



ITALIAN AMERICAN POLITICAL COALITION
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Dear Candidate:

The enclosed documents includes information regarding candidate endorsement from the Italian American Political Coalition for the upcoming February 2, 2010 Primary Election.

As you may know, IAPC is an organization of civic, professional and business leaders dedicated to the political empowerment of the Italian-American community. Our overall mission is to 1) serve as a link between the Italian-American community and its governmental representatives, 2) better define and impart the concerns, values and interests of the Italian-American community to the body politic, and 3) motivate members of the community to become more involved in the electoral process.

To be considered for endorsement by IAPC, a candidate **MUST 1) FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED FORM OR PROVIDE MATERIALS THAT DETAIL THE REQUESTED INFORMATION, 2) SET UP AN INTERVIEW, AND 3) SIGN THE IAPC PLEDGE.** Candidates DO NOT have to be Italian American to be endorsed by the IAPC, nor does Italian heritage guarantee an endorsement.

Please call Judy Corvo, IAPC Administrator, at 708-262-7211 to schedule an interview on November 14 at Diplomat West in Elmhurst. (A map is enclosed). Ten minute interviews will be conducted from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. **All interviews must be scheduled in advance** – time slots are limited, therefore please call at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to your participation.

Respectfully yours,

Ferdinand P Serpe
IAPC President

Dear Candidate:

The following is an explanation of the IAPC endorsement process.

The Questionnaire

The purpose of the questionnaire is to obtain important background information while judging responsiveness to the concerns of the Italian-American community. Because those concerns have not always been clearly articulated by the community, a commitment to future responsiveness will be considered as seriously as past performance. Unless the campaign literature sufficiently addresses these inquiries, candidates should answer all applicable questions, and leave blank those that do not apply. Responses should be typewritten or printed legibly, and 10 copies should be brought to your interview. If the candidate wishes to bring other background material to the interview, 10 copies of each should also be provided. To be considered for endorsement, this questionnaire must be completed, submitted as stated above, and the candidate or his/her designee must appear at the endorsement session. **No endorsement will be given to a candidate who does not request an endorsement.**

The Interview

Candidates will be interviewed separately and consecutively by the board members of the IAPC during the panel hearing. If a candidate is not able to attend, a representative can be sent. Candidates will make brief **5-minute presentations**, followed by questions from the members, then a few summary remarks by the candidates. Time will be available at the end of each interview for questions from the candidates. **Candidates not appearing personally or by a representative will not be considered.**

The Pledge

The pledge spells out in general terms the expectations that the Italian-American community has of its public officials. **Signing the pledge does not guarantee an endorsement, but no endorsement will be issued unless the pledge is signed.** The performance of all endorsed candidates will be tracked to determine adherence to the pledge.

The Endorsement

The board of directors of the IAPC will meet after the panel hearing to discuss the candidates and issue its endorsements. Candidates will be endorsed based on their responsiveness to the concerns of the Italian-American community, as well as issues such as personal integrity, experience, civic involvement, fiscal responsibility, social conscience and viability of candidacy. All candidates who participate in the panel hearing will be notified in writing of the board's decision. Endorsed candidates will receive verification of their endorsement, signed by the president of the IAPC.

If you have any questions, call Judy Corvo, IAPC Administrator, at (708) 262-7211 or write to the Italian American Political Coalition, 1317 S. First Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153.

IAPC Candidate Questionnaire

Full

Name _____

Office

Sought _____

Incumbent? _____ Party

If not holding political office, current occupation

Office Address

Office Phone _____

FAX _____

Home Address

Home Phone _____

FAX _____

Campaign

Address _____

Campaign Phone _____ FAX

Date of Birth _____ Place

Marital Status _____ Spouse's

Name _____

Number of Children _____ Ages

Have you served in the U.S. or other military?

Branch _____ Rank _____ Dates

Italian Ancestry

(List names of any parents or grandparents of Italian descent also list towns of origin, where known)

(OVER)

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High

School _____

Honors / Activities

Undergraduate School _____ Honors / Activities

Post-graduate School _____ Honors / Activities

Relevant Work Experience

(OVER)

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Relevant Political Experience

Political Awards / Involvement

Civic Involvement / Awards

Have you ever been involved in a felony or crime of dishonesty?

If yes, describe

(OVER)

List any past efforts or awards that demonstrate sensitivity to the Italian-American agenda:

Be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

- The number of employees working under you and how many of them are Italian Americans.
- What initiatives are you prepared to make that could benefit the Italian-American community?
- Your knowledge and thoughts about Italian Americans in the political arena and community.
- Any awards that demonstrate personal integrity.

(OVER)

THE IAPC PLEDGE

If elected I vow to do my best, within the scope of my authority...

- 1) to fight bigotry and discrimination against Italian Americans and all other ethnic groups;
- 2) to hire qualified Italian Americans to fill positions whenever possible without prejudice toward other ethnic groups;
- 3) to ensure that Italian Heritage Month is honored in a suitable fashion;
- 4) to execute the responsibilities of my office with integrity and diligence, and to uphold all of the laws, codes and standards that govern my performance;
- 5) to discharge my duties with fiscal responsibility and efficiency while preserving the quality of service that I deliver
- 6) to craft programs designed to break the cycle of poverty and government dependence and uplift the less fortunate.

Signed by

Print name here

Candidate for the office of:
