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Metropolitan Planning Council

2022 Illinois Secretary of State Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Anna Valencia

1. We live in an era when more Illinoisans from the ages of 8 to 80 are choosing to walk, bike and ride public transit. How do you incorporate walking, biking and public transit into your everyday life? Do you routinely walk, bicycle or use transit for any of the trips listed below? If so, please circle.

Walk: to work or school for shopping or errands for recreation or exercise

Bike: to work or school for shopping or errands for recreation or exercise

Transit: to work or school for shopping or errands for recreation

Comments: I walk with my daughter to the park and nearby areas to meet for play dates, shopping, etc.

2. Transportation is linked to many of the challenges Illinois faces today in areas including public health and safety, the environment and climate change, and racial and social equity. What role do you see transportation playing in helping the state address these challenges?

Comments: Transportation can be a great equalizer in Illinois. We should be expanding transportation options in the state and we can do that by creating safe conditions - sharing the roads with bikes for example -, advertising and funding public transportation options, and even creating incentives for Illinoisians to do so. By doing this people around our state could also have better access to jobs and pull down barriers that have limited their access to opportunities. As Secretary of State I will make sure that we are looking into ways we can expand how people use and view transit.

3. The pool of questions that could appear on Illinois driver exams includes several questions about how drivers should interact with vulnerable people walking and biking, but because the pool is so large (more than 400 questions) many drivers

complete and pass exams without ever being asked about pedestrian and bicycle safety. Do you support or oppose requiring drivers to answer questions related to driving safely near pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable road users in order to complete their exam?

Strongly support

Support

No position

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Comments:

4. Under Illinois Law and the Secretary of State's Rules of the Road, it is currently illegal for pedestrians to cross the street (when traffic permits) outside of marked/unmarked crosswalks or the walk cycle of a traffic signal. Fines vary by jurisdiction but generally start at more than \$100 for the first offense. Do you support or oppose reviewing Illinois' jaywalking laws and rules for their impact on safety and racial and social equity, and pursuing appropriate changes?

Strongly support

Support

No position

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Comments:

5. Under Illinois Law and the Secretary of State's Rules of the Road, it is currently illegal for bicyclists approaching a stop sign to slow down and roll through the stop sign if no other traffic is present, rather than coming to a complete stop and restarting again. Fines vary by jurisdiction but generally start at more than \$100 for the first offense. Do you support or oppose reviewing Illinois stop sign laws and rules for bicyclists for their impact on safety and racial and social equity, and pursuing appropriate changes?

Strongly support

Support

No position

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Comments: