questions & AFC Positions on Issues

Questions for all candidates:

- A. Do you support free, anonymous, and confidential HIV antibody testing and counseling?** *AFC answer: YES.* Free, anonymous, and confidential testing offers an important opportunity to reach individuals at high-risk for HIV with vital prevention education as well as appropriate counseling and referral services for those who test HIV-positive.
- B. Do you support mandatory HIV testing under any circumstances?** *AFC answer: NO.* Although voluntary testing with counseling is a useful medical practice, mandatory HIV testing of individuals is a poor use of resources, breaches confidentiality, and may alienate individuals at high-risk for HIV from healthcare and treatment.
- C. Do you support policies providing access to sterile syringes as a strategy to reduce HIV transmission among injection drug users, their partners, and children?** *AFC answer: YES.* Increasing access to sterile syringes has been proven by more than 40 scientific studies to prevent the spread of HIV without increasing drug use. Model approaches include allowing pharmacies to sell sterile syringes to adults without prescriptions, syringe exchange programs, and other interventions within comprehensive prevention, care, and treatment programs for injection drug users.
- D. Do you support increased government funding for substance abuse prevention, treatment, and harm reduction services?** *AFC answer: YES.* Appropriate drug education and treatment services, including harm reduction strategies, are critical components of comprehensive approaches to prevent HIV transmission among people who use drugs and alcohol, as well as their sex partners and children.
- E. Do you believe that jails and prisons should segregate HIV-positive inmates from the rest of the incarcerated population?** *AFC answer: NO.* Segregation by HIV-status requires enormous resources that are better spent on HIV prevention and care services. Such segregation also promotes a false sense of security among inmates and corrections personnel, violates inmate confidentiality rights, and does little to stem the spread of HIV within correctional facilities.
- F. Do you believe that healthcare is a basic human right?** *AFC answer: YES.* Until healthcare is treated as a basic human right, those living with chronic and terminal illnesses will continue to face inordinate obstacles in accessing adequate and high-quality healthcare services.

Questions for candidates for federal offices:

- G. Do you support increased government funding for AIDS prevention, care, housing, and research programs?** *AFC answer: YES.* A sound government response to the expanding AIDS epidemic requires adequate funding for prevention, care, housing, and research programs. Unfortunately, greater investments are needed than those our government has committed to the fight against AIDS thus far.
- H. Do you support the Microbicide Development Act (HR 2405 and S.1752), which increases funding and coordination for the development of HIV prevention substances that could be women-controlled and offer an alternative to condoms?** *AFC answer: YES.* Alternatives to condoms are desperately needed, and particularly by women worldwide, who, too frequently, are unable to ensure that men use condoms.
- I. Do you support federal guidelines that create financial incentives for “abstinence-only” sex education, and disincentives for medically accurate, comprehensive “abstinence-plus” sex education?** *AFC answer: NO.* Scientific research proves that comprehensive and medically accurate “abstinence-plus” education leads to reduced risk-behavior by young people, while there is NO evidence that “abstinence-only” education programs are effective.
- J. Do you support an expanded government role in promoting safe and affordable housing for low-income people with AIDS through increased funding of the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program, rent subsidies for people with disabilities, and incentives for affordable housing development?** *AFC answer: YES.* For people living with HIV/AIDS, safe, affordable, and stable housing is a matter of life or death. Housing instability and homelessness are also associated with increased risk for contracting HIV/AIDS, so a sound government response to the AIDS crisis requires a strong government effort against any crisis in affordable housing.
- K. Do you support public funding for evidence-based and scientifically supported HIV prevention services, such as needle exchange, that have been shown effective at preventing new cases of HIV transmission?** *AFC answer: YES.* Policymakers should support HIV prevention policies that have been proven effective and that are based on the most rigorous and up-to-date scientific research. Government supported programs must effectively reach at-risk populations and help stop the spread of HIV and other diseases.

- L. **Do you support the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which would allow state Medicaid programs to cover economically eligible people living with HIV before the disease renders them totally disabled?** *AFC answer: YES.* The Early Treatment for HIV Act would save lives as well as money. By increasing access to healthcare for very low-income people living with HIV, serious illnesses that are deadly, disabling, and costly can be prevented, and more people will be able to remain working and productive.
- M. **Do you support increasing the U.S. contribution to the United Nations' Global AIDS Fund?** *AFC answer: YES.* HIV/AIDS is decimating Sub-Saharan Africa and growing at alarming rates in India, Eastern Europe, and the Caribbean. In many African nations, more than 25% of the population is HIV-positive, yet only a few have access to life-saving AIDS medications. The U.S. must contribute a fair share of resources to battle this pandemic—which is not only exacting a tremendous toll in human life, but is threatening the economic infrastructure and political stability of many countries.

