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ILGP General Candidate Questionnaire

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Please return this questionnaire to chair@ilgp.org

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Office you wish to seek: Regional Board of School Trustees – Kane County (STC Township)

Are you a member of the ILGP? **Yes**

Do you support the Ten Key Values—Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-Based Economics, Feminism, Respect for Diversity, Personal & Global Responsibility, and Future Focus? **Yes.**

Do you meet all of the legal qualifications for this office? **Yes.**

What primary ballot (if any) did you pull in the last general primary?: Democratic. (See Notes)

Why do you wish to hold this office?: I feel as though the current boundary changes and those made within the last 10-15 years in our area have heavily favored areas that are high income and have put children living in middle and lower class areas at a disadvantage. I was moved three times myself in elementary school alone, having grown up in a lower income area of D303.

Why do you feel you are qualified to run?: I've seen first-hand what the effects of constant boundary changes are, having experienced them multiple times. In addition, I studied political science (a focus in public administration) at Northern Illinois University in my time at their college.

What is the most important issue you feel needs to be addressed?: As I've mentioned a few times, proper consideration needs to be given to areas that aren't upper class in the educational service district – particularly in regards to D303 continuously trying to unload older, middle (or lower) class subdivisions onto other school districts, without regard to the effects on the children.

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

Does your partner/family support your run for office? **Yes.**

Will you agree not to accept contributions from corporations or corporate PACs? **Yes.**

Will you agree to share your donor and volunteer information with the ILGP? **Yes.**

How would you describe your current base of support?: When collecting signatures in the subdivision I grew up in, and in the area behind the St. Charles Public Library, voters seemed excited to have a candidate that was willing to stand up for their children and make certain that their neighborhoods weren't going to be taken advantage of by school districts just because the average income in the areas weren't quite as great as the areas they try to absorb when possible. As such, the level of support I've gotten has been rather reassuring, as I didn't have anyone outright disagree or challenge the common sense assertion that the well-being of the students should come over the income of their parents.

Please describe any volunteer experience you have with the Green Party.: I worked during the course of the 2016 Presidential Campaign to spread the word about Jill Stein's candidacy on social media platforms such as Twitter, Reddit, etc. In addition, I did contribute monetarily to Jill Stein's attempt at a recount of the election following the concerns surrounding it.

Please briefly describe any other relevant experience you have had, including employment, working on other political campaigns, or other volunteer efforts: I studied both political science and journalism over the course of my time at Augustana College and Northern Illinois University. The latter, while seemingly unrelated, did give me a view into the lives of your average voter when we used to interview voters on the 2012 elections and such. In addition, it has helped my ability to form contacts and working relationships with others more efficiently, which I feel is incredibly important in local politics.

Have you ever worked for a political campaign? If so, please describe.: N/A

Have you previously run for and/or held a public elected office? If so, please describe.: N/A

Please provide any other general information you feel may be appropriate.: I am running unopposed in April for this spot, as the current appointee to fill the vacancy filed incorrectly for a six year term and was removed from the ballot. I pulled the Democratic ballot for the primaries, as I felt as though Bernie Sanders was in an incredibly unique position to wrest control of a major party from milquetoast liberals and help to advance the progressive cause significantly. Jill Stein herself even acknowledged multiple times in interviews and on Twitter and Facebook that Sanders and herself overlapped on almost 95% of issues. Having the opportunity to have a candidate like this take a major party's nomination for president from a proponent of everything that is currently wrong with the democratic party was too good an opportunity to not try to take action on. After Sanders was out of the race, I coalesced back behind Stein.