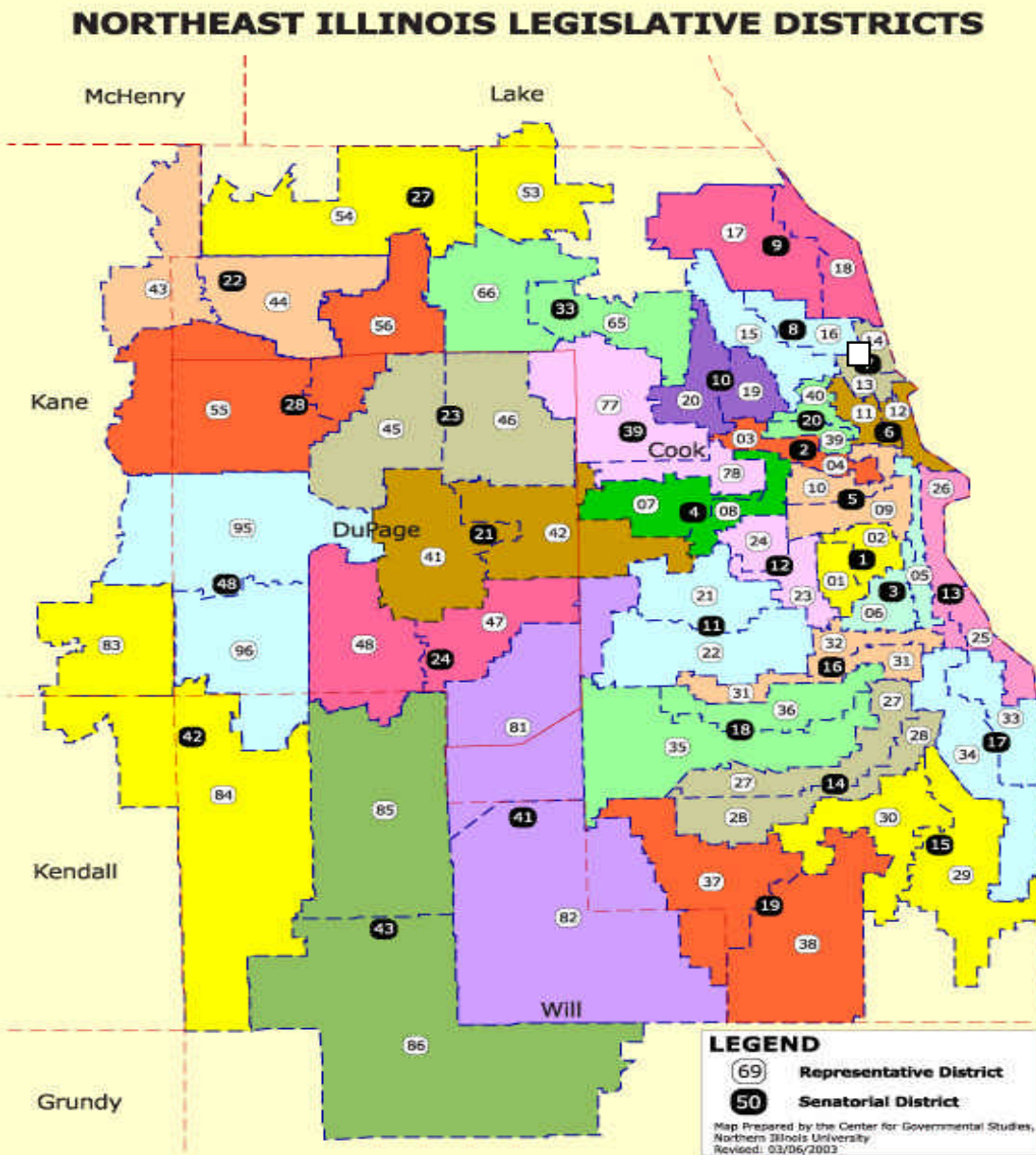


How does your candidate stack up on equine issues?

The Horsemen's Council of Illinois and the Illinois Trail Riders solicited responses from the candidates for the Fall 2006 elections for the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives. Our goal is to provide the Illinois equine community the opportunity to consider each candidates' views and position on the issues of concern to our members and this important Illinois business and recreational endeavor. Following is the set of questions asked and their respective responses, organized by legislative districts. Also enclosed is a map of the districts.



1. The majority of Illinois equine industry activity is unrelated to the State's major horse racing tracks; do you favor a legislative strategy that considers incentives to promote the horse industry in areas removed from track activities?
2. Approximately seventy percent of all horses in Illinois are involved in showing and recreational riding. Would you support legislation that that encourages the activities of horse showing and recreational horse riding?
3. Are you aware of needs within the equine industry?
4. Recent administration action, for cost cutting purposes, has resulted in a reduction in riding trail maintenance and improvement. Would you support restoring adequate trail maintenance and a program of trail expansion?
5. re you in favor of local government and public input concerning the management of undeveloped public lands? Please explain your views of local government and public input.
6. Prior to receiving this questionnaire, were you aware of the economic impact of the equine industry?
7. Do you believe agriculture and agribusiness are primarily a rural issue?
8. If federal legislation were introduced that would negatively impact Illinois' equine industry would you assist in contacting federal representatives to explain the impact?
9. Do you feel horse racing is a gaming or equine industry?
10. Do you believe the legislative adjustment in race track revenue distribution, passed in the spring session of the Illinois legislature, benefits the equine industry? How?

ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS



LEGEND

- 69** Representative District
- 50** Senatorial District

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Candidates for Illinois State Senate

District: 4 Lightford, Kimberly (D) no response

District: 4 Smith, James (D) no response

District: 6 Cullerton, John (D) no response

District: 7 Ronen, Carol (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 9 Schoenberg, Jeffrey (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 10 DeLeo, James (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 12 Garza, Eduardo (D) no response

District: 12 Sandoval, Martin (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 13 Raoul, Kwame (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 15 Meeks, James (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 16 Collins, Jacqueline (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 18 Maloney, Edward (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes, because these are the people who will be most impacted. 6. Yes - well informed by your organizations lobbying efforts. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Yes - it will, I believe, encourage growth of the industry.

District: 19 Crotty, Maggie (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 19 Wallace, Eric (R) no response

District: 21 Cronin, Dan (R) (incumbent)

1. Promoting horse industries that are separate from horse racing may be appropriate and worthwhile. 2. Supporting horse showing and recreational horse riding is good. 3. To some extent, yes. 4. I would like to support trail maintenance and expansion. 5. No answer. 6. To some extent, yes. 7. Not necessarily. 8. I'd be happy to explain the impact of a bill if I can. 9. It is both. 10. no answer.

District: 21 Munoz, Antonio (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. My knowledge is somewhat limited, but I would be happy to learn more from the Horsemen's Council and the IL Trail Riders. I believe that the horsemen have an interest in trail development and expansion and in a strong 4-H program that exposes youth to horses. 4. Yes. 5. I favor local government input concerning underdeveloped public property. Illinois has a relatively small amount of public land available for the public's enjoyment and I believe that is it critical that local governments and groups be consulted so that the maximum public benefit can be realized from the public lands we have available. 6. I would be happy to learn more of its importance statewide from the council. 7. No, I do not. I believe that agriculture and agribusiness are strong in this state, that they have the potential to spark major economic development and job creation across the state. Value added products made here and produced from IL products will benefit both rural and urban economies. The growth of ethanol and biodiesel plants is just one example of this. 8. Yes. 9. I am inclined to view horse racing as an equine industry. 10. If you are referring to HB4377, it is my understanding that the bill reduces the pari-mutuel tax rate for Fairmount Race Track which is struggling financially. I would also look forward to discussing other ways of benefiting the industry with the Horsemen

District: 22 Noland, Michael (D)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. My knowledge about the equine industry is somewhat limited, but I would be happy to learn more from the Horsemen's Council and the IL Trail Riders. I do believe that horsemen have an interest in trail development and expansion and in a strong 4-H program. 4. Yes. 5. I strongly favor public input concerning undeveloped public property. Illinois has a relatively small amount of public land available for the public's enjoyment, and I believe that it is crucial that local governments and groups be consulted so that the maximum public benefit can be realized from the public lands we have available. 6. I am very much aware of the importance of the equine industry in Cook or Kane County. Again, I would be happy to learn more of its importance statewide from the Council. 7. I certainly do not believe that agriculture and agribusiness is just a rural issue. I believe that because agriculture and agribusiness are so strong in this state, they have the potential to spark major economic development and jobs creation across the state. Value added products made here and produced from corn and soybeans raised here will benefit both our rural and urban economies. The tremendous growth in ethanol and biodiesel plant construction underway at the moment is just one example of the impact agriculture has on the state's overall economy. 8. Yes. 9. I am inclined to view horse racing as an equine industry. 10. If you refer to HB 4377/PA 94-805, it is my understanding that the bill reduces the pari-mutuel tax rate for Fairmount Race Track, which is struggling financially. If the bill succeeds in keeping the last remaining downstate track open, then, yes I believe that it will benefit at least a portion of the equine industry. I would look forward to discussing other ways of benefiting the industry with the Horsemen's Council.

District: 22 Roth, Billie (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. I would be very interested in learning more. 4. Yes. 5. Yes, we always need local government and especially the public's input on these issues. 6. Not totally, but I'm always interested in learning more about the subject. 7. No, they impact everyone's lives. 8. Yes, absolutely! My door is always open. 9. Both. 10. I hope that it will benefit the equine industry. However, I believe we should monitor the impact of the legislation to make sure the equine industry benefits.

District: 25 Craig, Frank (D) no response

District: 25 Lauzen, Chris (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 27 Gutzmer, Peter (D)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. No. 4. Yes. 5. Yes, communities should have a strong voice in any decisions affecting public land within and surrounding their homes. 6. I was not. 7. No. 8. This would depend on the type of legislation, the level of negative effect and the subsequent effect of opposing said legislation. 9. It would seem to affect both, but its economic results certainly in the gaming industry. 10. But it doesn't appear that the two are very directly related. I am not sure how the taxation of race affects the non-gaming equine industry at all.

