



2021 ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return by: February 19, 2021

You may return completed questionnaire to: dlacomb@tmailinois.org

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Running for: Mayor Village President Trustee/Alderman

Municipality: VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

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List any local manufacturers who are supporting your candidacy:

MICHAEL HATFIELD

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Company

Name

Company

Name

Company

(Please provide a 1-page bio with this questionnaire)

QUESTIONS

TAXATION

Despite the significant challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. manufacturing continues to thrive in the global marketplace, especially here in Illinois. The Chicago metropolitan area contains five out of the 10 most concentrated manufacturing zip codes in America.

But external factors continue to place Illinois manufacturers in a precarious position. In Illinois, we pay some of the highest sales, property and income taxes in the United States. In a global economy, Illinois-based manufacturers compete nationally and internationally for work.

Tax demands, in addition to business expenses, may determine whether bids are won or lost. Losing bids risk good-paying jobs and the generous economic benefits resulting from Illinois-based manufacturing.

Do you support/oppose allowing local governments to abate all or a portion of their property tax for small manufacturers?

Support

Oppose

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Do you support/oppose freezing the municipal tax levy at its current amount so the tax rate can start to come down and property owners can begin to see much needed tax relief?

Support

Oppose

Do you support/oppose creating a tax exemption for energy used in the manufacturing process?

Support Oppose

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Do you support/oppose adding purchases of production-related, tangible personal property to manufacturing machinery and equipment exempted from sales tax?

Support Oppose

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MINIMUM WAGE

Governor Pritzker signed a massive minimum wage increase into law in 2019 that will nearly double the minimum wage in Illinois over the next few years. The latest increase to \$11/hour kicked in on Jan. 1, 2021 and will increase \$1/hour each year until it reaches \$15/hour by 2025. Such a drastic minimum wage increase will surge costs for Illinois employers and lead to layoffs and fewer opportunities for young people and less-skilled workers.

Do you support/oppose the phase in of the state minimum wage to \$15/hour by 2025?

Support Oppose

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Would you encourage legislators to support/oppose amending the law to create a regional implementation plan where areas with a higher cost of living (ie. Chicago) would face a higher minimum wage than suburban or downstate regions?

Support Oppose

Support

Do you support/oppose a lower minimum wage (training wage) for teenagers who work less than 650 hours/year?

Support Oppose

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REGULATION

Manufacturing in the United States has changed, becoming more precise and higher value thanks to improved technology and cloud-based manufacturing. We are leading the way with performance and technological advances resulting in high-paying, high-performance jobs for skilled American workers.

Overly burdensome regulations at the federal, state and local levels stifle innovation, invade a company's culture, impact its productivity and, inevitably, thwart its bottom line. Employers already understand their employees' safety and happiness are crucial to their company's success and reason enough for investment. That's why nearly all TMA employers already offer vacation and sick days, employee training, and commonly offer salaries starting at 25 percent above the impending minimum wage.

Manufacturing operations often require special needs that don't fit perfectly into municipal zoning classifications. Do you support/oppose providing flexibility through variances to allow manufacturing companies to locate or expand in your community?

Support Oppose

Support

If elected, would you support/oppose waiving or reducing tap-on fees and/or providing other incentives to encourage manufacturers to build new facilities in your municipality?

Support Oppose

Support

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed enormous strains on manufacturers, who have faced significant interference from the State of Illinois while trying to provide essential products our society needs. Our manufacturing facilities are already among the safest and healthiest workplaces with employee health and safety the top priority. Do you support/oppose the Illinois mandatory lockdowns that have limited commerce here while manufacturers in surrounding states prosper?

Support Oppose

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GENERAL (Please answer each question in 150 words or less – feel free to provide answers on a separate sheet)

1) Why are you running for office?

ANSWER:

REFER TO MY WEBSITE REIDFOLTY.COM

2) What do you hope to accomplish if you are elected?

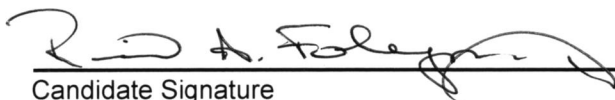
ANSWER:

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3) Why should a manufacturer support your candidacy?

ANSWER: I UNDERSTAND HOW CRUCIAL MANUFACTURING IS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR NATION. I WILL ALWAYS SIT DOWN AND HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH MANUFACTURERS. SOMETIMES THE BEST ROUTE IS TO ALLOW BUSINESSES TO SUCCEED AND NOT HAVE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION. PLEASE REACH OUT ANYTIME FOR A DISCUSSION. LOMBARD FORWARD, TOGETHER!

Thank you for taking time to respond to our query. We will share your responses with TMA membership. Thank you for your interest in Illinois manufacturing and our industry's pertinent future in your community.


Candidate Signature

2.8.21
Date