



CENTRAL STREET NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION ALDERMANIC QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Mark Sloane

Ward: 6

Voting Address: 2512 Hartzell St.

Years you have lived in Evanston: 13 Years lived in ward: 4

Campaign Website URL: www.sloaneforalderman.com

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Other websites on which you post campaign statements or positions:

CSNA, Evanston Now

Campaign Chair: Larry Byrne

Treasurer: Mark Sloane

Campaign Manager or consultant(s): N/A

No. of petition signatures filed: 173

Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates:

Evanston Playground and Recreation Board - 2002 to Present, President 2005-2006

Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate:

None

What is your primary occupation? Chief Financial Officer

Briefly list your past civic activities. If numerous, list here the 5 most important.

Evanston Playground and Recreation Board -2002 to Present, Evanston Northshore YWCA "Kicking In" for the New Pool Campaign, Evanston Honorary Street Naming Committee - 2005 to Present

What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

Degree in accounting/business and 25 years of financial experience will assist in understanding financial state of the city. Experience on Rec. Board will assist in understanding city.

What candidates have you supported? Please describe your specific role in any campaign.

Various candidates for City Council in my hometown of Culver City, CA, acting as Treasurer. Committee to elect Julie Chernoff for D65.

Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

None

Campaign budget: \$ 10,000 How much have you raised so far? \$ 1,000

How many people are on your campaign staff? 0 How many volunteers are on your list? 19

1. How many of the following have you attended in the past 2 years? (approx.)

12 City Council meetings
0 Plan Commission meetings
2 Planning & Development Committee meetings
0 Zoning Board of Appeals meetings
0 Site Plan and Review Committee meetings
4 Other: Human Services Committee

2. In recent years, the City undertook the Central Street Master Plan, the Downtown Plan, the Lakefront Plan, and the West Side Plan, a Bicycle Plan, and a Multimodal Transportation plan. Please identify which you participated in, and your contributions.

Was substantially involved in Lakefront Plan, draft plan presented to Rec. Board first for comment, attending most public meetings and assisted in presentation to Council.

3. Many Evanston residents feel they are not being listened to. Do you agree? If you agree, please give examples and state what will you do about it. If you disagree, please state why, and how will you combat the perception.

I would agree, specifically Eb Moran not listening to his constituents about the Tower. No ward meetings. I would have stronger communication with ward residents including ward meetings every quarter.

4. Would you support any change in executive session or how it is used?

Although executive session is legally mandated, I would make government as transparent as possible, and only use executive session when absolutely necessary.

5. The City building code is not online. To see if their property meets "Code," a citizen has to go to the library or purchase a copy at the Civic Center. Would you support making all City ordinances available online for free? ☒ YES ☐ NO

6. Which of the governmental changes, if any, would you support:

☐ Returning the Council to 2 aldermen per ward
☐ Increasing the number of wards
☐ Adding one or more at-large aldermen to the Council
☐ Making mayor a ☐ full-time paid position ☐ half-time paid position
☐ Making alderman a ☐ full-time paid position ☐ half-time paid position
☐ Eliminating the city manager position; department heads report to mayor
☐ Mayor-manager form of city government
☒ Other: Term limits for Mayor and Alderman

7. Which of the following constituency communication methods will you commit to?

☐ Answer all e-mails within 48 hours
☒ Maintain my own aldermanic website
☒ Regular posts or blogs on community websites
☐ Monthly ward meetings
☒ Regular but less frequent ward meetings
☐ Open a ward office with regular hours
☐ Regular office hours at fixed location
☐ Regular newsletter
☒ Other: Answer most emails within 48 hours

8. What is your position on the Civic Center?

City should stay at Civic Center and repair it

If you selected "stay," should the City sell or lease part of its land at the Civic Center location to pay for repairs and/or remodeling/expansion? **NO**

If you believe a new Civic Center should be built, please identify what location and cost level you would support:

9. Should the City of Evanston have an affordable housing plan? **YES** If yes, what should be the main components? If your answer is no, why not?

Coordination with Federal, State and County officials to maximize our use of their programs and dollars.

10. Many scientists warn that the earth is at a critical juncture because of manmade greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Do you agree? **YES** If so, what recommendations of the Climate Action Plan, if any, will you work to implement in your first year of office?

Review/Adjust no parking around Transit to create a transit friendly atmosphere. Discount parking at city garages and city lots to incent use of transit. Create Downtown Shuttle.

11. Would you have voted for the planned development ordinance for 1700-1722 Central Street? **YES** Will you support or oppose another extension of time for the development of the site? **Oppose extension**

12. Has Evanston gotten equivalent value for what it has spent on consultants in the past 2 years? **YES** What changes, if any, would you make in the use of consultants, especially for planning and development?

My goal would be to maximize use of Northwestern University Intellectual Capital in lieu of paying consultants.

13. Is the current blend of City revenues sources fair? **YES** How would you change it?

Both Residents and Businesses need to share in the cost of city services. I would work with State Legislators to adjust Non-Profit charter to require payment of property taxes for single family houses owned by Non-Profits.

14. What reductions in City spending would you support? Please identify specific measures, departments, programs, etc., and the amounts you believe would be saved.

As I stated at the last City Budget Meeting, 1) freeze senior management salaries and put them on a 24 month raise cycle, 2) freeze all new hires unless approved by City Manager, 3) work to reduce health care costs as they are high compared to business standards, 4) cut health care for Mayor and Aldermen, 5) work with ComEd to provide free electricity for street lights and other non-revenue generating buildings, 6) Cut City Dental Clinic. Savings \$500,000 to \$1,000,000+.

15. Are there any specific ordinances that should be repealed, modified, or enacted?

Review no parking around transportation. Reduce no parking for street cleaning to 1/2 day versus all day. Open beaches on last day of school.

16. What changes, if any, would you like to see the City make in how it has used tax increment financing (TIF)? If none, please state that.

I believe TIFs have been successful. I would continue to monitor and close early a TIF that has achieved its mission.

17. What changes if any would you support in how the City regulates parking in north Evanston, including hours, permit parking zones, tickets, and towing?

Change no parking near transportation area. Allow parking by Evanston residents on all Evanston streets.

18. Check whether you support or oppose the following:

Support Oppose

- ☒ Initial proposal for a 49-story building at 708 Church
- ☒ Revised proposal for a 38-story building at 708 Church
- ☒ Raising as-of-right height in the Central Core Dist. to 275' 25 stories
- ☒ Raising max. height in the Central Core District to 385' 35 stories
- ☒ Raising the West Traditional (Davis St.) district to 42' 88'

If you oppose any of the above, state what you intend to do to about it.

I will ask the newly seated City Council to review decisions made within last 6 months by past council to confirm consensus by new council.

YOU MAY USE THIS SPACE TO ELABORATE ON ANY OF THE ABOVE. Please reference what question you are adding to.