

## Candidate Questionnaire:

### Respondents Support Domestic Programs, Particularly HIV Prevention

Ninety-six Illinois candidates for public office responded to the AIDS Foundation of Chicago's (AFC) 2006 candidate survey. More than three-quarters of respondents indicated strong support for AFC's policy positions.

Nine candidates vying for statewide office responded to AFC's survey, including incumbent Governor Rod Blagojevich (D) who is seeking a second term. His opponents, Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (R) and Rich Whitney (G), did not return AFC's questionnaire. Blagojevich and five other statewide candidates submitted written statements on their HIV/AIDS positions.

All congressional candidates said they support universal access by 2010 to HIV prevention, care, and treatment as agreed to by United Nations members—including the U.S.—earlier this year. Federal respondents also backed microbicide research, increased federal funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, and enactment of the Early Treatment for HIV Act.

Illinois General Assembly candidates who responded expressed near universal support for comprehensive HIV prevention strategies, including comprehensive and age-appropriate sexuality education; expanded risk-reduction services for people at risk of infection; comprehensive HIV counseling and testing approaches; and state funding for needle exchange.

#### **About the survey:**

AFC asked congressional candidates 16 questions on healthcare, disease prevention, research, public benefits, immigration, and U.S. responses to the global AIDS pandemic. The questions and responses can be found in the first section of the report on pages 2-6.

AFC asked candidates running for the Illinois General Assembly 10 questions regarding healthcare, disease prevention, corrections, and housing. The questions and responses

can be found in the second section of the report on pages 6-12. Responses from statewide candidates to the eleven questions AFC posed to them appear on pages 12-13. Questions and responses posed to candidates for Cook County elected office begin on page 12.

Candidates were asked to answer "yes", "no," or "don't know" to HIV/AIDS policy questions. Only races in which one or more candidate responded to the survey are included in the report.

AFC sent the survey to a total of 343 candidates who registered for U.S. House of Representatives, Illinois Senate, Illinois House of Representatives, constitutional officer, and Cook County elections. AFC received 96 responses for a return rate of 30%.

Each election year, AFC surveys candidates on AIDS-related policies and publishes the results to educate voters and the general public. AFC is a non-partisan organization and does not endorse candidates for public office.

#### **Vote on November 7**

AFC urges all eligible individuals to vote in the general election on **Tuesday, November 7, 2006**. For additional information or to find your polling place, please contact the Illinois Board of Elections at 800-923-VOTE or visit [www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us).

**Early voting** is available to all registered voters from **October 16, 2006 until November 2, 2006**. For additional information or to find your polling place, please contact the Illinois Board of Elections. Furthermore, if you will be out of your voting area on Election Day or are physically unable to travel to your polling place, you may request an absentee ballot application, due no later than October 30, 2006.

## **Questions Posed to Congressional Candidates**

- 1. In the last year, the government of the United States (along with the G8 countries and United Nations) committed to assuring universal access to AIDS prevention, treatment, care, and support by 2010. If elected, will you support policies that will make this commitment a reality in the U.S. and around the world?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Our nation cannot fulfill the historic promise we made on universal access without improved policies and increased funding, which are well within our grasp. For every dollar the U.S. provides for the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria two dollars are leveraged in contributions from other donors.

- 2. Do you support the Early Treatment for HIV Act, which expands Medicaid for HIV-positive people who would otherwise need to become completely disabled in order to qualify for Medicaid-covered services?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Within current Medicaid rules, individuals with HIV are required to become completely disabled in order to qualify for Medicaid coverage. Thus they are prevented from receiving the very medications and health care services that could have prevented a disabling condition in the first place. This is both bad medicine and poor public health policy. Congress should enact the Early Treatment for HIV Act to encourage states to provide healthcare coverage to people living with HIV early in their disease progression in order to assist them in remaining healthy, productive members of society.

- 3. Do you support full funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program to end the waiting lists that prevent uninsured and low-income people living with HIV/AIDS from getting the HIV medications they need to survive?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (part of the Ryan White CARE Act) provides lifesaving HIV medications to people who lack the income and/or coverage to obtain them. Because the program is severely under-funded, hundreds of individuals across the country languish on waiting lists, and thousands more are unable to access HIV medications they desperately need to save their lives.