District: 27 Mullens, Rita (R) no response

District: 27 Murphy, Matt (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes, as long as it fits within a broader sound fiscal policy. 3. Honestly, no. 4. If we can cut enough waste out of our budget to afford it, yes. 5. Yes. I value the assessment of locally elected officials and citizens on all issues, particularly on local issues. 6. Minimally. 7. No. 8. I would consider doing so, depending on the legislation. 9. Gaming. 10. I know it benefits the horse racing industry. To the extent that agriculture and the equine industry benefit from a strong horse racing industry, that legislation benefits these industries as well.

District: 28 Millner, John (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 30 Fitzgerald, Charles (R) no response

District: 30 Link, Terry (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 31 Bond, Michael (D)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. No, but I would be happy to learn more from the Horsemen's Council and the ITR. I do believe that horsemen have an interest in trail development and expansion and in a strong 4-H program that exposes youth to horses care, riding and showing. I also

understand that for several years, there has been a horse-feed checkoff program in place to raise revenue for the industry. I would be interested in learning more about this and other promotion ideas of the Council. 4. Yes. 5. I strongly favor public input concerning undeveloped public property. Illinois has a relatively small amount of public land available for the public's enjoyment, and I believe that it is critical that local governments and groups be consulted so that the maximum public benefit can be realized from the public lands we have available. 6. I am not very aware of the importance of the equine industry in Lake County. Again, I would be happy to learn more of its importance in Lake County and statewide from the Council. 7. No, I do not believe that because agriculture and agribusiness are so strong in this state, they have the potential to spark major economic development and job creation across the state. Value-added products made here and produced from corn and soybeans raised here will benefit both our rural and urban economies. The tremendous growth in ethanol and biodiesel plant construction underway at the moment is just one example of the impact agriculture has on the state's overall economy. 8. Yes. 9. Because there are no race tracks in my district, I am inclined to view horse racing as an equine industry. 10. If you refer to HB4377/PA 94-805, it is my understanding that the bill reduces the pari-mutuel tax rate for Fairmont Race Track, which is struggling financially. If the bill succeeds in keeping the last remaining downstate track open, then, yes I believe that it will benefit at least a portion of the equine industry. I would look forward to discussing other ways of benefiting the industry with the Horsemen's Council.

District: 31 Geo-Karris, Adeline (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 31 Simpson, Suzanne (R)

1. Yes, as part of agriculture and tourism promotion efforts. 2. Yes, depending on cost. 3. Somewhat, I would be happy to talk to you about it. 4. Yes, along with restoration of funding for DNR. 5. Yes, sometimes other governmental units have the necessary resources to open public lands for use. I am a proponent of intergovernmental coop. 6. Yes. 7. No - I live in the district of the Tempel Lippizans. 8. Absolutely. 9. Equine and gaming industry. 10. Yes, it creates incentives for horse breeding within the state.

District: 33 Axley, Cheryl (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. I am aware of many of the needs that are facing the equine industry. I will not claim to know them all, but I would trust that when issues arise, members of the equine industry will take advantage of my open door policy and bring any issue to my attention. 4. I vehemently oppose these types of fund sweeps. This type of fiscal policy is similar to a situation where a family is short money at the end of June and they take money from the July grocery budget to cover the June car insurance. 5. Absolutely. I believe that local governments are the best forums to create public debate. Any situation that fosters open and honest discussions between elected officials and the constituents they represent will serve to the betterment of the community. 6. Yes. I have talked to many members of the equine industry, albeit those involved more with the racing aspect of this industry. I believe your attached fact sheet shows the diverse economic impact the equine industry has on our state's economy. 7. No, I believe that Illinois' agri-economy affects all areas of the state, from the rail yards in Chicago, to the farms in Central and Southern Illinois, to the futures pts at the Merc. 8. Yes. Absolutely. 9. I believe horseracing falls into both categories. The horseracing industry would be hard pressed to generate the type of income they currently generate without the gaming aspect. The horseracing industry would be hard pressed to put a quality product on the track without the equine industry working to breed horses, develop new technologies, and invest money. 10. I believe it does. We are adding revenue to an industry that has seen substantial income losses due to the attraction of Riverboat Casinos. This influx of revenue will be reinvested into the racing aspect of the equine industry, which will allow the further development and growth of the industry as a whole.

District: 33 Kotowski, Dan (D) no response

District: 33 Morici, James (D) no response

District: 34 Lewandowski, Daniel (D)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. My knowledge about the equine industry is somewhat limited, but I would be happy to learn more from the HCI and ITR. I do believe that horsemen have an interest in trail development and expansion and in a strong 4-H program that exposes youth to horses care, riding and showing. It is also my understanding that after several years there has been a horse feed checkoff program in place to raise revenue to promote the industry. I would also be interested in learning more about this and other promotion ideas of the Council as well. 4. Yes. 5. I strongly favor public input concerning undeveloped public property. Illinois has a relatively small amount of public land available for the public's enjoyment, and I believe that it is critical that local governments and groups be consulted so that the maximum public benefit can be realized from the public lands we have available. 6. I am very much aware of the importance of the equine industry in Winnebago County. Again, I would be happy to learn more of its importance statewide from the Council. 7. I certainly do not believe that agriculture and agribusiness is just a rural issue. I believe that because agribusiness and agriculture are so strong in this state they have the potential to spark major economic development and jobs creation across the state. Value added products made here and produced from corn and soybeans raised here will benefit both our rural and urban economies. The tremendous growth in ethanol and biodiesel plant construction underway at the moment is just one example of the impact agriculture has on the state's economy. 8. Yes. 9. As there are no race tracks near my area, I am inclined to view horse racing as an equine industry. 10. If you refer to HB4377/PA 94-805, it is my understanding that the bill reduces the pari-mutuel tax rate for Fairmont Race Track, which is struggling financially. If the bill succeeds in keeping the last remaining downstate track open, then, yes I believe

District: 34 Syverson, Dave (R) (incumbent)

Historically, I do not complete candidate surveys. I feel that it's more important that you examine my 14 year record than reading my completed political survey. Thank you again for the information.

District: 36 Beals, James (R) no response

District: 36 Jacobs, Mike (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 36 Rumler, Paul (D) no response

District: 37 Risinger, Dale (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 39 Harmon, Don (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. I look forward to learning more about the industry. 4. Yes. 5. I don't believe state government can make informed decisions without input from both the public and local governments. 6. Yes, but the summary is very helpful. 7. No - both are statewide issues, with real resonance in my urban-suburban district. 8. Yes. 9. Both, though it is too often viewed narrowly as only a gaming industry. 10. I supported HB 4377. My colleagues from downstate explained to me the importance of supporting Fairmont I understand that keeping the track open will benefit at least that part of the equine industry.

District: 39 Nardello, Michael (D) no response

District: 39 Rowe, Jim (R) no response

District: 40 Halvorson, Debbie (D) (incumbent)

1. Incentives are always a good thing. I need to see specifics before I commit. 2. Same as above. Concept is good, need specifics. 3. Somewhat. Your organization needs to update the legislature periodically. 4. Currently everyone has undergone reductions. I look forward to the days of extra money for purposes such as yours. 5. Depends on who owns these public lands. Would love to get input on this. 6. Yes. I have Balmoral racetrack in my district and I represent an area with many horse related farms/entities. 7. No. I believe it is important everywhere. 8. Yes. 9. A bit of both. Horse racing is also equine in the sense of economic benefits and the recreation benefits of watching these beautiful animals. 10. We have debated this issue for as long as I have been in the legislature (10 years) and I am sure it could have been better but as long as we encourage this debate and bills such as this to help the horseman, the sport will continue.

District: 42 Holmes, Linda (D)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. I would appreciate being educated on any and all issues of interest to the equine industry so that I can be well prepared when legislative issues arise. 4. In general, I favor riding trail maintenance and expansion. But I would need to consider all spending in a given budget and prioritize from there. 5. As local government and the public are most affected by the management of public lands in their areas, I favor the involvement of local government and public input into these decisions. 6. Somewhat, and I appreciate the opportunity to learn more. 7. No, all citizens are affected by the health of agriculture and agribusiness. 8. Yes. 9. Horse racing is part of the gaming industry. 10. I need more information on this issue to address the question in an educated manner.

District: 42 Wintermute, Terri (R) no response

District: 43 Smith, Christian (R) no response

District: 43 Wilhelm, A. J. (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. I am always interested in learning more about such an important industry in my district. 4. Yes. 5. I favor public input concerning undeveloped public property. Illinois has a relatively small amount of public land available for the public's enjoyment, and I believe that it is crucial that local governments and groups be consulted so that the maximum public benefit can be realized from the public lands we have available. 6. I am very much aware of the importance of the equine industry to the Will County economy. 7. I do not believe that agriculture and agribusiness is a rural issue. I believe that because agriculture and agribusiness are so strong in this state, they have the potential to spark major economic development and jobs creation throughout Illinois. Value added products made here and produced from corn and soybeans raised here will benefit both our rural and urban economies. In 2005, I co-sponsored and helped pass SB15/PA 94-392, which creates a micro business loan program to provide assistance to small agribusiness or tourism related businesses, while 80% of these loans were to be made available in smaller counties, 20% of these loans were available for businesses in larger counties such as Cook, Will and the other collar counties. 8. Yes. 9. I view horse racing primarily as an equine industry. 10. I voted for HB 4377 / PA94-905, which reduces the pari-mutuel tax rate for Fairmount Race Track, which is struggling financially. If the bill succeeds in keeping the last remaining downstate track open, then, yes I believe that it will benefit at least a portion of the equine industry. I would look forward to discussing other ways of benefiting the industry with the Horsemen's Council.

