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**Q1 Candidate's Name**

Mike Halpin

**Q2 Candidate's District**

72nd Representative District

**Q3 Will you support closure of any State Operated Developmental Centers and shift corresponding resources toward integrated, community-based living options?** **No**

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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?

To combat systemic discrimination and oppression, I would seek out data demonstrating where our systems fail, and support legislation aimed at reducing that systemic bias.

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

I will continue to fund our schools with the resources they require to meet every child's needs, including those students with disabilities.

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

I support an increase in the minimum wage, paid sick leave, and other reforms that will lift up all workers. More income means more housing options. I would also be interested in passing legislation to safeguard existing non-discrimination laws here in Illinois.

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

I would ensure adequate funding to our state agencies responsible for facilitating requests of residents to return to the community. Bureaucracy should not be a barrier to exercising individual rights.

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

I will emphasize enforcement actions and support funding for education to businesses, particularly local businesses, that may not be aware of their obligations under existing law.

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

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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?

First, the wages for these professionals should be a living wage, and should keep pace with any increased cost of living. I support an increase to the minimum wage and to the state reimbursement for these services.

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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 support increased funding for staff and technology to process these applications more quickly. I also support a graduated income tax that will free up resources to get payments out of time to community-based providers.

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