- 4. Do you support efforts to increase the amount of federal funding appropriated for science-based HIV prevention programs to no less than \$1 billion annually in order to respond to growth and changes in the HIV/AIDS epidemic?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Despite significant declines in new infections since the early days of the epidemic, an estimated 40,000 new infections have occurred annually in the U.S. for more than a decade. Our nation has developed effective science-based strategies—such as condom distribution, sterile syringe access initiatives, and peer-based risk-reduction services—to dramatically curb new infections. A minimum increase of \$300 million is needed to reach the \$1 billion goal in annual federal funding for science-based HIV prevention programs to make additional progress in reducing new HIV infections in the U.S.

- 5. Do you support the Microbicide Development Act, which creates an office within the National Institutes of Health dedicated to research and development of topical agents—known as microbicides—capable of preventing sexual transmission of HIV?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—The development of topical microbicides holds tremendous promise in preventing future cases of HIV in the U.S. and around the globe. Microbicides are especially important for women who need access to prevention tools they can independently control rather than relying on male sex partners.

- 6. Given the overwhelming body of evidence demonstrating the efficacy of needle exchange as HIV prevention, do you support legislation to lift the ban on federal funding for needle exchange as a strategy to reduce HIV transmission among injection drug users, their partners, and children?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Scientific research has proven that increased access to sterile syringes reduces new HIV infections without increasing drug use.

7. **Do you support an end to federal funding for “abstinence-only-until-marriage” programs, which have been proved not only ineffective but actually harmful to young people by contributing to higher rates of STDs, risky sexual behaviors, and lower rates of protected sexual contact?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—All young people deserve health education that is comprehensive, age-appropriate, and medically accurate. With education on both abstinence and risk-reduction, youth are afforded the opportunity to make informed decisions on how best to protect themselves and others from HIV, other sexually transmitted diseases, and unintended pregnancy.

8. **Do you support increased funding for the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program, which provides desperately needed housing assistance for disabled people with AIDS?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Without a safe and affordable place to live, people with HIV/AIDS run the risk of severely compromised health. Stable housing promotes treatment adherence and decreases utilization of emergency rooms and visits to the hospital.

9. **Do you support repealing the ban against people living with HIV from entering the United States as travelers or immigrants and that bars those in the U.S. from legalizing their immigration status?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—The immigration ban is a violation of human rights. Immigrants living with HIV are not a threat to public health. In order to serve as an international leader in HIV/AIDS, the U.S. must end this legalized discrimination by lifting the immigration ban on HIV-positive people.

10. **Since the world will need over \$23 billion per year to fight AIDS globally by 2010, will you support an increase in U.S. funding to contribute one-third of this amount?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Given that the U.S. possesses one-third of the world’s wealth, the U.S. should commit one-third of the developing world’s needed funding for HIV/AIDS care, treatment, and prevention. In doing so, the U.S. can influence other wealthy nations to contribute their fair share. Twenty-three billion is the cumulative amount of funding needed by 2010 from all sources, including the Global Fund, to meet the HIV prevention, care, and treatment needs in the developing world.

11. **Will you support a commitment by the U.S. to fund its full one-third “fair share” contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria—\$1.2 billion in 2007?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—The Global Fund is a critical tool in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria, three treatable and preventable diseases which together kill 6 million people a year. The Global Fund is among the best funding mechanisms for global health through which countries pool money for increased effectiveness and less bureaucracy. In addition, the Global Fund’s country-driven strategies involve stakeholders impacted by HIV/AIDS and provide built-in transparency and monitoring of funding. The U.S. should contribute its fair share to this critically important global health program.

12. **As part of its global AIDS funding, should the U.S. increase spending for HIV prevention programs that are scientifically proven to halt the spread of HIV including needle exchange and comprehensive and age-appropriate sexuality education programs that include but are not limited to the promotion of abstinence?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Each day, thousands of people are infected with HIV—over half of them young people. The world drastically needs increased funding for programs to decrease the spread of HIV that are based on proven scientific strategies.

- 13. Would you support ratification of free trade agreements, like those being negotiated by the U.S. with the governments of Thailand and South Korea, which would increase intellectual property protections for big drug companies while preventing the development of low-cost, life-saving generic HIV medications?**

*AFC ANSWER: No*—AIDS medications can be manufactured generically for as little as \$140 per patient per year. Pending Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) would create unprecedented new rights for drug companies, while restricting generic production. In the regular course of disease progression, newer drugs are necessary as people become resistant to older drugs. Name-brand medications cost well around \$10,000 per patient per year. Without generic production, the world will never achieve universal AIDS treatment access.

- 14. Do you support the removal of the requirement that one-third of U.S. global AIDS funding for prevention (services aimed at reducing sexual transmission of HIV) go to “abstinence only” programs?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—We know that abstinence-only programs have been shown to be ineffective and harmful, at home and abroad. Exporting these unsuccessful programs, and requiring developing countries to spend scarce U.S. funding on them, is a futile and wasteful expenditure of money and inappropriate for scientific, cultural, and human rights reasons.

- 15. Should the U.S. invest \$8.6 billion in new funding over five years for training, retention, and support of the skilled healthcare workforce needed to tackle the HIV/AIDS crisis on the African continent?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Among the greatest roadblocks today to treatment is the lack of doctors, nurses, and community health workers. Without healthcare infrastructure, sufficient training, and adequate salary support, healthcare workers often leave Africa to work in wealthy nations. We must reverse this trend and support the development of a solid healthcare infrastructure across Africa.

- 16. Will you support legislation requiring the U.S. to give 100% debt cancellation without harmful economic conditions attached for every impoverished nation that needs it to boost its fight against AIDS?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Many countries in Africa spend more on repaying debts to institutions like the World Bank each year than they do on their entire healthcare budget. While some countries have recently received partial debt relief, the majority of countries in need have been left out. Canceling the debt of impoverished countries would free up billions of dollars each year to fight AIDS, build health and education systems, and improve the lives of millions.

Y=Yes N=No ? = Doesn't know ()=no answer *Italics* denote incumbent candidates Answers in **Bold** denote agreement with AFC

<b>US Congressional Candidates</b>	Universal access	Early Treatment for HIV Act	Funding for AIDS Drug Assistance Program	Funding for science-based HIV prevention	Microbicide Development Act	Lift needle exchange funding ban	End "abstinence-only-until-marriage" programs	Increase funding for HOPWA	Repeal immigration ban	Support funding for global AIDS fight	Increase U.S. contribution to the Global Fund	Increase spending for HIV prevention	Support free trade agreements	Remove global "abstinence only" requirement	Invest \$8.6 billion in new funding	Support debt cancellation
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<b>1<sup>st</sup> District</b>																
Jason Tabour (R)																
<i>Bobby Rush (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>2nd District</b>																
Robert Belin (R)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
Anthony Williams (L)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<i>Jesse Jackson Jr (D)</i>																
<b>3rd District</b>																
Raymond Wardingley (R)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>
<i>Daniel Lipinski (D)</i>																
<b>4<sup>th</sup> District</b>																
Ann Melichar (R)																
<i>Luis Gutierrez (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>5th District</b>																
Kevin White (R)																
<i>Rahm Emanuel (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>7th District</b>																
Charles Hutchinson (R)																
<i>Danny Davis (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>8th District</b>																
David McSweeney (R)																
Bill Scheurer (M)																
<i>Melissa Bean (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>( )</b>	<b>( )</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>( )</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>( )</b>	<b>( )</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>9th District</b>																
Michael Shannon (R)																
<i>Janice Schakowsky (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>10th District</b>																
<i>Mark Kirk (R)</i>																
Daniel Seals (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>11th District</b>																
<i>Gerald Weller (R)</i>																
John Pavich (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>

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<b>Congressional Cont.</b>																
<b>14<sup>th</sup> District</b>																
<i>Dennis Hastert (R)</i>																
Jonathan Laesch (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?
<b>15<sup>th</sup> District</b>																
<i>Timothy Johnson (R)</i>																
David Gill (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> District</b>																
<i>Donald Manzullo (R)</i>																
Richard Auman (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	( )	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> District</b>																
Andrea Zinga (R)																
Phil Hare (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?
<b>19<sup>th</sup> District</b>																
<i>John Shimkus (R)</i>																
Danny Stover (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>

## Questions Posed to General Assembly Candidates

- 1. Do you support a full continuum of HIV prevention and care services in jails, prisons, and community settings to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS among incarcerated populations, ex-offenders, and their friends and family members?**  
**AFC ANSWER: Yes**—Rates of HIV can be two or three times higher in jails and prisons than community settings. Providing this population with HIV prevention education will increase the likelihood that they will protect themselves and their sexual partners from infection.
- 2. Do you support establishing housing subsidy targets in Illinois' Rental Housing Support Program for people living with HIV/AIDS and others with special needs?**  
**AFC ANSWER: Yes**—The prevalence of HIV/AIDS is nine times greater among homeless individuals or those with unstable housing than their housed counterparts. Individuals with HIV who lack stable housing face difficulties maintaining complex medication regimes, eating properly, and avoiding infections.
- 3. Do you support increased funding for HIV prevention strategies such as condom distribution and culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV prevention interventions for men who have sex with men, especially men of color, and other populations at high risk of HIV infection?**  
**AFC ANSWER: Yes**—Until an effective vaccine, microbicide, or cure is developed HIV prevention strategies are our best tools for slowing the epidemic and improving the lives of those affected by HIV/AIDS.
- 4. Do you support state funding for a new grants program to expand comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education for Illinois youth?**  
**AFC ANSWER: Yes**—All age-appropriate youth should receive health education that is comprehensive and medically accurate so they can learn about abstinence and risk reduction and can make informed choices to prevent HIV infection, other sexually transmitted infections, and unintended pregnancy.
- 5. Do you support appropriating increased state dollars for viral hepatitis prevention, vaccination, awareness, and treatment services?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Viral hepatitis has become an increasingly significant concern for those living with HIV/AIDS. With a depleted immune system, HIV-positive individuals are more susceptible to an accelerated form of the disease and need awareness, vaccines, and treatment services to reduce the risk and maintain their health.

**6. Should Illinois allocate state dollars to fund needle exchange programs, which effectively decrease transmission of HIV and Hepatitis C?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Empirical research has proven that increased access to sterile syringes reduces new HIV infections without increasing drug use. With increased sterile syringe access, HIV/AIDS cases among injection drug users fell 44% statewide from 2000-2004, while HIV cases increased among other risk groups.

**7. Do you believe HIV testing should be part of a comprehensive package that includes informed consent, HIV prevention education and counseling, and for individuals who test positive, linkages to care and follow-up services?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—HIV testing, when combined with informed consent and counseling, forms a comprehensive package that allows individuals at risk for HIV to receive vital prevention education and awareness as well as linkages to care and follow-up services for individuals who test positive.

**8. Do you believe individuals with substance abuse problems should be able to access treatment on demand?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Currently individuals with substance abuse problems must wait a minimum of six months before they are able to access publicly-financed treatment. There is a clear link between substance abuse problems and HIV transmission risk.

**9. Should Illinois increase the income limit (currently 200% of poverty, or \$19,600) for Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities, a program that helps disabled people return to work while keeping Medicaid benefits?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Many people with HIV are disabled and rely on Medicaid and Medicare for their health benefits. The HBWD program allows them to use income from work to pay a premium for health insurance and retain health benefits. Illinois has one of the lowest income limits in the country.

**10. Despite recent initiatives to increase the number of Illinoisans with healthcare coverage, nearly 1.3 million state residents remain uninsured in Illinois. If the Adequate Healthcare Task Force recommends the creation of a system to guarantee universal coverage, will you support this recommendation?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—The Adequate Healthcare Task Force was created to develop a plan to address the problem of the uninsured/underinsured in Illinois. Currently, the task force is exploring many options to reduce the number of individuals who remain uninsured in Illinois.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTION POSED TO CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

**11. If elected, will you extend to your employees same-sex domestic partner health benefits?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Governor Blagojevich signed an executive order that gave constitutional officers the ability to make health benefits available to domestic partners. Gay and lesbian employees in committed relationships are prohibited by law to marry, but deserve the same rights as opposite-sex couples to healthcare and other benefits.

**12. Candidates for statewide office were invited to submit statements regarding their HIV/AIDS positions. Submitted statements appear verbatim on page 13.**

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<b>IL General Assembly (House)</b>	Addressing HIV in prisons	Subsidized housing	Targeted HIV prevention for at-risk groups	Fund comprehensive sex education	Fund hepatitis services	Fund needle exchange programs	Comprehensive HIV testing	Substance abuse treatment	Health Benefits for workers with disabilities	Support universal coverage
Question Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>6th District</b>										
<i>Esther Golar (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>8th District</b>										
La Shawn Ford (D)	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	?
Glenn Harris (R)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	N	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	N	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
Nathan Helsabeck (G)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>10th District</b>										
<i>Annazette Collins (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>12th District</b>										
<i>Sara Feigenholtz (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
Richard Caner (R)										
<b>13th District</b>										
Gregory Harris (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>14th District</b>										
James Batek (R)										
<i>Harry Osterman (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>16th District</b>										
<i>Lou Lang (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?
<b>17th District</b>										
<i>Elizabeth Coulson (R)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	()	?	<b>Y</b>	()
Judith-Rae Ross (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>18th District</b>										
<i>Julie Hamos (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>24th District</b>										
Lisa Hernandez (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
John Ledvina (R)										
<b>25th District</b>										
<i>Barbara Flynn Currie (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
James Sanders (R)										
<b>26th District</b>										
<i>Elga Jefferies (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>27th District</b>										
<i>Monique Davis (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	N	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>33rd District</b>										
<i>Marlow Colvin (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>34th District</b>										
<i>Connie Howard (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>

