



2008 Primary Election Guide



CANDIDATES SURVEY

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Dear Voter,

Every election year is important for our communities. With the ongoing attacks on the immigrant community over the last two years, we must exercise our right to vote for a candidate of our choosing. Voting is a tool that every citizen can utilize in order to make a difference and set a political agenda based on the needs of the community.

With the support of various organizations that support the immigrant community, the 2008 Primary Voter Guide was compiled to provide information from the candidates running for the Illinois State Senate seat for the 20th District, and U.S. Representative for the 3rd and 14th Congressional District. Candidates were given a list of 8 to 11 questions for State and Federal races respectively. Each candidate was asked to reply with a limit of 75 words for each question. The questions ranged from Civil Liberties, Education, Economy/Taxes/Environment, Foreign Policy, Healthcare, Immigration/Citizenship, and Worker Rights.

Having information on the candidates running for office is important for our community and we must continue to participate civically and exercise our right to vote. The final step will be to encourage others to become informed about their candidates and VOTE!

For more information, please contact Jackie Herrera-Giron from Institute for Latino Progress at 708-652-7711 x1.

Sincerely,

Albany Park Neighborhood Council (APNC)
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Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)
Instituto del Progreso Latino (IDPL)
Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA)
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center (KRCC)
Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)
Waukegan Leadership Council

Election Guide

What to Expect:

- Find the location of your polling place. This will be on your voter registration card or can be obtained by calling the Illinois State Board of Elections at (217) 782-4141 or visiting www.elections.il.gov. The Primary Election is on February 5, 2008; polling places are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- In the state of Illinois, voters can cast ballots before Election Day under “early voting.” Early voting begins on January 14, 2008, and ends January 31, 2008. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website, www.elections.il.gov, for more information on locations and times.
- When you walk into the polling place, you will see a table with election judges. The election judges should have your registration information. The judges will ask for your name, find your registration card, and ask you to sign the card. They will then match your signature with the signature in their registration book. If they approve the match, the judges will then explain how to operate the voting machine, and direct you towards the next step in the process. If you do not understand, you have a right to ask questions at any time!
- There may be a line, so plan on waiting. As long as you are in line by the time the polls close (7:00 pm), you are allowed to vote.

What to Bring:

- Generally, you should not need to bring, or be asked to provide, any identification. *However*, if you are voting for the first time, or recently re-registered, or participating in early voting, you **must** show proof of identification: you should bring your voter registration card and one to two forms of ID that can confirm your name and current address, such as a driver’s license, state ID, or utility bill.

If You are Not Allowed to Vote:

- If you have moved within the last 30 days, you must vote at your polling place for your previous address.
- If your name is not in the registration book or your registration is challenged, you should verify that you are at the correct polling place. If you are in the wrong polling place, then poll workers will help direct you to the correct location. To find out where your poll is, you can call the Illinois State Board of Elections at (217) 782-4141, or
 - If you live in the City of Chicago, call (312) 269-7900
 - If you live in Cook County, call (312) 603-0906
 - If you live in Kane County, call (630) 232-5990
 - If you live in Aurora, call (630) 897-4030
- If you are in the correct place, you have the right to fill out a provisional ballot. You would then need to provide additional proof of registration to the election authorities for your vote to be counted. *To avoid this happening, make sure that the election authority has your correct registration information before you go to the polls. If you did not receive a voter registration card before the election, call the board of elections or county clerk in your area (at the phone numbers listed at the end of this section) to confirm your registration.*

Your Rights as a Voter:

- You have the right to vote without being subject to disturbances, intimidation, or discrimination.
- You have the right to vote if you are in line by 7:00 pm.

- Federal Law requires that all polling places be accessible to those with disabilities. If you need assistance, you have a right to ask for it!
- If your registration is challenged, you have the right to vote by provisional ballot.
- You have the right to vote at your old polling place if you have moved within 30 days of the election.
- You have the right to request assistance in voting.
- You have the right to bring sample ballots into the voting booth.
- You have the right to secrecy of your ballot.
- You have the right to review your ballot if you think you made a mistake.
- You have the right to have your ballot counted fairly.
- You have the right to bring your minor child into the voting booth with you, provided that he/she does not disturb the other voters.
- You have the right to vote early. In Illinois, Primary Election early voting begin on January 14, 2008, and ends January 30, 2008. For more information, visit www.elections.il.gov.

Just in Case:

- If you have witnessed any effort to commit fraud or corruption, call the Illinois State Board of Elections Complaint Hotline: (866) 513-1121.
- If you have experience discrimination or intimidation while voting, call the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice: (800) 253-3931.
- You can also contact your local State's Attorney or election authority:
 - City of Chicago:
 - Board of Elections: (312) 269-7900
 - City of Aurora:
 - Election Commission: (630) 897-4030
 - Cook County:
 - State's Attorney: (773) 869-6373
 - County Clerk: (312) 603-0906
 - DuPage County:
 - State's Attorney: (630) 407-8000
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 - Kane County:
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Illinois State Senate – 20th District

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Survey Responses:

What is your position regarding whether the state should issue driving documents to undocumented immigrants? *I support the issuance of a driver document for undocumented immigrants. I was a co-sponsor and now the Senate sponsor of HB 1100 that provides for the issuance of a drivers license.*

What is your position regarding the use of local or state police officers to enforce federal immigration laws? *I believe local and state law enforcement should be used to protect our communities and to investigate crimes, not enforce federal immigration laws. Local and State police officers should focus their efforts and resources on tackling gang related and gun related violence in our neighborhoods.*

What is your position regarding state funding levels for programs to assist immigrants to become citizens? *I have and will continue to fight for funding for programs that assist immigrants who want to become citizens. In addition, I have fought for increase funding for bi-lingual education so the children or immigrants can succeed in school and beyond.*

What if any changes would you make to the funding system for public education? *Certainly leveling the playing field is important to ensure that all children, regardless of what neighborhood or community they live in, have access to the same quality education. We also rely too heavily on property taxes to fund our schools and as result, children from poorer school districts have fewer educational opportunities. We also have to ensure that funding makes its way to bi-lingual and transitional programs for the children of immigrants.*

What is your position regarding state funding levels for English as a Second Language (ESL) programs? *These programs are critical for non-English speaking and limited-English speaking students. A student cannot learn if they do not understand what is being taught. I will continue, as I have already, advocate for proper and increased funding for classes and after-school programs that teach English and other programs like the We Want to Learn English Initiative that I supported in the Senate.*

What if any changes would you propose to current state tax system? *I support a continuation of the Earned Income Tax Credit to help low and middle income families. I also supported legislation to extend the 7% property tax cap in Cook County.*

What is your position regarding expansion of state health care coverage for low-income families? *I have consistently supported increased funding for both the KidCare and the FamilyCare programs that provide coverage to low-income families. I was honored to receive the Health Leadership Award during the 2007 Health Disparities Conference hosted by the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL) and National Black Caucus of state Legislators (NBCSL) which is presented to a legislator who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to addressing health disparities in their community.*

What measures if any should the state take regarding enforcement of wage and hour, workplace safety, and workplace discrimination laws? *The state should take every step possible in defending basic worker protections. I was a co-sponsor of bills increasing the minimum wage and mandating equal pay for women. I also was the sponsor of legislation, which I will continue working on this spring, amending the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act to protect the basic employment rights of Illinois workers from the flaws of the voluntary E-Verify program.*

Illinois State Senate – 20th District
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Survey Responses:

What is your position regarding whether the state should issue driving documents to undocumented immigrants? *I support the issuing of driving documents. Studies have showed that road safety is improved when more drivers are tested and insured.*

What is your position regarding the use of local or state police officers to enforce federal immigration laws? *I believe it is the federal government's responsibility to enforce its federal immigration laws. Our state and local law enforcement are already overburdened and need to focus their limited time and resources on fighting crime and protecting our homes. They should not be diverted to deal with federal immigration matters.*

What is your position regarding state funding levels for programs to assist immigrants to become citizens? *I support substantial increases in state funding levels for programs to assist immigrants to become citizens. This benefits both immigrants and the state and local economy.*

What if any changes would you make to the funding system for public education? *The state should fund at least 50% of public education expenditures. Our current system is underfunded and inequitable. Illinois ranks 47th in the nation in the state share of tax revenue for schools per \$1,000 of personal income, 47th in the amount of funding that the state provides for education and a shameful 50th in the nation in the size of the gap in per-pupil education spending between the state's highest and lowest poverty districts.*

