



Candidate Name: Jocelyn Hare

Office Sought: Alderperson

Ward: 5th

Campaign Committee Name: Friends for Jocelyn Hare

Campaign Website: hareforfive.com

Campaign Finance

- 1. Running a political campaign is expensive, and candidates without deep pockets or wealthy connections often can't afford to compete. Would you support a public campaign financing program for Chicago city elections, such as a small donor matching or voucher "Democracy Dollars" program? Would you include the new elected school board and Police District Council in a public financing program?**

Yes

- 2. Currently, entities doing (or seeking to do) business with the City are limited to contributing \$1,500 to City officials' campaigns. But the limitation [does not extend to officers](#) or other high-level employees of those entities, who can still contribute thousands to officials making decisions about contracts with their companies. Would you support eliminating this loophole, as [cities like New York](#) have?**

Yes

- 3. Would you support reducing the City's campaign contribution limit from lobbyists and city vendors from \$1500 to \$750 or another number? Feel free to explain.**

Maybe. I would need to review the data and impacts of doing so.



4. Do you support any other campaign finance or other reforms that could make the system more transparent and ethical, and make it easier for people of diverse backgrounds to run for office?

I'm committed to implementing a Ward Precinct Council with voting power. This council is comprised of residents throughout the Ward and part of professional development includes teaching residents how to run for office.

Elections

1. Ranked-choice voting (RCV) has been adopted around the country as a way of eliminating low-turnout primaries and making elections more democratic. Do you support the adoption of ranked choice voting (RCV) for Chicago's mayoral elections?

[Click here for more information about ranked-choice voting.](#)

Yes

2. Do you support the adoption of ranked choice voting (RCV) for aldermanic and other city offices?

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Yes

3. The petition gathering and challenge process can make it hard for some good candidates to make it onto the ballot. Would you support state-level efforts to reform the system and, if so, what would you propose?

Yes. Fewer required signatures.

4. Proposals to reform the petition process include allowing [digital on-site signatures](#) (e.g. [HB 4966](#)), [online signatures](#), or instituting a maximum number of signatures per office. What are your thoughts on these ideas?

I'm intrigued by these ideas and will research best ways to support these efforts.



General

1. **Have you had any past experience with good governance and reform efforts? If so, we're eager to hear about it.**

Examples of good governance and reform efforts: government transparency and accessibility, ethics, voting and elections, campaign finance.

In 2015, I ran for 5th Ward Alderman on a platform of open, transparent, and accessible government.

2. **Would you support an effort to reduce the size of the Chicago City Council? If so, what is your ideal number of wards/alderpeople? If not, please explain.**

Maybe. I would need to review more research on this.

3. **Recent news reports assert that some Chicago City Council committees rarely meet and may function more as remnants of a patronage system than as effective governing bodies. In your opinion, should the number of committees be reduced from nineteen? Are there any other reforms to the committee system you would propose?**

Maybe. I would need to review more research on how to increase efficiency and eliminate entrenched patronage remnants.

4. **Do you believe that Chicago's mayor and city council must do more to limit "aldermanic prerogative"? Why or why not? If so, what steps do you think should be taken to limit it?**

Yes. Good government reflects the voices of the residents, not the interests of the alderman. Limit aldermanic prerogative by requiring participatory budgeting.

Ethics



1. How will you work to ensure city leaders elevate the needs of the public over personal or special interests?

I commit to creating a Ward Council with representatives from all precincts who will vote on issues facing the 5th, as well as ensuring participatory budgeting.

2. Should candidates for mayor have to disclose their tax returns for the past two years?

Yes.

3. Do you believe the Chicago City Council should become more independent of the mayor? If so, please explain the specific changes you'd like to see.

Chicago City Council should become more responsive and accountable to our residents.