District: 45 Sieben, Todd (R) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Some. 4. Yes. 5. Public lands should be developed for a variety of user groups. Public hearing should be helpful in getting input from as many groups as possible. 6. Yes. 7. No - they should be a top priority for the whole state. 8. Yes. 9. Equine industry. 10. I don't remember the specifics, but it should get more dollars to the horse owners, breeder, trainers, and drivers.

District: 46 Gambill, Blair (R) no response

District: 47 Furstenau, Richard (R) no response

District: 48 Hultgren, Randall (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 49 DeMuzio, Deanna (D) (incumbent)

1. yes. 2. yes. 3. yes, and I am always interested in learning more about such an important industry in my district. 4. yes. 5. I strongly favor public input concerning undeveloped public property. Illinois has a relatively small amount of public land available for the public's enjoyment, and I believe that it is critical that local governments and groups be consulted so that the maximum public benefit can be realized from the public land available. 6. I am very much aware of the importance of the equine industry in the counties that make up my district and to the entire state. 7. I certainly do not believe that agriculture and agribusiness is just a rural issue. I believe that because agribusiness and agriculture are so strong in this state they have the potential to spark major economic development and jobs throughout Illinois. 8. yes. 9. I view horse racing as an equine industry. 10. I voted for HB 4377/PA 94-805 which reduces the pari-mutuel tax rate for Fairmount Race Track, which is struggling financially. If the bill succeeds in keeping the last remaining downstate track open, then, yes. I believe that it will benefit at least a portion of the equine industry. I would look forward to discussing other ways of benefits the industry with the Horsemen's Council.

District: 49 Richey, Jeff (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Somewhat, but look forward to meeting with you to learn more. 4. Yes. 5. I believe many items that have a benefit locally should be handled locally -- by the people that are familiar with the issues. 6. Somewhat. 7. Yes. But considering agriculture and agribusiness are this state's number one industry, the ripple effect felt through every part of Il for that reason I believe agriculture is very important to every community in this state. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Yes, anytime we increase horse purse helps the equine industry.

District: 51 Watson, Frank (R) (incumbent)

1. Yes. In fact I have an assistant who owns several horses for pleasure riding. 2. Yes. In fact I have an assistant who owns several horses for pleasure riding. 3. I believe I'm aware of most of the needs but obviously continue to need input on the issues that are important to the equine industry. 4. I think it is terrible what the administration has done in regard to the whole quality of life and recreation issue being promulgated through the Dept. of Natural Resources. Trail riding certainly would be part of that, and I would support restoring an adequate trail maintenance program. 5. Coming from Southern Illinois I understand the need for development of public properties. Abandon coal mines, abandon railroads and easement along roads are great opportunities to expand there use. I believe its important for us to have input from all levels of government and especially the public. 6. Yes, I do believe I had an understanding of the economic input, but certainly not at the level that was presented in the literature provided. 7. Agriculture and agribusiness are not primarily a rural issue. Agriculture and agribusiness affects us all. 8. I would be pleased to work with our fellow delegation in trying to educate them on the impact federal legislation may have on the equine industry. 9. Horse racing is an equine industry. There are other side issues such as gaming, state revenue and jobs but basically it is an equine industry. Trainers, breeders, and owners are a big part of the economic well being of a viable horse racing industry and program in Illinois. 10. Yes, Many breeders, owners and trainers have horses that could be part of what would be considered the equine industry. Many farms are multipurpose and benefit a whole entire equine program.

District: 52 Frerichs, Michael (D)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. I do not know much about the equine industry but look forward to learning more. I believe horsemen have an interest in trail development and expansion and in a strong 4-H program that introduces youth to the horse care and riding. I recently read about new equestrian trails that opened at Jim Edgar Panther Creek Park in Cass County. I would like to see and support similar developments at other state parks and rec areas. I would be interested in learning more about the Councils issues and ideas on these issues. 4. Yes. 5. I strongly favor public input concerning underdeveloped public property. Illinois has a relatively small amount of public land available for the public enjoyment, and I believe that it is crucial that local governments and groups be consulted so that the max public benefit can be realized from the public lands we have available. 6. Living in rural Champaign County and by traveling the 52nd Senate District, I am very much aware of the importance of the equine industry in Champaign and Vermillion Counties. But again, I would be happy to learn more of its importance statewide from the Council. 7. I certainly do not believe that agriculture/business is just a rural issue. I believe that because agriculture and agribusiness are so central to this states economy, they have the potential to spark major economic and job growth statewide. Value added products made here and produced from corn and soybeans raised here benefit both our rural and urban economies. I also believe the equestrian industry specifically can benefit greatly from a strong state heritage or tourism program that provides Lincoln sites, but also agricultural and natural resources tourism. 8. Yes. 9. Sincere are no racetracks near East Central Illinois, I am inclined to view racing as an equine industry. 10. If you refer to HB4377/PA94-805, it is my understanding that the bill reduces the pari-mutuel tax rate for Fairmount Race Track which is struggling financially. If the bill succeeds in keeping the last remaining downstate track open, then yes I believe that it will benefit at least a portion of the equine industry. I would look forward to discussing other ways of benefiting the industry with the Horsemen's Council.