What is your position regarding state funding levels for English as a Second Language (ESL) programs? *I believe the state should increase funding levels for ESL programs. I think it is shameful that Governor Blagojevich and Iris Martinez, of his Senate leadership team cut a deal to slash hundreds of thousands of dollars from job training and after school programs in our district which would help immigrants learn English and acquire job skills.*

What if any changes would you propose to current state tax system? *I have released a detailed tax reduction plan which focuses on four elements:*

- 1) Creating a state sales tax holiday so that residents would not pay sales taxes on essential items, including back to school products.*
- 2) Reducing property taxes through "acquisition based assessments."*
- 3) Giving constituents the tools to advocate against outrageous proposed Cook County tax increases.*

4) *Making the state income tax more progressive and fairer by increasing deductions.*

What is your position regarding expansion of state health care coverage for low-income families? *I fully support universal access to health care, and I support the coverage provisions of the "Illinois Covered" proposal. It is a tragedy that 1.4 million Illinois residents do not have health care. I am a particularly strong advocate of increased coverage for breast cancer screening and treatment through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. I support its expansion so that all uninsured woman can receive life-saving early detection services.*

What measures if any should the state take regarding enforcement of wage and hour, workplace safety, and workplace discrimination laws? *I would strongly support legislation that bars companies from doing business with the state if they have a history of violating wage and hour, workplace safety or workplace discrimination laws.*

Illinois State Senate – 20th District
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Survey Responses:

What is your position regarding continued US military presence in Iraq? *It's time for Congress to exercise its legislative power to bring our troops home. It is clear to any observer that Iraq will remain an unstable and dangerous place the longer we keep our troops on the ground. Congress should require that we start bringing the troops home from Iraq in an orderly and safe fashion.*

What is your position regarding the USA Patriot Act? *Some of the provisions of the Patriot Act that allow broad-based electronic monitoring without adequate supervision should be repealed.*

What is your position regarding the detention of individuals without charge at Guantanamo Bay? *We will not keep our country and citizens safe from terrorism by violating human rights ourselves. Detainees should be given humane treatment, and should be allowed to appear before an independent tribunal to contest charges against them.*

What role if any should the federal government play regarding rising oil and other energy costs? *In the long term, the solution to rising energy costs is the development of renewable, alternative sources. In the short term, the federal government should be adopting conservation measures.*

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding global climate change? *The US should become a signatory to the Kyoto Treaty, and implement incentives to produce green technology, including alternative and renewable energy sources.*

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding the US health care system? *While a debate on full reform may take years, there are steps Congress must take immediately:*

- *Restore funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program;*
- *Address pricing discrimination in the hospital industry, i.e., the practice of charging uninsured patients double or triple what the hospital charges an insurance company;*
- *Fix the Medicare drug prescription benefit so that it is no longer a subsidy for large pharmaceutical companies, but an actual and easily understood part of Medicare;*
- *Provide access to group health plans for small businesses and small employers.*

(Answer exceeded word limit.)

What is your position regarding No Child Left Behind? *Perhaps the single biggest criticism of NCLB is that it forces teachers and school districts to “teach to the test.” Simply put, it micromanages how a school defines “success” without regard to the particular circumstances of the school, its student body, and the needs of the parents. The second problem with the implementation of NCLB is that it does not fully fund these mandates on school districts.*

What is your position regarding federal funding levels for English as a Second Language (ESL) programs? *I support funding, including federal funding, of ESL programs in our schools.*

What is your position regarding legislation that would enable undocumented immigrants to gain lawful permanent resident (green card) status? *I support the approach taken in the Kyl-Gutierrez bill, which provides a path for long-time residents to legally stay in the US if they pay a fine, back tax, and undergo a background check.*

What is your position regarding the use of local or state police officers to enforce federal immigration laws? *Making local police perform the duties of INS is another unfunded mandate on local governments.*

What measures if any should the federal government take to address delays and backlogs caused by FBI name checks for people applying for citizenship? *I support streamlining background checks on immigrants. There is no reason, with modern technology, why the federal government cannot perform efficient background checks without violating privacy rights.*

U.S. Representative Illinois – 3rd Congressional District
Democratic Challenger: Jim Capparelli



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Survey Responses:

What is your position regarding continued US military presence in Iraq? *I am going to also include Afghanistan in this answer. We should have already been doing that. We have already won the War's in Iraq and Afghanistan now what we need to do is WIN THE PEACE! We should invite the whole world into rebuilding those TWO FREE COUNTRIES. Using loans from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to supply the necessary funds instead of our taxpayer's money, to help those FREE AND ELECTED GOVERNMENTS. (Answer exceeded word limit.)*

What is your position regarding the USA Patriot Act? Did not respond to question.

