



Chicago NOW PAC 2019 Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE NAME: Jacob Ringer

OFFICE SEEKING: 43rd Ward Alderman

CURRENT OFFICE OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Currently committed to full time campaign for alderman

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CAMPAIGN MANAGER: (D [REDACTED])

1. Do you support the basic principles of Roe v. Wade and the right to choose when or whether to have an abortion, in consultation with one's physicians, without government intrusion?

YES NO

2. Do you support an increase in the minimum wage to at least \$15 an hour?

YES NO

A: I support a statewide solution. Our governor-elect has stated that he will act on this in his first six months and I hope that he is successful. As alderman, I will seek a balanced approach to wage growth to assure we remain competitive with our neighboring communities and national competitors. The best plan for the working men and women of our City is creating, protecting and preserving a healthy, growing economy.

3. Do you support Chicago Public Schools teaching comprehensive sexual health education that is medically accurate, age appropriate, and includes information on both abstinence and prevention in order to reduce rates of sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies among youth?

YES NO

4. Do you support school-based health centers which provide preventive health care, including reproductive health care, to students in Chicago Public Schools?

YES NO

5. Would you support an ordinance requiring that Crisis Pregnancy Centers provide medically accurate, evidence based medical information and counseling to women who seek their services?

YES NO

6. Would you support an ordinance that would make it illegal to prevent or intimidate a patient or staff person from entering or leaving a medical facility, while at the same time protecting First Amendment rights to free speech and assembly?

YES NO

7. Would you support a city-funded campaign to end sexual harassment on the CTA?

YES NO

8. Do you support increased funding for domestic violence shelters?

YES NO

9. Would you be a supporter of programs to get sex workers into safe houses?

YES NO

10. Do you support employers being required to give their employees sick leave?

YES NO

I also support paid parental leave for parents of newborn children regardless of gender and policies that encourage men to take such leave. I believe that gender disparities in the workplace partially stem from a cultural expectation and presumption that women are the primary caretaker. Equal paid parental leave can encourage men to share home responsibilities and hopefully drive a culture shift reducing the stigma of childcare.

11. Are you a feminist?

YES NO

12. In 2017, the Chicago City Council voted in support of a \$5.5 million TIF to Presence Hospital. Due to Presence Health's restrictions on birth control and reproductive healthcare, Chicago NOW opposed granting them this subsidy.

For incumbents, please explain your vote:

For non-incumbents, would you pledge to oppose allocating tax-payer dollars to organizations that discriminate, limit, and restrict services to women, LGBTQ individuals, and other groups?

Yes. I believe that private organizations or practitioners can and should make their own choices regarding what services they will or won't provide. However, if they choose not to provide full scope, evidence-based care, they should not be entitled to limited public funds that could go to organizations that serve the broader community.

13. Please outline what sexual harassment policies you have within your campaign.

I have implemented a policy in line with the IL DEM County Chairs Association. However, I have not made a formal pledge due to the non-partisan nature of the office I am seeking.

14. Have you had sexual harassment or discrimination complaints filed against you, or anyone within your current administration or political campaign?

No.

15. Briefly, please explain how, if elected, you will strive to improve the lives of women in your ward and fight against inequality.

I support ordinances requiring paid sick leave and parental leave and an equal pay ordinance. The only way to stop payment inequality is to continuously evaluate our public policies to ensure that they are working. This is why I support having a standard 18 month to three-year review of salaries and benefits based on gender with a plan to correct inequities.

For current office holders: Please provide specific examples of how you have used your office to promote social justice and equality for women.

Please use this page to provide any additional information you would like us to know.

Attaching additional materials is also welcome.

Return completed questionnaire no later than Friday, December 14th to:

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