District: 52 Myers, Judith (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. No, it relates to all communities. 8. Yes! 9. Equine. 10. Yes, it is my hope that this will raise purses at the track to increase interest and economic support.

District: 54 Jones, John (R) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. I have always supported public input and local government should have input. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Equine. 10. Yes. I have always supported the equine industry in my 12 years in office.

District: 54 Wright, Bart (D) no response

District: 55 Righter, Dale (R)

1. Favor. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. As the issue concerns local land, local citizens should have at least some measure of input. 6. Yes. 7. Yes, but all of Illinois has a tremendous stake in agriculture and agribusiness. 8. Yes. 9. Equine. Gaming is only one small part of the larger process of breeding, raising and caring for horses. 10. Yes - by providing more resources to the tracks, that should indirectly assist the equine industry.

District: 57 Clayborne, James (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 58 Luechtefeld, David (R) (incumbent) no response

Candidates for Illinois State House of Representatives

District: 1 Mendoza, Susana (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 2 Acevedo, Edward (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 2 Rodriguez, Francisco (D) no response

District: 3 Delgado, William (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 4 Soto, Cynthia (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 5 Dunkin, Ken (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 6 Bunville, Samuel (D) no response

District: 6 Golar, Esther (D) no response

District: 7 Welch, Chris (D) no response

District: 7 Yarbrough, Karen (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 8 Ford, La Shawn (D) no response

District: 8 Giles, Calvin (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 8 Harris, Glenn (R) no response

District: 9 Turner, Arthur (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 10 Collins, Annazette (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 11 Beiser, Daniel (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 11 Frithcey, John (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 12 Feigenholtz, Sara (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Not really; but looking forward to learning more. 4. Yes. 5. I am happy to talk with you about this question. 6. The fact sheet you provided was very helpful. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Yes. I realize the economic and employment impact on the industry.

District: 13 McKeon, Larry (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 14 Osterman, Harry (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 15 D'Amico, John (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 16 Lang, Lou (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. I believe in local control whenever possible. This can only be done well when there is transparent and open public discussion. 6. Yes - more than most. 7. No - it has impact on everyone. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Yes, however a much more responsive bill is necessary for the long term health of the industry. I have proposed such a bill.

District: 17 Coulson, Elizabeth (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 17 Ross, Judith (D)

1. Yes, as long as said legislation addresses the well-being of the animals. 2. Yes. 3. Not as aware as I'd like to be. Please send material. 4. Yes. This would be part of an overall restructuring of the budget to reflect the needs of the citizens of Illinois. 5. Yes, I am in favor of local government and public input in this regard. Those closer to the lands in question more often than not have greater knowledge and control than their state and federal counterparts. I am not saying we should build malls or parking lots everywhere; trails, fauna, flora and wetlands are necessary. 6. While somewhat knowledgeable of the impact of the horse racing industry, I am not and was not previously very aware of the impact of the equine industry. Again, please send info. 7. No. Food supply and food supply distribution are parts of what are affecting our state economy. If crops fail, or agribusiness fails to deliver food in a timely manner, it hurts us all. 8. Yes. Part of my platform is re-connecting local government both to the community and other forms of government. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky endorses me and I have no problem contacting her and other members of the delegation from IL to explain such impact and working federally to save the equine industry of IL. 9. I sincerely believe horse racing to be a gaming industry that involves horses, and as such the highest standards of care must be undertaken for the well-being of the animals. 10. No. The horse racing industry is a gaming industry, unrelated to the equine industry. Casino money should be earmarked for education, pensions and healthcare.

District: 18 Hamos, Julie (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 19 Lyons, Joseph (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 20 Dobrzycki, Mark (D) no response

District: 20 McAuliffe, Michael (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 21 Johnson, Charles (R) no response

District: 21 Molaro, Robert (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Some - but not all. 4. Yes. 5. I am in favor - local people know the best use of their area. 6. Yes. 7. No - statewide issue. 8. Yes. 9. Equine and farming and economic development industry. 10. no answer.

District: 22 Famiglietti, Robert (R) no response

District: 22 Madigan, Michael (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 23 Burke, Daniel (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 24 Chavez, Michelle (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 24 Dillard, Kirk (R) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes, public input is important so policymakers understand the need for trails, etc. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Equine - agribusiness. 10. Yes. Hopefully, the new \$\$\$ helps agriculture and the small horsemen.