What is your position regarding the detention of individuals without charge at Guantanamo Bay? Did not respond to question.

What role if any should the federal government play regarding rising oil and other energy costs? Did not respond to question.

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding global climate change? Did not respond to question.

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding the US health care system? *I will explain my personal view after giving a little insight as to what the problems are. Illinois residents enjoy some of the best health care in the country. However, an increasing number of our best and brightest physicians are leaving the state due to mounting insurance costs. This rapid rise in costs for insurance is largely due to an unbalanced and unfair legal system. Illinois residents now feel the effect of a decline in health care services. (Answer exceeded world limit.)*

What is your position regarding the No Child Left Behind Act? *Yes, I see the problem is that schools and for that matter school boards/districts are not providing their teachers with the available tools to help aid them in the instruction necessary for the students to learn the required information that the students will be tested on. Once this is embraced and understood more, all will then see the benefits of the program.*

This is a little more about that. In 2001, in an overwhelming bipartisan fashion, Congress approved the NCLBA. (Answer exceeded word limit.)

What is your position regarding federal funding levels for English as a Second Language (ESL) programs? Did not respond to question.

What is your position regarding legislation that would enable undocumented immigrants to gain lawful permanent resident (green card) status? *Well first if a country lost almost 20 percent of it's population we should say it is having a national crisis or at war. I know that if those from Mexico could get a similar job with similar pay in Mexico that they would not be here! So the main problem is with jobs and pay in Mexico, and being secure. Mexico with some help from the U.S., the international community and the church can make this happen. (Answer exceeded word limit.)*

What is your position regarding the use of local or state police officers to enforce federal immigration laws? Did not respond to question.

What measures if any should the federal government to address delays and backlogs caused by FBI name checks for people applying for citizenship? Did not respond to question.

U.S. Representative Illinois – 3rd Congressional District
Republican Challenger: Arthur J. Jones



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Survey Responses:

What is your position regarding continued US military presence in Iraq? *I believe Congress needs to stand up to President Bush and set a deadline to bring our troops home within one year and cap funding to make it happen.*

What is your position regarding the USA Patriot Act? *In the strongest possible terms, I reject the politics of hate and fear. Above all else, all people need to be treated equally. The Bush Administration has taken our nation down a dangerous path by leading an assault on our personal freedoms and civil liberties. I am in favor of legislation that restores and guarantees the civil liberties of all Americans regardless of their race, nationality or religion.*

What is your position regarding the detention of individuals without charge at Guantanamo Bay? *I believe everyone is entitled to due process. There are questions as to whether or not the prison should be closed, but I think that doesn't really matter because those held there will just be moved elsewhere. I believe that moving forward the legal process would do more to address the problem.*

What role if any should the federal government play regarding rising oil and other energy costs? *We must achieve energy independence as soon as possible. At this point, energy independence is an issue of national security. American consumers are being held hostage at the gas pump by OPEC, which is not subject to international or national laws. There is no return on the billions of dollars we spend on gas and other petroleum products. The federal government, in order to reverse course, must invest in developing new technologies.*

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding global climate change? *I believe that global warming is a reality, not a myth. Our current national energy policy — which was put in place by President George Bush, members of Congress like Dan Lipinski and oil and energy executives and lobbyists — is broken and Congress needs to fix it. The federal government needs to take steps to significantly reduce our dependence on petroleum and other fossil fuels. Specifically, I would support legislation to increase energy efficiency standards and to cap and cut carbon emissions.*

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding the US health care system? *It's wrong that Congress has allowed the insurance and pharmaceutical companies to write our national healthcare policy and I believe Congress must act to make affordable insurance available to the 47 million uninsured and underinsured Americans who need it for themselves and their families.*

While I believe the federal government should not create a one-size-fits-all or mandatory health insurance program, I am in favor of universal healthcare and I think nearly everyone agrees that affordable healthcare insurance is something that this country desperately needs.