Questions for candidates for Illinois state offices:

- N. **Do you support increasing state funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program so that low-income people living with HIV/AIDS will have adequate access to life-saving medications?** *AFC answer: YES.* The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) ensures that low-income Illinoisans with HIV/AIDS have access to needed HIV medications. State funds should be used to support this important program.
- O. **Do you support comprehensive, age-appropriate, and medically accurate health education that includes sexuality and HIV prevention education for grades kindergarten through 12 in all Illinois public schools?** *AFC answer: YES.* Young people who receive comprehensive and age-appropriate health, sexuality, and HIV/STD prevention education are more likely to delay having their first sexual experience than those who do not receive such education. Once sexually active, they are also more likely to use condoms than their counterparts who did not receive such comprehensive and accurate information.
- P. **Would you support expanding Medicaid benefits for low-income, uninsured HIV-positive individuals who are not yet disabled?** *AFC answer: YES.* Current rules make it difficult for able-bodied, low-income people with HIV to qualify for Medicaid and receive the care they need to stay healthy as long as possible. Providing Medicaid coverage to non-disabled, HIV-positive individuals would have enormous benefits, allowing them to extend and improve their lives while saving the state money that would otherwise be spent on costly emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and disability benefits.
- Q. **Do you support legislation allowing adults to purchase sterile syringes from pharmacies without a prescription?** *AFC answer: YES.* Access to sterile syringes at pharmacies without a prescription has been proven to prevent the spread of HIV without increasing drug use. Illinois is one of only five states to still require a prescription for the purchase of sterile syringes at pharmacies. Illinois' current and outdated policy has failed to curb rates of drug use while simultaneously contributing to high rates of HIV transmission among injection drug users, their sex partners, and children.
- R. **Do you support "Family Care" legislation to extend healthcare coverage to the uninsured parents of children currently enrolled in the Kid Care program?** *AFC answer: YES.* Family Care will provide much needed health insurance coverage to approximately 200,000 low-income adults in Illinois, including many who are living with HIV.

Questions for candidates for Cook County offices:

- S. **Do you support increased public funding for AIDS prevention, care, housing, and research programs given that more people are living with AIDS?** *AFC answer: YES.* A sound government response to the expanding AIDS epidemic requires adequate funding for prevention, care, housing, and research programs.
- T. **Do you support county funding for AIDS education, prevention, and care programs – including medication therapies – within the Bureau of Health Services?** *AFC answer: YES.* As the AIDS epidemic expands throughout Cook County, continued and increased funding is necessary to sustain countywide AIDS services.
- U. **Do you support continued county funding for indigent care at Cook County Hospital?** *AFC answer: YES.* As the epidemic continues to spread among the economically disadvantaged, Cook County Hospital services remain critical to meeting the emerging medical needs, including those that are HIV-related, of this vulnerable population.

FEDERAL OFFICES

(+)=supports AFC position (-)=opposes AFC position (?)=doesn't know (n)=no answer

Federal Office		*All Candidates*						*Federal Offices*							% in agreement with AFC
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	
SENATOR	Richard Durbin (D) Jim Durkin (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
U.S. HOUSE															
1st DISTRICT	Bobby L. Rush (D) Dorothy Tsatsos (L) Raymond G. Wardingley (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
2nd DISTRICT	Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
	Doug Nelson (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	?	-	-	?	+	+	31%
4th DISTRICT	Luis Gutierrez (D) Maggie Kohls (L)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
	Anthony Lopez- Cisneros (R)	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	46%
5th DISTRICT	Mark Augusti (R)	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	?	+	?	-	62%
	Rahm Emanuel (D)	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
	Frank Gonzalez (L)	+	+	+	-	?	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	38%
6th DISTRICT	Tom Berry (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
	Henry J. Hyde (R)	+	?	-	+	-	+	+	?	n	n	n	+	+	46%
7th DISTRICT	Danny K. Davis (D) Martin Pankau (L)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
	Mark Tunney (R)	+	-	?	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	?	+	?	54%
8th DISTRICT	Melissa Bean (D) Philip M. Crane (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
9th DISTRICT	Nicholas Duric (R) Stephanie Sailor (L) Janice D. Schakowsky (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
10th DISTRICT	Mark S. Kirk (R) Henry Perritt (D)	+	+	+	+	?	?	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	77%
	Henry Perritt (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
13th DISTRICT	Judy Biggert (R) Tom Mason (D)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
14th DISTRICT	Dennis Hastert (R) Laurence Quick (D)	+	-	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	85%
15th DISTRICT	Joshua Hartke (D) Tim Johnson (R)	+	-	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	77%
16th DISTRICT	John Kutsch (D) Donald Manzullo (R)	+	?	+	+	-	+	?	+	+	+	+	?	+	69%
17th DISTRICT	Peter Calderone (R) Lane Evans (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
19th DISTRICT	David Phelps (D) John Shimkus (R)	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	n	-	+	n	+	+	62%

ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE OFFICES

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State Office	*All Candidates*						*Illinois State Offices*					% in agreement with AFC	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	N	O	P	Q	R		
GOVERNOR/ LT.GOVERNOR	Blagojevich/Quinn (D) Brown (I) Ryan/Hawkinson (R) Skinner/Tobin (L)						see page 11						
ATTORNEY GENERAL	Joe Birkett (R)						+	+	+	+	+	+	73%
	Lisa Madigan (D)						+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
	Gary Shilts (L)						+	+	+	-	+	-	55%
SECRETARY OF STATE	Matt Beauchamp (L)						-	+	-	-	+	-	27%
	Kris O'Rourke Cohn (R)						+	-	?	+	-	+	55%
	Jesse White (D)						+	-	n	+	+	+	73%
TREASURER	Judy Baar Topinka (R)						+	+	-	+	?	+	73%
	Thomas J. Dart (D)						+	+	+	+	+	+	91%
	Rhys Read (L)						?	+	+	-	?	-	36%

STATE SENATE

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Senate District		*All Candidates*						*Illinois State Offices*					% in agreement with AFC
		A	B	C	D	E	F	N	O	P	Q	R	
4 th DISTRICT	Robert Dallas (R)	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	+	?	+	73%	
	Kimberly Lightford (D)												
6 th DISTRICT	John J. Cullerton (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	
7 th DISTRICT	Carol Ronen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	
8 th DISTRICT	Joseph R. Hedrick (R)	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	55%	
	Ira I. Silverstein (D)	+	-	?	+	?	+	+	+	?	+	64%	
13 th DISTRICT	Barack Obama (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	
14 th DISTRICT	Emil Jones, Jr. (D)	+	-	n	+	+	+	+	+	n	n	55%	
16 th DISTRICT	Jacqueline Collins (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	
	Robert J. Pettis (R)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	82%	
22 ^d DISTRICT	Steve Rauschenberger (R)	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	82%	
	Robert J. Steffen (D)												
24 th DISTRICT	Kirk W. Dillard (R)	+	-	+	+	?	+	+	+	?	?	55%	
	Michael Kuper, Jr. (D)												
26 th DISTRICT	William E. Peterson (R)	+	?	?	+	-	?	+	+	?	?	45%	
27 th DISTRICT	Wendell E. Jones (R)												
	Michael H. Minton (D)	+	n	+	+	n	+	+	+	+	+	82%	
29 th DISTRICT	Susan Garrett (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	
	Kathleen K. Parker (R)												
30 th DISTRICT	Charles Fitzgerald (R)												
	Terry Link (D)	+	-	?	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	73%	
31 st DISTRICT	Adeline Geo-Karis (R)	+	+	?	+	?	+	+	?	+	?	64%	
	Glenn Ryback (D)	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	?	+	82%	
32 ^d DISTRICT	Ray Flavin (D)												
	Dick Klemm (R)	+	+	n	+	?	+	+	+	?	?	64%	
36 th DISTRICT	Denny Jacobs (D)	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	?	+	82%	
39 th DISTRICT	Don Harmon (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	
41 st DISTRICT	Don Evans (D)	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	82%	
	Christine Radogno (R)	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	82%	
43 rd DISTRICT	Austin L. Hough (L)	?	+	n	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%	
	Lawrence M. Walsh (D)												
55 th DISTRICT	Dale A. Righter (R)	+	-	?	+	-	?	+	?	?	-	27%	
	Steve Thomas (D)	+	+	?	?	+	+	?	+	?	?	55%	

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

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		All Candidates						*Illinois State Offices*					% in agreement with AFC
		A	B	C	D	E	F	N	O	P	Q	R	
5th DISTRICT	Kenneth Dunkin (D)												
	Christopher Wong (R)	+	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	64%
6th DISTRICT	Patricia Bailey (D)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	82%
7th DISTRICT	Byron F. Reed (R)												
	Karen Yarbrough (D)	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	?	+	82%
8th DISTRICT	Calvin L. Giles (D)												
	Glenn L. Harris (R)												
	Julie Samuels (G)	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%
9th DISTRICT	John Kasner (L)	+	+	+	?	+	?	?	+	?	+	-	55%
	Art L. Turner (D)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	82%
10th DISTRICT	Annazette Collins(D)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%
11th DISTRICT	John A. Fritchey (D)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82%
	John E. Yackley (L)												
12th DISTRICT	Sara Feigenholtz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
	Michael Weiler (R)												
13th DISTRICT	Timothy Coffey (R)												
	Larry McKeon (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
14th DISTRICT	Jason Farbman (G)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
	Fannie Kazi-Taylor (R)												
	Harry Osterman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
16th DISTRICT	Lou Lang (D)	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%
	Brian O'Donnell (R)												
17th DISTRICT	Elizabeth Coulson (R)	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%
	Pat Hughes (D)												
18th DISTRICT	Julie Hamos (D)	+	n	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%
	James O'Hara (R)												
19th DISTRICT	Joseph Lyons (D)	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?	?	55%
23rd DISTRICT	Daniel J. Burke (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
26th DISTRICT	Lovana "Lou" Jones (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
27th DISTRICT	Monique Davis (D)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	73%
	Gregory Head (R)												
29th DISTRICT	David E. Miller (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	91%
	Linda Rockett (R)												
33rd DISTRICT	Marlow Colvin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	+	82%
	Lionel Pittman (R)												
35th DISTRICT	Kevin C. Joyce (D)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	?	+	-	+	64%
	Anne Zickus (R)												
40th DISTRICT	Richard Bradley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
41st DISTRICT	Shawn Aranha (D)	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	64%
	Robert Biggins (R)												
	John Tepley (L)												
42nd DISTRICT	Terri Brzezinski (D)												
	Michael Mandel (L)	?	+	?	-	?	-	-	?	?	+	?	18%
	Sandra Pihos (R)												
43rd DISTRICT	Douglas Hoeft (R)	+	n	+	+	-	?	+	+	+	+	?	64%
	Michael Noland (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%

STATE REPRESENTATIVES (cont.)

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		All Candidates					*Illinois State Offices*					% in agreement with AFC	
		A	B	C	D	E	F	N	O	P	Q		R
44 th DISTRICT	Jesse Macro (D)	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	+	-	+	73%	
	Terry R. Parke (R)												
47 th DISTRICT	Patricia Bellock (R)	+	?	+	+	-	+	+	?	+	+	73%	
	Jim Speta (D)												
51 st DISTRICT	Nancy Shepherdson (D)	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	91%	
	Ed Sullivan, Jr. (R)												
52 nd DISTRICT	Mark Beaubien, Jr. (R)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	91%	
	Matthew Burns (L)	+	-	?	?	-	+	+	?	?	+	45%	
	Steven Skinner (D)												
53 rd DISTRICT	Thomas Duda (D)												
	Sidney Mathias (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	
55 th DISTRICT	Stephen Bruesewitz (D)	+	n	+	+	n	+	+	+	+	+	82%	
	John J. Millner (R)												
57 th DISTRICT	Mary Childers (R)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	?	+	-	?	64%
	Elaine Nekritz (D)												
59 th DISTRICT	Roger L. Byrne (R)												
	Kathleen Ryg (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	91%	
61 st DISTRICT	Jason Linn (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	91%	
	Timothy Osmond (R)	+	?	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	+	45%	
62 nd DISTRICT	Judy Armstrong (D)	+	-	+	+	?	+	+	+	?	+	73%	
	Robert Churchill (R)												
63 rd DISTRICT	Steven J. Cuda (R)	+	+	?	+	?	+	+	?	?	+	64%	
	Jack D. Franks (D)												
64 th DISTRICT	Rosemary Kurtz (R)												
	Gloria J. Urch (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	
	Jim Young (L)												
65 th DISTRICT	Barbara Jones (D)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%	
	Rosemary Mulligan (R)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	82%	
67 th DISTRICT	Gloria Cudia (R)												
	Charles Jefferson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	+	+	82%	
70 th DISTRICT	David Wirsing (R)	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	?	+	+	64%	
71 st DISTRICT	Mike Boland (D)	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	82%	
88 th DISTRICT	Dan Brady (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	91%	
90 th DISTRICT	Susan L. Coers (D)												
	Jerry L. Mitchell (R)	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	?	?	-	+	45%
94 th DISTRICT	Jon Mummert (D)												
	Richard Myers (R)	+	-	?	+	?	+	+	?	?	?	+	45%
97 th DISTRICT	Steve Pohlman (D)	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	+	?	?	73%	
	Jim Watson (R)												
100 th DISTRICT	Rich Brauer (R)	+	+	-	+	?	+	+	?	-	+	64%	
	Carl Oblinger (D)												
109 th DISTRICT	Roger L. Eddy (R)												
	James Lane, Jr. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%	
110 th DISTRICT	John P. Hayden (D)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	+	73%	
	Chapin Rose (R)												
114 th DISTRICT	Marcy Burrelsman (R)												
	Wyvetter Younge (D)	+	?	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	82%	
115 th DISTRICT	Mike Bost (R)												
	Gerald Deering (D)												
	Rich Whitney (G)	+	?	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	82%	

