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**Q1 Candidate's Name**

Rachelle Aud Crowe

**Q2 Candidate's District**

56 Senate District

**Q3 Will you support closure of any State Operated Developmental Centers and shift corresponding resources toward integrated, community-based living options?** **Yes**

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**Q4 Would you support legislation to eliminate the subminimum wage for workers with disabilities in Illinois?** **Yes**

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**Q5 Do you support per-beneficiary funding caps in the Illinois Medicaid system?** **No**

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**Q6 Should Illinois Medicaid and SNAP benefits have a mandatory work component?** **No**

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**Q7 Would you advocate raising Medicaid reimbursement rates for home-based nursing services?** **Yes**

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**Q8 Do you support a fair (graduated) income tax?** **Yes**

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**Q9 Will you demand improved disability access to the State Capitol complex and General Assembly, including but not limited to a formal reasonable accommodation request process for public proceedings, provision of key materials in alternate formats, and captioning of floor proceedings?** **Yes**

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## Candidate's Questionnaire 2018

**Q10** What will you do to ensure people with disabilities, who identify as members of other marginalized communities (e.g. black/brown, LGBTQ, immigrant, etc.) know they are welcome to live and pursue their full potential in Illinois? In other words, how can you address systemic oppression against multiply marginalized disabled people?

I would work with activist groups and be ally who advocates for advocates for the rights of multiply marginalized disabled people.

Particularly, I would work to support accessible and affirming healthcare, being able to protect one's health is so essential and healthcare inequalities and mistreatment reinforce and perpetuate inequalities in other areas.

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**Q11** How will you ensure a free and appropriate public education for Illinois students with disabilities?

All children deserve access to a quality public education. I fight to enact and support legislation that focuses on the unique learning needs of students with disabilities, including support and training for educators, and improved access to resources like assistive technology for students and families. I would also look to increase awareness for transition services for students with disabilities after they leave school to help them succeed in the work place, additional schooling, or other environments.

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**Q12** How will you work to expand affordable, accessible, integrated housing options in Illinois?

I support increasing government funding and resources to focus on building or modifying housing for people with low income and disabilities.

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**Q13** What would you do to make Illinois more compliant with the Ligas, Williams, and Colbert Consent Decrees?

I would look to work closely with organizations like SILC to learn how to best support communities in developing the capacity to serve those wishing to leave nursing homes. People with disabilities who were unnecessarily forcibly institutionalized when they could live independently or in a community based setting have the right to do so.

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**Q14** How will you play a role in making business accessible to all customers with disabilities?

I work closely with organizations like SILC and business groups to increase awareness of ADA responsibilities and the importance of doing business inclusively. I would also seek to increase awareness of tax credits small businesses can receive under the Disabled Access Credit.

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**Q15** What will you do to provide full and equal access to public transportation in Illinois?

Public transportation improves the lives of all Illinoisans, and is especially critical to supporting the independence of people with disabilities. I support increased funding for public transportation that is accessible.

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**Q16** How can wages for Illinois' Personal Assistants, Direct Support Professionals, Community Care Program and Homemaker service providers be improved and/or stabilized?

Home care workers provide quality and critical services for people with disabilities and seniors. I support an increased a \$15/hour living wage for Child Care, Home Care, Nursing Home, and Health Systems workers.

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**Q17** Illinois has 19,000+ residents with disabilities on the PUNS (Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services) waiting list. Thousands more are waiting for DON (Determination of Need) assessments to become eligible for home and community-based care. What concrete steps will you support to reduce these backlogs and improve Illinois' laggard status (we rank #47) when it comes to home-based disability services for eligible Illinoisans?

I would look to work with SILC, families, and stakeholders to help reduce this backlog and improve Illinois' home-based disability services. Particularly, I would look to make sure we improve funding for vital services.

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