What is your position regarding the No Child Left Behind Act? *NCLB has not been effective. In fact, it has the potential to be the largest back door tax increase in the history of the U.S. I believe our schools need to be held to high standards. To that end, there should be measures in place to determine if our schools are meeting those standards. However, if the federal government is going to create a mandate, it needs to provide the necessary resources to local school districts so they comply with the mandate.*

What is your position regarding federal funding levels for English as a Second Language (ESL) programs? *Federal funding for ESL classes is one way that Congress could help local school districts.*

What is your position regarding legislation that would enable undocumented immigrants to gain lawful permanent resident (green card) status? *I believe that a comprehensive immigration reform package should include funding to secure our borders, sanctions against employers who take advantage of illegal workers and a path to citizenship for undocumented workers, provided they learn English, pay a fine, pay taxes and go to the 'back of the line' behind immigrants seeking green card status by legal means.*

What is your position regarding the use of local or state police officers to enforce federal immigration laws? *As a prosecutor I believe in the rule of law and I feel strongly that the laws on the books should be enforced. I would have never voted for the Sensenbrenner Bill, HR 4437, which would have required local and state police to arrest and treat as criminals the healthcare workers, clergy, social service providers, firefighters, teachers and others who work with undocumented immigrants.*

What measures if any should the federal government to address delays and backlogs caused by FBI name checks for people applying for citizenship? *The federal government should take steps to process these applications in a thorough and timely manner.*

U.S. Representative Illinois – 3rd Congressional District
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Survey Responses:

What is your position regarding continued US military presence in Iraq? *Our current policy in Iraq is doing nothing to defeat terrorism or bring peace to the region. The presence of US troops serves to inflame sectarian violence and further tear the country apart. The best possible outcome can be achieved by withdrawing our soldiers, giving strong diplomatic and financial support to the Iraqi Government and doing everything possible to work with other countries in the Middle East to achieve a political solution.*

What is your position regarding the USA Patriot Act? *I support a full repeal of the act. Certain very troubling sections that gave the executive branch broad authority and lower the threshold for warrants from probable cause to suspicion must be repealed. Congress must strengthen Civil Liberties protection and safeguard citizens against abuse.*

Examples of problematic sections:

215 Warrantless spying on citizens

505 National Security Letters

218 Lowers the standard for wiretaps.

213 The sneak and peek provision.

What is your position regarding the detention of individuals without charge at Guantanamo Bay? *The detainee prison at Guantanamo has become a focal point for anti American sentiment. The incarceration of foreign nationals held without access to the legal system and without the right of habeus corpus undermines the American ideals of rights and justice for all. The right to a fair trial should be a universal right; there are standards of evidence and procedures to which we must adhere, to ensure true justice is done.*

What role if any should the federal government play regarding rising oil and other energy costs? *Congress needs to invest in a national high-speed railway system and more public transportation. We also need to provide healthy incentives to individuals who choose to purchase hybrid, electric or hydrogen vehicles. Finally, we need to invest in a renewable energy grid that integrates solar, wind, geo thermal and other alternative power sources that make public, affordable power for families. All of these incentives would create more jobs and keep our environment clean.*

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding global climate change? *To slow climate change Congress needs to pass legislation to cap and mandate reductions in*

greenhouse gas emissions. A reduction of 2% each year achieves an 80% total reduction by 2050.

To reach this goal, permits to emit carbon should be auctioned – not given away. Making carbon emissions costly is the most effective way to encourage reduction, drive investors to clean energy options, and push the market to demand efficient less costly alternatives.

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding the US health care system? I support single payer national health care as put before Congress in HR 676, Medicare for All. The for-profit healthcare system is not working for most Americans. The premiums are so high that all businesses, small and large have to cut or eliminate benefits. This leaves nearly 87 million without adequate coverage. Medicare is a successful program that can be expanded to serve as a single-payer healthcare program that covers all Americans.

What is your position regarding the No Child Left Behind act? NCLB has expanded funding of tutorial programs in poorer performing schools. However there are problems with the act. Congress needs to repeal costly and ineffective testing requirements. Overemphasis on test preparation takes time away from teaching essential critical thinking skills needed throughout life. Funding testing takes financial resources away from needed programs to aid poor performing students.

What is your position regarding federal funding levels for English as a Second Language programs? According to the 2000 census 1.3 million children ages 5-17 and over 10 millions adults do not speak English well. Adults who learn English through ESL programs not only function better in society but in turn teach English skills to their children. ESL funding has been cut in recent years and many ESL programs are in jeopardy. I support more funding for ESL.

