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2022 ILGP State Candidate Questionnaire

Please return this questionnaire to secretary@ilgp.org or _____. Please also provide, at your nearest opportunity, a professional quality, high resolution "head shot" digital photo of yourself.

Name: Anna Schiefelbein

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Office you wish to seek: Illinois State Representative, District 85

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Are you a member of the ILGP? Yes No

Do you support each of the Ten Key Values—Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-Based Economics, Feminism, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus? Yes No

If you answered "No" please elaborate.

Do you meet all of the legal qualifications for this office? Yes No

What primary ballot (if any) did you pull in the last general primary? None

Why do you wish to hold this office?

My lifelong passion has been to help people, families, and businesses to be informed. At a young age, I found that this could be a cruel world while growing up in Cicero. I have spent most of my life understanding and learning about political imbalances, as well as, working to increase the political power of the people through the political process. I have been following this position for over 5 years and interviewed for this position in 2017 through the Democratic Party. I became disenfranchised with the Democratic Party at this interview and was not pleased with the "machine-style" politics on the state level.

Why do you feel you are qualified to run?

I believe that I am qualified to run because I am a public servant at heart. My qualifications include being an active member of the community, an understanding parent, received the Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 2015 from the Village of Woodridge, being a tax professional, and earned a J.D. degree.

What are the most important issues you feel need to be addressed?

My top three issues are: 1) Public Bank, 2) Climate Action and Future Energy, and 3) Financial Transaction Tax to provide equitable schools and to help reduce property taxes.

How many hours per week can you contribute to campaigning? 15-20

Does your partner/family support your run for office? Yes No

Will you agree not to accept contributions from corporations or corporate PACs? Yes No

Will you agree to share your donor and volunteer information with the ILGP? Yes No

Do you have, or will you open a campaign bank account and set up an online donation method? Yes No

Do you have, or will you have, a campaign manager? Yes No

If you have one now, please provide name and contact information.

Campaign Manager - TBD

Scheduler - Jeff Schiefelbein, sunshinebetter@yahoo.com, 630-674-8539

Volunteer Coordinator - TBD

Do you have, or will you have, a campaign treasurer? Yes No

If you have one now, please provide name and contact information.

Jeff Schiefelbein, sunshinebetter@yahoo.com, 630-674-8539

How would you describe your current base of support?

- 1) Friends and family network in Woodridge, Bolingbrook, Romeoville, and Crest Hill; and
- 2) Green Party supporters in the 85th District.

Please describe any volunteer experience you have with the Green Party.

I have been with the DuPage County Green Party since March 2019 and have volunteered on various events. I am also the Treasurer of the DuPage County Green Party since 2019 and paid state staff for the Illinois Green Party beginning in March 2020.

Please briefly describe any other relevant experience you have had, including employment, working on other political campaigns, or other volunteer efforts:

- 1) I ran for the following offices:
 - 2013 Lisle Township Trustee (D);
 - 2016 DuPage County Board Member, District 3 (D); and
 - 2020 State House, 85th District (G).
- 2) I was a volunteer in DuPage County Democratic Party from August 2006- February 2019. My activities included canvassing, training, and general support.
- 3) I was the campaign manager for Steve Alesch in his 2019 run for a position on the Warrenville Park District board.
- 4) A paid independent contractor for the Illinois Green Party since March 2020.

Have you ever worked for a political campaign? If so, please describe.

Yes, I have worked on my own 2 campaigns and 1 campaign for another person. I have a great system done for recruiting people and retaining people by understanding the needs and wants of the volunteers, as well as, making them feel part of a team.

Have you previously run for and/or held a public elected office? If so, please describe.
Yes, I ran and lost twice. The first time I ran for office was in 2013 for a Lisle Township Trustee position and in 2016 for DuPage County Board Member, District 3. I like to run for office as my way to ensure that a good person who is accountable to the people has a chance to be elected.

Please provide any other general information you feel may be appropriate.
I am a 2019 University of Illinois at Chicago – The John Marshall Law School graduate, and recently passed the February 2020 bar. I am pending admissions into the bar and do not anticipate any issues with this.

Please briefly describe your position on the following issues:

Campaign Finance Reform and/or Election Reform

This is a much needed reform. We cannot have fair elections if companies like General Motors and Comcast keep on pumping large amounts of money into politicians' campaigns in Illinois. This also makes accountability to the public much harder and systematically places citizens as second-class citizens

The Budget/Taxation and Education Funding Reform

As a homeowner and small business owner, I understand the need to come up with other viable solutions for tax revenue, such as the LaSalle Street Tax. We cannot rely on our homeowners and business owners to bear any further burdens of the Illinois budget.

Education Policy

I am a parent with 2 small children in public elementary school. School is not what it used to be, it is filled with 2-3 hours of screen time on any given day for an average 3rd grader pre-COVID-19. I have learned a lot about the educational system and the standardized testing needs to be stopped. From the feedback I received, teachers do not have enough time to be creative or run their own schedule because they are too busy with the standardized tests.

Energy Policy

Renewable energy should be our sole focus of development and investment. Coal and nuclear power needs to stop.

