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Q1 Candidate's Name

Tom Morrison

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**

Q4 Would you support legislation to eliminate the subminimum wage for workers with disabilities in Illinois? **No**

Q5 Do you support per-beneficiary funding caps in the Illinois Medicaid system? **Yes**

Q6 Should Illinois Medicaid and SNAP benefits have a mandatory work component? **Respondent skipped this question**

Q7 Would you advocate raising Medicaid reimbursement rates for home-based nursing services? **No**

Q8 Do you support a fair (graduated) income tax? **No**

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?

I believe in the Golden Rule. Both I, as an individual, and in my governmental role will do all I can to ensure people are treated with respect.

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

We need pension reform and other reforms at the state and local levels so that resources can be freed up to help pay on-going K-12 expenses.

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

I am open to discussing options with you.

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

Illinois badly needs pension reform to free up revenue to assist our DD populations. Until we get pension reform, which I strongly advocate for, it will continue to be difficult to fund other strong priorities within the state budget.

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

I am open to discussing options with you and being a liaison with the business community.

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

I am open to discussing options with you. I know that cost is a major concern right now, and as I alluded above, other reforms need to be enacted to free up resources.

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

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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?

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