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**Q1 Candidate's Name**

Maurice West

**Q2 Candidate's District**

67th House District

**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?

It is imperative that I have an open door policy to all. That is why I'm going to have members from the above demographics on my 67th district advisory council.

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

I have direct access to the Rockford Public School district leadership. My advisory council will help me to monitor that RPS is offering appropriate and free public education to student with disabilities. If not, it is something that I will address in Springfield through legislation.

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

Ensuring that legislation is passed that REQUIRES affordable, accessible, integrated housing options 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 assist in building a platform that exposes the benefit of the consent decrees and how it would be beneficial for our state and our residents with disabilities. This needs to become more widespread throughout the state, and a best practice in Illinois.

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

I plan to have a strong partnership with RAMP in Rockford so that we can in accountability to business in terms of adhering to ADA standards.

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

Start with the Rockford Mass Transit Department, and sponsor legislation that will benefit the whole State. I need to gain an understanding of where we are currently.

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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?

If desired, this group of workers can unionize, or join a union that would help in wage stability and improvement.

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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 will work with agencies that control this, who are willing to change the way we do things. We will then do research on what other states ranked 1-15 are doing, that we can adapt in our standard operating procedures. Over 20K people waiting for services? We must address this head on, strategically, directly. Bringing all the players to the table that can assist in bringing us to a better ranking in terms of servicing our residents in need.

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