Environmental Policy

Power over environmental policy should be home-rule, where the residents of municipalities have control over their environment. Anything less would be unfair.

Economic Policy

A focus on supporting small business and self-sufficient communities could keep local money on the local level, which is the best thing we can do for a stable and long-lasting economic policy.

Crime and Criminal Justice (including drug policy & gun violence)

A better living wage and access to mental illness treatment could reduce crimes and crime-ridden areas. Crimes should be re-evaluated with a view to the harm to society and appropriate sentences.

- Drug Policy: Support Marijuana from being a Federal Schedule I drug. I believe that if we gave our children more individual support and economically-stable homes, they will not become adults who feel the need to commit crimes to survive.
- There are sustainable gun solutions including registration of guns and sellers, re-instating the 1968 definition of a gun-dealer and banning sales at gun shows.
- White-collar crimes should be investigated more and held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

Health Care

Health Care is a basic human right. We should ensure that we have a sustainable budget and ensure that people get essential medical care and annual psychical exams.

Transportation Policy

We must support a better transportation system, especially in suburban areas where public transportation around communities are very minimum.

Please provide short answers, and any elaboration you think is needed, on these issues:

Equal Rights and Opportunities for All, Regardless of Racial or National Identity, Color, Sex, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity or Expression

Support Oppose Other

- This is a basic human right.

Legal Right to Choose Abortion

Support Oppose Other

- This is a privacy right that should be supported. A women's right to choose is her right.

The proposed "LaSalle Street Tax," imposing a small fee on speculative trading at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Board Options Exchange and Board of Trade

Support Oppose Other

- This is a viable option that may bring in \$12 billion in revenue

The "People and Planet First Budget" proposed by Fair Economy Illinois, or similar budgetary priorities

Support Oppose Other

- I support this budget. The budget closes tax loops for corporations, and sets a progressive income tax, which may add over \$14 billion in revenue.

A constitutional amendment or other means of creating a graduated income tax or its equivalent in Illinois

Support Oppose Other

- I support this as a way to help the workers with a better living wage.

Ending Illinois' extreme reliance on local property taxes for school funding; increasing state funding for education from progressive taxation

Support Oppose Other

- I support this. It is unfair to the homeowners to bail out a failed state budget without any recourse for a solution.

Ending school vouchers and other privatization schemes in education Support Oppose Other

- Vouchers curtail the very essence of the public school system.

"Opting out" of federal programs that require frequent testing as a yardstick for educational progress and "teaching to the test." Support Oppose Other

- Opting out of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test is currently completed on the individual level.

Support for clean energy, sustainable transportation, and other strategies to combat global climate change Support Oppose Other

- This has to be a main goal if we want our children to have a chance of a sustainable earth and environment.

A ban on fracking and new oil or gas pipelines in Illinois Support Oppose Other

- No new investments or research should be considered for fracking new oil or gas pipelines in Illinois.

Phasing out of coal-fired plants and nuclear power in Illinois Support Oppose Other

- We have to focus on sustainable resources in order to ensure a sustainable environment for our children.

Legalization of cannabis and industrial hemp Support Oppose Other

- This will not only reduce our Department of Corrections budget, but do so in humane ways.

Decriminalization of most drug offenses; treating drug abuse as a public health problem, not a criminal problem Support Oppose Other

- A well-rounded community starts at home. Mental illness and disorders should be available to ensure the well-being of the people.

Reforming the criminal justice system to focus on rehabilitation, restorative justice, education and teaching living and job skills, not punishment and "incapacitation" Support Oppose Other

- People adapt to their surrounding, and if an encouraging environment is presented with economic security, then we should expect people to make better decisions.

Protecting public workers' pensions and rights to union representation Support Oppose Other

- The workers have a right to their pension and union representation. Pensions should be safeguarded.

Tuition-free higher education at public colleges and universities Support Oppose Other

- This is possible and should be a goal of Illinois to provide this. Education is the best investment we can make and increase general well-being of the residents.

Enacting equal petition signature requirements for all political parties or independent candidates and

reduced referenda petition signature requirements to appear on the ballot Support Oppose Other

- This is needed to ensure that our democracy flows and is not stamped by a 1-party or 2-party system.

Ranked Choice or Instant Runoff Voting Support Oppose Other

- These are great voting method to increase accountability of elected officials.

Protecting the integrity of the vote by requiring paper ballots that can be recounted by hand Support Oppose Other

We cannot trust electronic systems that are supported by a number of electronic chips. In COVID-19 times, this is necessity.

Protecting the public sector in Illinois from expansion of privatization and "public/private partnership" schemes Support Oppose Other

Privatization of public services curtails the essence of government and reduces accountability of elected officials

Stronger regulation or restriction on the use or misuse of TIF districts and "free enterprise zones" Support Oppose Other

Measures need to be place to ensure that accountability and common sense usage occurs.

"Improved Medicare for All" Single-Payer or Publicly Funded Universal Health Care System Support Oppose Other
This is a basic human right.

A Constitutional Amendment providing that corporations do not enjoy the same rights as people and that money is not protected "speech" Support Oppose Other

- This is a must if the people are to restore their power in the political system.