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Q1 Candidate's Name

Joan Padilla

Q2 Candidate's District

71st

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? **No**

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

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

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?

I support Equal rights and would have voted YES to the ERA. My opponent voted against the ERA. It is my belief and what I will support is that the State's responsibility is to have programs and policy that allows all Illinoisans the ability to reach their potential!

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

I will support Education reform that provides the necessary resources to our public schools so that every student has what he or she needs to succeed.

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

I would support both private and public partnerships in the community to meet the needs of the individuals and local community.

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

Smaller settings. Reduce the distance between home and families for the client, customized day services for the client and increase in funding and wages for staff/providers.

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

Resources should be made available for businesses through grants to help with the costs from ADA directives.

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

I will support policy that increases funding in public transportation opportunities. Partnerships with private, state and municipal entities.

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

I will support \$15 minimum wage.

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 will support increase in resources in staffing to reduce/eliminate the DON assessments and number of home based / integrated settings.
