

ILLINOIS CITIZEN UPRISING QUESTIONNAIRE

1. We believe that elected office should be a calling, not a career. We believe overall that the longer legislators serve the more their service becomes about staying in power, and less about serving their constituents. We believe that 8 years serving in the legislature is enough.

Do you, and if elected will you, support legislation to allow the citizens of Illinois an opportunity to vote on an 8 is Enough amendment to the Illinois constitution, which will limit all members of the Illinois legislature to 8 years in office.?

-Yes, I support the 8 is Enough Amendment to the to the Illinois constitution and will work towards its passage

- No, I do not support the 8 is Enough amendment

Why or why not? *—please feel free to use the back side of this page for more space.*

If answered YES to Q 1

1(b) If elected and the 8 is Enough Amendment temporarily fails due to the usual political gamesmanship, will you show yourself to be a courageous leader -who doesn't just support term limits in theory but truly believes in them - by self-imposing the 8 year term limit on yourself, thereby agreeing to only serve 8 years?

Why and why not?

2. We believe allowing politicians (legislators) to draw their own political maps is self-serving and is a mechanism used by them to stay in power and keep the status quo. It all but eliminates competition (60%+ of legislators run unopposed) which disenfranchises voters and is in a word, undemocratic. We believe an independent commission drawing compact and contiguous legislative districts without political considerations best serves the citizens of Illinois.

Do you, and if elected, will you support legislation to allow the citizens of Illinois an opportunity to vote on A Fair Map amendment to the Illinois constitution, which will establish an independent commission to draw Illinois legislative maps?

-Yes, I support the Fair Map Amendment to the Illinois constitution and will work towards its passage

-No, I do not support the Fair Map Amendment

Why, or why not?

Illinois House Candidates only;

3. We believe that Speaker Mike Madigan has been the greatest obstacle to passing any real meaningful structural reforms like those we support (term limits, fair maps). He has shown time and again that he supports the status quo which we find unacceptable. We believe it's time for new leadership and support his ouster.

Do you support, and if elected to the Illinois House, will you support Michael Madigan for Speaker? Or do you agree that after 33 years as Speaker it's time for new, open, progressive leadership?

-Yes, I support Mike Madigan's ouster as Speaker and the installation of a new open progressive leader.

- No, I do not support Mike Madigan's ouster and will vote for him for Speaker

Why, or why not?

We at Illinois Citizens Uprising, as well as citizens across Illinois, join together to thank you for your responses to these very important public policy issues. Issues that that we plan on pursuing in the next session of the General Assembly.