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Question Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>IL General Assembly House Cont.</b>										
<b>40th District</b>										
Lonnie Ledford (R)	Y	Y	Y	?	Y	?	Y	?	Y	?
Richard Bradley (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>45th District</b>										
Rob Bisceglie (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	()
Franco Coladipietro (R)										
<b>47th District</b>										
<i>Patricia Bellock (R)</i>	Y	Y	()	()	Y	Y	()	Y	?	()
Carol DiCola (D)										
<b>50th District</b>										
<i>Patricia Lindner (R)</i>	Y	?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	?	?	?
Joseph Serra (D)	Y	?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
<b>51st District</b>										
<i>Ed Sullivan (R)</i>										
Amanda Howland (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>52nd District</b>										
<i>Mark Beaubien (R)</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	?	?	?
<b>54th District</b>										
Jeffrey Ketelsen (D)	Y	N	?	Y	Y	N	Y	?	?	Y
<i>Suzanne Bassi (R)</i>										
<b>57th District</b>										
<i>Elaine Nekritz (D)</i>	Y	?	Y	Y	Y	()	Y	Y	Y	?
<b>58th District</b>										
William Griffin (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	?	Y	?	?	?
<i>Karen May (D)</i>	Y	Y	Y	()	Y	Y	Y	Y	?	Y
<b>65th District</b>										
<i>Rosemary Mulligan (R)</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	?	?
<b>70th District</b>										
Charles Sauer (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	?	Y
Robert Pritchard (R)										
<b>71st District</b>										
<i>Mike Boland (D)</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Steven Haring (R)										
<b>75th District</b>										
Jason Briscoe (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Careen Gordon (D)</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	?
<b>80th District</b>										
Marc Wiley (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>George Scully (D)</i>										
<b>88th District</b>										
<i>Dan Brady (R)</i>										
Phil Huckelberry (G)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>90th District</b>										
Kenneth J. Novak (D)	Y	?	Y	Y	?	Y	Y	Y	?	?
<i>Jerry Mitchell (R)</i>										
<b>95th District</b>										
Mike Fortner (R)										
Dirk Enger (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>103rd District</b>										
Rex Bradfield (R)										
Tom Abram (G)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Naomi Jakobsson (D)</i>										
<b>106th District</b>										
Mike Phillips (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	?
<i>Keith Sommer (R)</i>										

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Question Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>IL General Assembly House Cont.</b>										
<b>112th District</b>										
<i>Jay Hoffman (D)</i>										
Carol Kugler (R)	<b>Y</b>	( )	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	?
<b>114th District</b>										
Dennis Bielke (R)										
<i>Wyetter H. Younge (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>

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IL General Assembly (Senate)	Addressing HIV in prisons	Subsidize Housing	Targeted HIV prevention for at-risk groups	Fund comprehensive sex education	Fund hepatitis healthcare	Fund needle exchange programs	Comprehensive HIV testing	Substance abuse treatment	Health Benefits for workers with disabilities	Support universal coverage
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>1st District</b>										
Rose Pappas (R)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?
Dorian Breuer (G)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<i>Antonio Muñoz (D)</i>										
<b>7th District</b>										
Frank Thomas (R)	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	N	<b>Y</b>
<i>Carol Ronen (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>13th District</b>										
Charles Kinzer (R)										
<i>Kwame Raoul (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?
<b>19th District</b>										
Eric Wallace (R)	<b>Y</b>	?	N	?	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	?	?	?
<i>Maggie Crotty (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>24th District</b>										
<i>Kirk Dillard (R)</i>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	N	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?
<b>25th District</b>										
<i>Chris Lauzen (R)</i>										
Frank Craig (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>27th District</b>										
Matt Murphy (R)										
Peter Gutzmer (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>30th District</b>										
Charles Fitzgerald (R)	?	?	<b>Y</b>	N	<b>Y</b>	?	?	<b>Y</b>	N	?
<i>Terry Link (D)</i>										
<b>31st District</b>										
Suzanne Simpson (R)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?
Michael Bond (D)										