District: 24 Garcia, Roberto (D) no response

District: 24 Hernandez, Lisa (D) no response
 District: 24 Ledvina, John-Paul (R) no response
 District: 25 Currie, Barbara (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 25 Latiker, Sharon (D) no response
 District: 26 Jones, Lovana (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 26 Tatum, Ranoule (D) no response
 District: 27 Davis, Monique (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 28 Cresswell, Florida (D) no response
 District: 28 Rita, Bob (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 28 Williams, Brenda (D) no response
 District: 29 Miller, David (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 29 Shaw, Rob (D) no response
 District: 30 Davis, Will (D) no response
 District: 31 Flowers, Mary (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 32 Patterson, Milt (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 33 Colvin, Marlow (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 33 Douyon, Emerson (D) no response
 District: 33 Prince, Derrick (D) no response
 District: 34 Howard, Connie (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 35 Joyce, Kevin (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 36 Brosnahan, Jim (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 37 McCarthy, Kevin (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 38 Kelly, Robin (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 39 Berrios, Toni (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 40 Aponte, Wilfredo (D) no response
 District: 40 Bradley, Richard (D) (incumbent) no response

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Yes - sustaining the viability of the racing industry.

District: 41 Biggins, Bob (D) (incumbent) no response
 District: 42 Pihos, Sandra (R) (incumbent) no response
 District: 43 Kissane, Hollie (D) no response
 District: 43 Munson, Ruth (R) (incumbent) no response

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes I favor input. Creating good public policy requires input from local residents and other stakeholders, including local governments. As a former city council member, I appreciate the efforts of all elected bodies working together. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Horse racing is both a gaming and an equine industry. Most important to our economy is the horse industry component, creating jobs and tax revenue for the state. 10. I could not support HB 1918 because the communities in the district in which I serve would be negatively impacted by the additional taxes in riverboat casinos.

District: 44 Crespo, Fred (D) no response
 District: 44 Parke, Terry (R) (incumbent) no response

1. Yes, I am always interested in learning more about legislation that would benefit the horse industry. 2. Yes, I would gladly be open to learning more about legislative initiatives that would encourage activities associated with horse showing and recreational horse riding. 3. I am somewhat aware of the needs of the equine industry but my door is always open for my constituents and any representative from your organization. 4. My support for restoring these funding levels would largely be dependent upon where the money would come from. I've always been opposed to new tax increases so my support would depend on the source of funding. 5. I have always been supportive of less government and more control by the people. ON issues concerning undeveloped public lands I'm always interested in hearing the opinions of the local government and residents to find where they stand on the issue. 6. Yes, I am well aware of the economic impact that the equine industry has on the economy. 7. Arlington Park Racecourse is near my district and I have talked to them about your involvement in the agribusiness. 8. I have been in contact with the federal representatives of Illinois, especially in situations where I believe legislation would have an adverse affect on my community. 9. It's both. 10. Yes, even though racing is only a part of the equine industry, this adjustment in revenue distribution will provide beneficial by providing needed funding to support those directly involved in the horse racing industry – horse breeders, handlers, and others whose jobs are largely depending upon the horse racing industry.

District: 45 Bisceglie, Rob (D)

1. Yes, I would be very interested in legislation that would support the longstanding and new businesses involved in the horse industry. 2. Yes. I currently support horse riding by cleaning a section of the Great Western Trail frequently used by DuPage equestrians. The Medinah Black Horse Troup Stables is contiguous to the section of the trail I clean and monitor along with a group from my campaign. 3. I would welcome the opportunity to meet so I may learn more about the equine industry. 4. As noted in question #2, I support the trails and would welcome additional trails, trail amenities and improved maintenance. 5. Yes, involving local government and residents in the management of public lands would hopefully lead to additional resources and support for more funding to insure optimal benefit of these areas. 6. Somewhat aware. However, I would appreciate the opportunity to learn more from a representative of your group. 7. No, agriculture and agribusiness are not just rural issues. I believe they are important to the overall business character and future of the state of Illinois. 8. Yes, I would consider doing so. I would need information about the proposed legislation and the possible negative impacts to formulate a position an plan to help support the equine industry. 9. It seems to me that horse racing is part gaming and part equine industry. 10. The new legislation that adjusted race track revenue should bring increased activity to Illinois race tracks. Hopefully, the legislation will benefit the overall equine industry.

District: 45 Coladipietro, Franco (R) no response
 District: 45 Jenisch, Rob (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 46 Koehler, Dave (D)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. My knowledge about the equine industry is somewhat limited, but I would be happy to learn more from the Horsemen's Council and the Illinois Trail Riders. I do believe that horsemen have an interest in trail development and expansion and in a strong 4-H program that exposes youth to horses care, riding and showing. It is also my understanding that for several years there has been a horse feed check-off program in place to raise revenue to promote the industry. I would also be interested in learning more about this and other promotion ideas of the Council as well. 4. Yes. 5. I strongly favor public input concerning undeveloped public property. Illinois has a relatively small amount of public land available for the public's enjoyment, and I believe that it is crucial that local governments and groups be consulted so that the maximum public benefit can be realized from the public lands we have available. 6. I am very much aware of the importance of the equine industry in Tazewell, Fulton and Peoria counties. Again, I would be happy to learn more of its importance statewide from the Council. 7. I certainly do not believe that agriculture and agribusiness is just a rural issue. I believe that because agriculture and agribusiness are so strong in this state, they have the

potential to spark major economic development and jobs creation across the state. Value added products made here and produced from corn and soybeans raised here will benefit both our rural and urban economies. The tremendous growth in ethanol and biodiesel plant construction underway at the moment is just one example of the impact agriculture has on the state's overall economy. 8. Yes. 9. Because there are no race tracks near my area, I am inclined to view horse racing as an equine industry. 10. If you refer to HB 4377/PA 94-805, it is my understanding that the bill reduces the pari-mutuel tax rate for Fairmount Race Track, which is struggling financially. If the bill succeeds in keeping the last remaining downstate track open, then, yes I believe that it will benefit at least a portion of the equine industry. I would look forward to discussing other ways of benefiting the industry with the Horsemen's Council.