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner District		*All Candidates*						*Cook County Offices*			% in agreement with AFC
		A	B	C	D	E	F	S	T	U	
2 nd DISTRICT	Bobbie L. Steele (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
3 rd DISTRICT	Jerry "Iceman" Butler (D)	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	89%
4 th DISTRICT	Nathan Peoples (R)										
	John Stroger, Jr. (D)	+	-	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	78%
5 th DISTRICT	Deborah Sims (D)	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	89%
7 th DISTRICT	Joseph M. Moreno (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	89%
	Juan Moreno (R)										
8 th DISTRICT	Roberto Maldonado (D)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	78%
9 th DISTRICT	Robert Martwick (D)										
	Peter N. Silvestri (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
10 th DISTRICT	Mike Quigley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
13 th DISTRICT	Robert Shearer, Jr. (R)										
	Larry Suffredin (D)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89%
14 th DISTRICT	Gregg Goslin (R)										
	Allan M. Monat (D)	+	+	+	-	?	+	+	+	+	78%
15 th DISTRICT	Carl R. Hansen (R)	+	-	?	?	-	+	+	+	+	56%
	Brian J. McPartlin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
17 th DISTRICT	Elizabeth Ann Doody Gorman (R)										
	Candice Marie Morrison (D)	+	-	?	?	-	+	+	+	+	56%

POSITION STATEMENTS BY CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

AFC invited gubernatorial candidates Rod Blagojevich (D), Marseillis Brown (I), Jim Ryan (R), and Cal Skinner (L) to submit policy position statements on HIV/AIDS issues.

Rod Blagojevich (D)

"AIDS is a public health crisis in Illinois, and I am committed to ensuring that the state government plays a leadership role in combating this disease. Illinois has the sixth highest number of cases in the nation, 25,000 of our residents have been diagnosed with AIDS and it has taken the lives of 15,000 of them. We must act in partnership with local and federal entities and community-based organizations in responding to the nation's HIV/AIDS crisis.

While much progress has been made in the fight against AIDS, much more remains to be done so that we can save lives and prevent the spread of this disease. The state's current HIV infection rate, approximately 1,500 cases per year, remains unacceptably high. The epidemic disproportionately affects people of color and young adults -- populations also affected by other serious health concerns.

Because of remarkable medical advances, which have slowed mortality trends for people with AIDS, more Americans are living with HIV/AIDS than ever before. As a member of Congress, I have worked with leaders, such as the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, to support full funding for the Ryan White CARE Act, the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program, HIV prevention programs funded through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institute of Health (NIH) in an effort to respond appropriately to the AIDS pandemic.

As governor, I will continue this fight. The state must pursue an array of HIV prevention, care and surveillance measures, including supporting scientifically rigorous and evidence-based HIV prevention programs in order to stem the spread of HIV, and also increase funding for addiction treatment services, harm reduction services and HIV risk-reduction programs for all at-risk populations, including injection drug users, who continue to account for a large share of new infections.

In addition, I will seek increased funding for targeted HIV prevention programs tailored for high-risk populations, with a focus on youth. As a candidate for governor, I have called for full expansion of the Family Care program to provide health insurance to as many as 300,000 working parents of children enrolled in the Kid Care program -- this is estimated to provide insurance to over 1,000 parents with AIDS. And, I will work to find ways to help people with HIV/AIDS in non-urban and rural areas of the state access prevention and care services in their communities. Earlier this year, I also spoke out against Governor George Ryan's shortsighted veto of a \$2.25 million appropriation for HIV prevention services in communities of color and made a pledge to do more, not less, for communities under siege by this epidemic.

In addition, I believe that the state should explore the application of a federal waiver to allow the state to expand Medicaid eligibility on a trial basis to a portion of the HIV-positive population. Such targeted service expansions in other states are helping people with HIV maintain their health, while helping to minimize long-term costs to Medicaid and other government assistance programs."

Marseillis Brown (L)

No response

Jim Ryan (R)

No response

Cal Skinner (L)

No response