



ILLINOIS GREEN PARTY

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ILGP General Candidate Questionnaire

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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 and a link to your campaign website.

Name: Steve Alesch

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Office you wish to seek: Re-election for Warrenville Park District Board Commissioner

Are you a member of the ILGP (Yes/No)? yes

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)? Yes

If you answered "No" please elaborate.

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

What primary ballot (if any) did you pull in the last general primary?

Non-partisan, because there was not a Green Party primary.

Why do you wish to hold this office?

Its about Community. I decided to run for public office because I want to contribute something positive to my community by providing an independent voice on the Park District Board. I also think it's important to bring Green Party values to the Park District Board.

Why do you feel you are qualified to run?

I have shown my ability to represent the residents of the Warrenville Park District during my first two terms. For example, I have been a champion for fiscal responsibility, have led the effort to add sustainability to the Park District's Vision, have supported Park District policies that keep corporate and other big money interests' influence on the Park District in check, and have advocated raising the minimum wage for Park District employees.

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

1. Improving the sustainability of the Park District. One example is that I plan to continue to advocate for the Park District to switch to a 100% renewable electricity provider.
2. Continue to stand up against corporate and other big money interests' influence on the Park District – especially by resisting the selling of naming rights to big money special interests.
3. I plan to continue to strongly advocate for the park District to pay at least a \$10 per hour minimum wage.

How many hours per week can you contribute to campaigning?

10 in Jan., 15 in Feb., 20+ in Mar. and Apr. and plan to campaign non-stop the 3 days prior to the election.

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

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

Yes, and I won't accept more than \$200 from any individual contributor

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

Yes

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

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

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

I will seek a campaign manager if my race is contested.

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

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

I will seek a campaign treasurer if my race is contested.

How would you describe your current base of support?

My fiancée, Sandy Lezon, is a tireless campaigner and we have agreed to support each other's campaigns. I have many Green Party contacts in DuPage County and throughout Illinois that I plan to recruit if my seat is contested.

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

I have been active with the Green Party since 2006:

- April 2018 – Present: Political Director, DuPage County Green Party
- 2016 – Present: Social Media Coordinator, Illinois Green Party
- 2006 – April, 2018: Co-Chair or Chair, DuPage County Green Party
- 2016: DuPage County coordinator for Dr. Jill Stein for President
- 2013: Co-campaign manager for Sandy Lezon for Warrenville Library Board Trustee
- 2008 – 2012: Green Party DuPage County Winfield Township Precinct 2 Precinct Committeeperson
- 2008 – 2012: Green Party DuPage County Winfield Township Chair

- 2008 – 2012: Illinois Green Party State Central Committeeperson (IL-13)
- 2010: DuPage County coordinator for Rich Whitney for Governor
- 2006: DuPage County coordinator for Rich Whitney for Governor

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

- Founder, DuPage Move to Amend
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- Founder, Occupy Naperville
- Former Planner, DuPage Coffeehouse Monthly Community Discussion Group
- Volunteer, Warrenville Friends of the Fourth
- Member, Illinois Ballot Integrity Project, DuPage Chapter
- Member, DuPage Against War Now (DAWN)
- Volunteer, Friends of the Great Western Trail
- Volunteer, Warrenville Park District various events including Summer Daze
- 1979 – 2015: Software Developer at AT&T, Western Electric, Bell labs, Lucent, Alcatel-Lucent

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

I have not held a paid staff position on a political campaign.

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

- 2008 – Congress (IL-13)
- 2009 – DuPage County Winfield Township Trustee
- 2011 – Warrenville Park District Board Commissioner (elected – 4 year term)
- 2015 – Warrenville Park District Board Commissioner (re-elected – 4 year term)

Please provide any other general information you feel may be appropriate.

- 2012 - Supported several local campaigns throughout the state of Illinois to put the Move to Amend question on the ballot resulting in over 1 million people having the opportunity to vote on the question in the Nov. 2012 election and 73% voted YES.
- 2012 – Led the door-to-door petitioning campaign to put the Move to Amend question on the ballot in Warrenville resulting in the citizens of Warrenville having the opportunity to vote on the question in the Nov. 2012 election and 63% voted YES.