

WTTW CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Jacob Ringer

DOB: 8/7/85

Residence: 614 w willow

Family: Wife Dana and two sons, Leo and Henry

Occupation: Full-time Candidate for Alderman

Political Experience: I've held multiple roles on campaigns in the past building valuable experience of how Chicago politics work culminating in my role as the first chief of staff for the Chief Financial Officer of Chicago. In that role, I learned how government should and should not operate. One of my projects I spearheaded at the city was the creation of digital billboards on the expressway which will raise more than 200 million dollars over 20 years. My unique approach to problem-solving helped the city to find this new revenue stream without raising taxes fines or fees. This experience allowed me to understand the City's financial problems and the creative solutions that can get it back on track.

Website: www.Ringer4Results.com

What is your vision for this office?

As a full-time alderman, I will be active and engaged in community issues, especially around reducing crime, attracting local business and filling vacant storefronts. I will be transparent and responsive, bringing back weekly ward night and open office hours and proactively communicating with ward residents when there are interruptions or modifications to city services.

I will be a unifying voice in City Council, working with both new and current aldermen to explore new sources of revenue and creative solutions for more efficient government. My understanding of city finances and the challenges ahead will be invaluable to appropriately evaluate financial proposals. I have personally worked with many of the aldermen and government officials on legislation both in and around government.

What is the most pressing issue facing constituents, and how can you help address it?

Crime is one of the top issues, if not the number 1, that I hear about in every part of this ward. The first thing we need to do is be involved in the conversations around the issues. I have been attending CAPS meetings in every beat for more than 2 years. Through those CAPS meetings I have gotten to know the beat officers, community members and sergeants in both the 18th and 19th district.

Unfortunately, due to our current policing strategy, I still don't know my beat officers. There is a disconnect between our police and the community they serve.

It's time to rethink how we do crime prevention in the City of Chicago.

We need more cops walking a beat because police should be part of our community. When they are, they know when something is out of place and they are in a position to respond to crimes while they are happening, and more importantly, prevent it from happening in the first place.