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**Q1 Candidate's Name**

Tom Georges

**Q2 Candidate's District**

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**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? **Yes**

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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?

- 1 - Require all to be familiar with anti-discrimination laws
  - 2 - Develop policy and training programs
  - 3 - Identify specific individuals who investigate complaints
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**Q11** How will you ensure a free and appropriate public education for Illinois students with disabilities?

Initiate legislation to support students with disabilities

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

Expand the number of community-based housing facilities

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

Make all efforts to pass and assist other legislators to pass the Illinois State Budget on time and with sufficient funding allocated to ensure facilities continue operation without interruption

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

Uphold and introduce legislation which mandates accessibility to all customers with disabilities within reason. Promote legislation which takes into consideration accessibility during new construction.

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

Uphold and introduce legislation which supports equal access to public transportation. Promote purchase of new transportation which is better designed to accommodate full and equal access.

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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?

Further information is required but a study and comparison of wages and type of support should be conducted and analyzed.

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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?

Since Illinois ranks 47, and without recreating the wheel, as we should follow other states and utilize a integrated, community-based housing structure, we should take a look at other states and their procedure(s). With INCIL personnel support, use other states as a guide and adjust to Illinois needs and business practice.

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