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<b>IL General Assembly Senate Cont.</b>										
Question Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>33rd District</b>										
<i>Cheryl Axley (R)</i>										
Dan Kotowski (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>37th District</b>										
Dale Risinger (R)										
Bob Sheehan (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?
<b>39th District</b>										
Jim Rowe (R)										
<i>Don Harmon (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>42nd District</b>										
Linda Holmes (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
Terri Wintermute (R)										
<b>52nd District</b>										
Judith Myers (R)										
Michael Frerichs (D)										
Joseph Parnarauskis (SE)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>54th District</b>										
<i>John Jones (R)</i>	<b>Y</b>	?	N	N	<b>Y</b>	N	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	?
Bait Wright (D)										

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<b>Constitutional Officers</b>	Addressing HIV in prisons	Subsidized housing	Targeted HIV prevention for at-risk groups	Fund comprehensive sex education	Fund hepatitis services	Fund needle exchange programs	Comprehensive HIV testing	Substance abuse treatment	Health Benefits for workers with disabilities	Support universal coverage	Same-sex insurance benefits	Written statement submitted (page 14)
Question Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Governor</b>												
<i>Rod Blagojevich (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	( )	?	( )	<b>Y</b>	✓
Judy Baar Topinka (R)												
Rich Whitney (G)												
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>												
<i>Pat Quinn (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	( )	?	( )	<b>Y</b>	✓
Joe Birkett (R)												
Julie Samuels (G)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	✓
<b>Secretary of State</b>												
<i>Jesse White (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	?	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
Dan Rutherford (R)												
Karen Peterson (G)												

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Question Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Constitutional Officer Cont.</b>												
<b>Attorney General</b>												
<i>Lisa Madigan (D)</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	( )	( )	Y	✓
Stewart Umholtz (R)												
David Black (G)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
<b>Treasurer</b>												
Alexander Giannoulis (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Christine Radogno (R)												
Dan Schlorff (G)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	✓
<b>IL Comptroller</b>												
<i>Daniel Hynes (D)</i>	Y	( )	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	( )	Y	✓
Carole Pankau (R)												
Alicia Snyder (G)												

## Questions Posed to Cook County Candidates

- 1. Do you support reforms at Cook County jail to increase the offer of voluntary HIV and hepatitis counseling and testing services; prevention education; discharge planning; and community-based services for HIV-positive former detainees and their family members?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—With the second largest municipal jail in the country, Cook County has a unique opportunity to improve the health of county residents affected by the criminal justice system by expanding HIV and hepatitis screening, education, and referral services.

- 2. Do you support increased funding for culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV prevention strategies such as condom distribution, risk-reduction counseling, social marketing, voluntary HIV counseling and testing services, and proven-effective needle exchange for populations at high risk of HIV infection?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—HIV prevention services are woefully under-funded across Cook County. County government should invest in science-based HIV prevention services as a way to promote the public health and reduce future healthcare expenditures. Cook County currently spends hundreds of millions of dollars on care services but nothing on HIV prevention.

- 3. Do you support appropriating increased government funding for viral hepatitis prevention, vaccination, awareness, and treatment services?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—Viral hepatitis has become an increasingly significant concern for those living with HIV/AIDS. With a depleted immune system, HIV-positive individuals are more susceptible to an accelerated form of the disease and need awareness, vaccines, and treatment services to reduce the risk and maintain their health.

- 4. Do you support continued county funding for indigent care at Cook County Hospital?**

*AFC ANSWER: Yes*—The Cook County Bureau of Health Services is the largest provider of HIV specialty care in Illinois. Cook County also bears the brunt of Illinois' HIV/AIDS epidemic—nearly 80% of all reported HIV/AIDS cases are diagnosed in the county. Because the vast majority of people living with HIV/AIDS are low-income and/or uninsured, Cook County's commitment to indigent healthcare is essential to healthcare availability for HIV-positive people in Illinois.