What is your position regarding legislation that would enable undocumented immigrants to gain lawful permanent resident (green card) status? I fully support legislation that would allow undocumented immigrants to pay a fine, pass a background check and apply for and receive an adjustment of status. The fine must be substantial but also a reasonable amount. Placing unreasonable restrictions on such legislation severely limits the number of people who would apply and I believe this path should be open to as many as possible.

What is your position regarding the use of local or state police officers to enforce federal immigration laws? Local and State police officers have larger priorities than enforcing federal immigration law. They should use their resources to prevent local criminal activity and solve local crimes. They need to serve and protect their communities from real immediate criminal threats not use time and resources to correct the problems of a failing immigration system.

What measures if any should the federal government to address delays and backlogs caused by FBI name checks for people applying for citizenship? The FBI plans to raise fees for the background check program to cover additional personnel and software to speed the process. Even though I am very aware that this process takes time, I believe that every background check should be completed thoroughly.

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Survey Responses:

What is your position regarding continued US military presence in Iraq? *We should withdraw our troops from Iraq as quickly and as safely as possible starting now. Our presence in Iraq is making our nation and military weaker, not stronger. We should bring most of the troops home, leaving some forces at base in the friendly countries of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia so that we are ready should whatever government emerges in Iraq threaten us with biological or nuclear warfare.*

What is your position regarding the USA Patriot Act? *The USA Patriot Act must be revised. For example, when they are operating in the United States, our intelligence agencies must respect the Constitution and get a court order when they spy on Americans. In this way our intelligence agencies will act with full respect for our Constitution. In this way too, there will be judicial oversight to ensure that it is not using its broad powers for improper purposes.*

What is your position regarding the detention of individuals without charge at Guantanamo Bay? *Individuals held at Guantanamo Bay should be charged and tried. Detainees should not be held without charge.*

What role if any should the federal government play regarding rising oil and other energy costs? *The federal government must ensure that we reduce our dependence on both foreign and domestic oil. My energy independence policy details how to do this. My policy will increase the efficiency of our vehicle fleet, provide tax credits for both producing and consuming alternate energy, encourage conservation, fully fund alternate energy programs, provide incentives for investment in alternate energy (green) technology, and implement federal energy efficiency standards.*

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding global climate change? *The federal government must act decisively to defeat global warming/climate change. My ten-point plan to fix global warming is at www.VoteStein.com. My plan includes a Tax & Rebate Vehicle Plan, Anti-Global Warming Smokestack Carbon Credit Trading Plan, tax credits for using and producing alternative energy, real conservation, fully funding alternative energy programs, signing the Kyoto Protocol, negotiating a new international anti-global warming treaty, tax incentives for alternative energy investment, and implementing federal energy efficiency standards.*

What measures if any should the federal government take regarding the US health care system? *The federal government should ensure that every American has health care and every child in American has an absolute guarantee of food and health care. I am not wedded to a specific plan to deliver the health care. What is important is that every American receives health care. I will negotiate with whomever it is necessary to negotiate with, and across and within party lines to ensure that every Illinoisan has health care.*

What is your position regarding the No Child Left Behind act? *I support the goals of the NCLBA, but have deep concerns about its implementation. NCLBA has fostered a teaching to the test mentality which is harmful because children are learning to memorize, not think. Before reauthorizing NCLBA, a bipartisan expert commission of our most trusted leaders and educators should study NCLBA's effects and recommend which programs to keep, jettison, and revise. Thereafter, we must fully fund the programs. See my Educator Policy at www.VoteStein.com.*

What is your position regarding federal funding levels for English as a Second Language programs? *I do not have a position on this issue.*

What is your position regarding legislation that would enable undocumented immigrants to gain lawful permanent resident (green card) status? *As part of comprehensive immigration reform, we should provide a path to citizenship for the 12+ million undocumented immigrants currently here.*

What is your position regarding the use of local or state police officers to enforce federal immigration laws? *Local and state police officers should be focusing on combating serious crime, helping those in need and protecting public safety. Local and state police officers should not be enforcing the immigration laws. The federal government makes our immigration laws, and should be responsible for enforcing them.*

What measures if any should the federal government to address delays and backlogs caused by FBI name checks for people applying for citizenship? *I would favor cost-effective measures that increase the ability of the FBI to name check.*

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