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Q1 Candidate's Name

Val Montgomery

Q2 Candidate's District

41 State Rep

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

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

Q5 Do you support per-beneficiary funding caps in the Illinois Medicaid system? **Respondent skipped this question**

Q6 Should Illinois Medicaid and SNAP benefits have a mandatory work component? **Yes**

Q7 Would you advocate raising Medicaid reimbursement rates for home-based nursing services? **Respondent skipped this question**

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

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**

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?

By raising my son as a human first. Preparing him to be a man in America, not a disabled black man.

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

By voting to support continued public-school funding.

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

By voting to support continued public housing grants and initiatives.

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

By voting to support continued legislation that allows the move to community-based options.

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

By voting to support that all businesses display the International Symbol of Accessibility at the accessible entrance to start.

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

By voting to support all new and existing legislation to aid transportation.

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

By voting to support that it stay at a living wage with healthcare insurance options.

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?

Yes, I support steps to reduce the backlog.