- 5. Candidates for Board President were invited to submit statements regarding their HIV/AIDS positions. Submitted statement appear verbatim on page 14.**

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<b>Cook County Office</b>	Increase HIV & hepatitis services in Cook County Jail	Increase funding for HIV prevention strategies	Increase funding for hepatitis prevention and treatment	County funding for indigent care at Cook County Hospital	Written statement submitted (page 14)
Question Number	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Cook County Board President</b>					
Todd Stroger (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	✓
Tony Peraica (R)					
<b>Cook County Clerk</b>					
<i>David Orr (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
Nancy Carlson (R)					
<b>Cook County Sheriff</b>					
Thomas Dart (D)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
Peter Garza (R)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>Cook County Assessor</b>					
<i>James Houlihan (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
Ralph Conner (R)					
<b>Cook County Board of Commissioners</b>					
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>					
<i>Jerry Butler (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
Maurice Perkins (R)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>6<sup>TH</sup> District</b>					
Michael Hawkins (R)	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<i>Joan Murphy (D)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
<b>9<sup>TH</sup> District</b>					
<i>Peter Silvestri (R)</i>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	
Jodi Biancalan (D)					

## Written Responses by Candidates Vying for Statewide Office and Cook County Board President

Candidates for statewide office and for Cook County Board President were invited to submit statements regarding their HIV/AIDS positions. Their statements are provided, verbatim, below.

### Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor

#### **Rod Blagojevich and Pat Quinn (D)**

"Since I became Governor, I have boosted spending for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) by \$3 million to a total of \$36 million to allow more people with HIV or AIDS who meet eligibility requirements to be served and to increase the number of life saving medicines from 74 to 80. I filed emergency rules to implement HIV/AIDS rapid testing statewide. The emergency rules are effective for 150 days, starting on September 14, 2005. The Department will file a permanent rule before the temporary rule expires. We have been able to cover more uninsured families through expansions of the KidCare and FamilyCare programs, including those families with an HIV positive parent.

Healthcare and prevention have been my top priorities. As noted in my answers [on the questionnaire], while increasing funds for these programs will always be a goal, the overall budget of the state is a factor in determining appropriate funding for these types of programs. I have urged Congress to and support the reauthorization and increase federal appropriations for the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act - the nation's largest source of federal funding for HIV/AIDS-related services. In addition, the Illinois Department of Public Health has allotted \$250,000 to help fund the HIV/AIDS Policy and Research Institute at Chicago State University. The institute, which was started with a \$350,000 grant in fiscal year 2004, is conducting research on why the African-American population is so disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS and ways to affect behavioral change. The Illinois Department of Public Health will also hold more than 20 HIV/AIDS testing and awareness events across the state. We have also negotiated price concessions from drug manufacturers which will net the state \$1 million for its drug assistance program for people with HIV and AIDS. In September we launched a comprehensive HIV/AIDS awareness campaign called BASUAH, Brothers and Sisters United Against HIV/AIDS, to address the alarming trend of infection among the state's African-American churches, colleges and universities to encourage HIV/AIDS testing, coordinated faith-based community meetings to develop a strategic plan for fighting HIV/AIDS, and participated in a twinning partnership and knowledge exchange with South Africa."

#### **Judy Baar Topinka and Joe Birkett (R)**

No Response

#### **Rich Whitney (No Response) and Julie Samuels (G)**

"Thank you for allowing me to respond to your thoughtful questions. I have learned a great deal about your concerns from your questions. Because your organization has done the research and has the experience, you will know the most about this issue. You are therefore the authorities on the nature of the problems, and the solutions to them. I believe that the Green Party's support for a single-payer universal health care program for all Illinois residents is the first step to solving the problems you have identified. We also support and I will work to achieve the decriminalization of drugs and treatment on demand for substance abusers. Addictive drug use is a public health problem, not a criminal justice problem and should be treated as such. This would prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS through sharing of needles and provide appropriate health care to treat addiction. Illinois schools should be fully educating students on age-appropriate sex education and healthy lifestyles. This is only one of many ways that our schools are failing our students and this can only be improved by fully funding Illinois schools by passing HB 750. I will work to support the passage of that bill. If special funding is still required for health education, I will work to add that to the bill. Finally, the Green Party and I support and will work for full civil rights for everyone in Illinois. This includes young and old, rich and poor, all races and all individuals of all sexual orientations. Same-sex partners deserve the right to share in the benefits that all married

couples share and this is especially important when it comes to health benefits. A universal health care bill that we work to pass will contain language to guarantee that this happens. Thank you and good luck in your important work. I hope to be able to provide real assistance to your endeavors once Rich Whitney and I are successful in the November election."

### **Candidates for Attorney General**

#### **David Black (G)**

"I have been a strong supporter of the needle exchange program in Winnebago County and through the Unitarian Universalist of Rockford HIV-AIDS Task Force have been involved in fundraising for AIDS treatment programs as well as picnics and Christmas parties for AIDS patients and their families."

