**United Working Families**

**2019 Regular Endorsement Questionnaire**

Name of Candidate:

Office Seeking:

UWF Member Since (if applicable):

Name of Committee:

Name of Committee Chair:

Name of Committee Treasurer:

Committee Address:

Committee Phone #:

Committee Email Address:

Candidate:

Cell Phone:

Personal Email:

Alternate Contact (optional):

Cell Phone:  
Email:

**CANDIDATE**

1. Briefly describe your personal and professional background including if applicable, previous experience fighting and leading on issues you care about in your community. If you currently hold, previously have held, or have previously run for political office or an official party position (i.e. staff, Committeemen, etc.), please list what office and when.

**POLITICAL**

2. Please answer the following questions about your district.

1. How many voters live in your district, and what is projected turnout?
2. What is the demographic composition of the district?

3. Describe your path to victory. What is your win number and what is the basis for your projected turnout?

4. How many signatures has the campaign collected as of submission of this document? How many signatures have been collected by the candidate? Please include the name of your point person for petition gathering and submission.

5. Have you conducted a poll? If so, would you be willing to share the results with us, including a complete set of crosstabs?

**AGENDA**

6. BRIEFLY describe what you are running FOR. What are the key planks of your platform? What will be your legislative priorities if elected or re-elected to City Council?

7. BRIEFLY describe what you are running AGAINST. What does your opponent represent?

8. BRIEFLY describe how do you intend to communicate your campaign message to voters? Please provide a very general communications plan.

9. UWF supports candidates who share our ideology and who will participate publicly and courageously in advancing our shared agenda. Please circle your answers regarding key points of our platform.

1. Do you oppose the proliferation of charter schools and other forms of school privatization?

Yes No

1. Do you oppose “right to work” initiatives or other measures that weaken the collective bargaining rights of organized labor?

Yes No

1. Do you support a $15 minimum wage?

Yes No

1. Do you support measures to hold police accountable for violence and brutality, such as stronger civilian oversight of police?

Yes No

1. Do you support increasing spending for non-carceral solutions to crime and violence, such as jobs programs, clinical and mental health services, and street intervention?

Yes No

1. Do you believe that the public sector has a crucial role to play in making people’s lives better—including increased spending for expanded services and job creation and raising the revenue to fund it?

Yes No

1. Do you support rent control?

Yes No

1. Do you support a state-level Progressive Income tax to pay for schools, services, and jobs?

Yes No

1. Do you support measures to tax the rich, including a carried interest tax on financial sector profits?

Yes No

1. Would you categorically oppose any legislation introduced by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)?

Yes No

1. Do you support public financing of elections?

Yes No

1. Do you support an elected, representative school board?

Yes No

1. Do you support all efforts to expand sanctuary and reduce the criminalization of immigrant communities, such as removing carve-outs from sanctuary city policies?

Yes No

1. Do you support theCivilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) Ordinance?

Yes No

1. Do you support the Housing for All Ordinance?

Yes No

1. Do you support the Cardenas-Garza TIF Surplus Ordinance?

Yes No

1. Do you support the Welcome City Ordinance?

Yes No

1. Do you support the proposed $10 billion Pension Obligation Bond as a solution to underfunded pensions?

Yes No

10. For any of the above issues, would you be willing to take a stand by:

* Speaking at a rally?
* Publishing op-eds and conducting media interviews?
* Showing up to support workers on the picket lines?
* Engaging your constituents and/or members of your political organization to support?
* Introducing legislation?

**ORGANIZING**

11. What role do volunteers play in your campaign? How many volunteers and how many volunteer shifts are the campaign generating on a weekly basis? How many do you think you can generate in the future?

12. UWF believes that workers, communities of color, and progressive social movements need their own independent political organizations if we want to win political power from corporate interests and the ultra-rich. Is your campaign connected to an existing political organization? If so, briefly describe the organization (name, structure). If not, please tell us if that is something that you plan to do and how your campaign, win or lose, is helpful to that organizing project.

13. United Working Families is an independent political organization comprised of both institutional and individual members. Current institutional members include: SEIU Healthcare, Chicago Teachers Union, Action Now, Grassroots Illinois Action, Cook County Colleges Teachers Union, Workers United CMRJB, and several ward-based independent political organizations in Chicago. Tell us about your and/or your organization’s past involvement with United Working Families. How would you and/or your political organization want to be involved in advancing our efforts to build independent, left politics in Illinois?

**CAMPAIGN**

14. Describe the staffing and organization of your campaign so far. Include the names of campaign staff (whether they are paid or volunteer), and any relevant experience of campaign staff.

15. Of the campaign staff named, who will you be hiring to your Aldermanic staff when you win and in what capacity?

16. Please provide a high-level campaign budget. In other words, what’s the total amount you will need to win?

17. How much have you raised to date?

18. Who are your top donors to date? Are there any contributions that you will NOT accept?

19. Please provide a list of any endorsements from organizations, community leaders, elected officials, and others.

20. (Optional) What specific forms of support are you seeking from United Working Families?

***SIGNATURE***

I attest that these answers represent my actions and beliefs, are now part of my public record, and may be used by United Working Families to keep members informed about important issues.

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Signature Date

Please submit by **11:59PM** on **November 14th, 2018** to **endorsements@unitedworkingfamilies.org**.