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**Q1 Candidate's Name**

Mark L Walker

**Q2 Candidate's District**

House District 53

**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? **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?

Engage individuals in my campaign and community office. Supportive legislation. Ask you how best to do it.

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

Review policies with local school boards. Fully fund schools overall, and especially programs targeted to those with special needs.

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

I have advocated for NAMI, and for other organizations like Clearbrook, on building and supporting group homes in our communities.

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

Not familiar enough with these issues. Educate me.

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

Review it and push with local businesses, thru local Chambers and Villages.

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

I have no specific plans for transportation. Please guide me.

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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?

Require that they be raised by statute, and in bills associated with budgeting.

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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?

Establish goals for agencies involved to catch up on this backlog. I more than likely will be on the Human Services Appropriations Committee.

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