#### **Lisa Madigan (D)**

"As a public servant, I have consistently supported measures to increase education and prevention services to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS. For example, as a State Senator, I supported legislative measures to expand comprehensive sex education for youth, provide for needle exchange program to help stop the spread of HIV, and increase resources for organizations that provide necessary support to those living with HIV and AIDS. I have continued to support these efforts as Attorney General. Additionally, during my first term as Illinois Attorney General, I have launched an aggressive fight against methamphetamine. To help stem the flow of methamphetamine from rural areas to urban areas and across state lines, I have proposed and passed legislation to make it more difficult for meth manufacturers to get the ingredients they need to make the drug and I have held workshops about methamphetamine for law enforcement so that they have all the tools they need in the fight against meth. Meth has become particularly troubling in the gay community where there are significant concerns that its use will increase the spread of HIV/AIDS because of its tendency to lead users to unsafe sex practices. To that end, I have worked with many organizations in the GLBT community to explore the issues presented by meth and to make sure that my office is effectively involved in the fight against meth in the gay community. As Illinois Attorney General, I am proud to continue my collaboration with legislators, community organizations like the AIDS Foundation, and members of the public to support people living with HIV and to expand HIV/AIDS prevention and education efforts."

#### **Stewart Umholtz (R)**

No Response

### **Candidates for State Treasurer**

#### **Alexander Giannoulis (D)**

No Response

#### **Christine Radogno (R)**

No Response

#### **Dan Schlorff (G)**

"I am the first openly gay candidate (and first Asian) to run for statewide office in Illinois. Additionally, members of my campaign staff are HIV-positive and thriving. The Green Party fully and enthusiastically supports AIDS Foundation of Chicago and the policies you espouse!"

### **Candidates for Comptroller**

#### **Daniel Hynes (D)**

"To put it simply, our government is not committing sufficient resources to alleviate the suffering of those coping with HIV infection, or to curb the spread of this devastating illness. We have a full understanding of how the disease is contracted and an ability to effectively prevent virtually all new infections through adequate community education and prevention programs such as needle exchanges. Therefore, it is a public atrocity that the disease continues to reach new victims. We must commit to adequately educating our public - and especially our youth - and commit adequate resources to public health and prevention programs, to end the scourge of AIDS."

**Carole Pankau (R)**

No Response

**Alicia Snyder (G)**

No Response

**Candidates for Cook County Board President**

**Todd Stroger (D)**

“HIV/AIDS is an issue that must be addressed actively and aggressively by Cook County. Eighty percent of Illinois’ HIV positive people live in Cook County, and we have to focus on both treatment for them and on matters of prevention and education. Cook County must make routine, voluntary rapid HIV testing available in the County’s hospitals, health clinics, and jails to identify HIV-positive individuals who do not know they are infected and provide them with medical care. In addition, we must do more to prevent new HIV/AIDS cases – particularly in south suburban Cook County, where HIV/AIDS cases have doubled in four years.

Prevention of HIV/AIDS should include engaging African-American churches and community groups in AIDS awareness and education since the African-American community is the most impacted today, with African-American men and women comprising half of all people living with HIV/AIDS both nationally and within Chicago. We must also provide HIV prevention and care services to former detainees and prisoners who are returning to the community.

Caused in part by reductions in the Medicaid Intergovernmental Transfer, the Cook County Bureau of Health Services is facing a deficit of as much as \$70 million. Be it following Commissioner Forrest Claypool’s proposal of expanding neighborhood services for the uninsured and partnering with non-profit hospitals and agencies to provide specialty services, or investigating Northwestern University’s recently released report calling for a blue-ribbon panel to review the finances and structure of the Cook County health system, the deficit must be addressed.

Bluntly put, we know how to stop HIV/AIDS – we need the political will to make it happen – by speaking frankly and openly about how the virus is transmitted, fighting AIDS stigma and homophobia, encouraging early testing and treatment, and providing high-quality medical care and social services for people who are infected, we can end the disease. I plan to bring that political will to Cook County. It is unacceptable that people infected with HIV are fired from their jobs, evicted from their homes, and rejected by their families because they have the virus. Although we cannot force a family to more openly accept their loved ones, we as a community can and must impact the co-factors that fuel the disease, including poverty, homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness, incarceration, AIDS stigma, homophobia, racism, and sexually transmitted infections.

**Tony Peraica (R)**

No Response