District: 46 Reboletti, Dennis (R) no response
District: 46 Vosicky, Joe (D) no response

District: 47 Bellock, Patti (R) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. I need to have more information to be educated on this subject. 4. Yes. Absolutely! 5. Yes. In my area that would be the local park districts but especially the DuPage Forest Preserve District which I was a member of in the 90's and a strong supporter of horse issues. 6. Yes. 7. These issues affect the entire economy of IL and are very important! 8. Absolutely! 9. As a previous owner of 20 race horses (Dor Mor Pat Stable) for 20 years, I feel that horse racing is a breeding industry first, then a sport which gaming was attached to. 10. Any revenue that is invested in the horse industry will help the entire equine industry in Illinois, I hope. I fully supported this legislation and spoke to it on the House of Representatives floor in open debate.

District: 47 DiCola, Carol (D) no response
District: 48 Meyer, Jim (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 49 Schmitz, Tim (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 50 Lindner, Patricia (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 51 Howland, Amanda (D)

1. Yes. Trail riding, dressage, show jumping, etc. are all worthwhile activities. 2. As a former horse owner and rider I support and encourage horse showing and recreational riding. 3. I am not aware of all of the needs. However, I am aware of several. I will work with the equine industry to try to find equitable solutions to problems. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. I was not aware of the specific dollar amounts. However, I did know that horses play a large part in Illinois' recreation and agriculture. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. It is both. Those involved in horse racing need to act responsibly and incorporate the regulations of both the gaming and equine industries. 10. Because you do not refer to a specific bill it is almost impossible to research this issue. I cannot provide an informed answer without more information. However, typically race track legislation is not a huge benefit to the equine industry.

District: 51 Sullivan, Ed (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 52 Beaubien, Mark (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 52 Driscoll, Denny (R) no response
District: 53 Bludorn, Scott (R) no response
District: 53 MacDonald, Michael (D)

1. It depends on the proposal. 2. It depends on the proposal. 3. No. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. Local government and the public are part owners of public lands. 6. No. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Gaming. 10. Yes. Partially, through providing money to help keep race tracks in existence.

District: 53 Mathias, Sidney (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 53 Sherman, Rob (D) no response

District: 54 Bassi, Suzie (R) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Would have to see first (to support legislation). 3. Yes. 4. Yes - as soon as \$\$\$ is available. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Bigger purses bring more and better horses.

District: 54 Ketelsen, Jeffry (D)

1. yes. 2. yes. 3. not entirely. 4. yes. 5. yes. 6. yes. 7. no. 8. yes. 9. gaming and equine. 10. Yes, it will allow the race tracks to continue to support the equine industry in Illinois.

District: 55 Fenner, Pamela (R) no response
District: 55 Fuesting, Matt (R) no response
District: 55 Ramey, Randy (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Public land should be directed by which entity that owns it. Public input would be encouraged to keep them part of the process. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Yes, I voted for it. Improved purses to keep equine industry functional in Illinois.

District: 56 Froehlich, Paul (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 56 Klimkowicz, Anna M. (R) no response
District: 57 Berzon, Wayne (R) no response
District: 57 Nekritz, Elaine (D) (incumbent) no response
District: 58 Griffin, William (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. No. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. Local government may provide incentives to maintain undeveloped land status. Private partners could also help in this area. 6. No. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Gaming. 10. Need more information.

District: 58 May, Karen (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. I believe there should be input from all levels of government for the expenditures of public lands plus from potential users and the environmental community. 6. Yes. 7. Yes, but I know it also affects all parts of the state to a lesser extent. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Yes, because part of the purse was dedicated to "back of track" programs. I supported it because of that and I heard from several suburb constituents.

District: 59 Ryg, Kathleen (D) (incumbent) no response
District: 60 Washington, Eddie (D) (incumbent) no response
District: 61 Osmond, JoAnn (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 62 Cole, Sandy (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. I think the tourism industry has benefited greatly from the horse influence in my county (Lake). 3. Somewhat...but always interested in learning more. 4. I am a Lake County Forest Preserve Commissioner who supports efforts and programs that enhance horse ridership. 5. Absolutely! Our Forest Preserves in Lake county rely heavily on citizens input for preserve improvements. 6. Yes. 7. Somewhat but also suburban. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Somewhat uncertain. Please send more information.

District: 62 Elman, Sharyn (D) no response
District: 63 Franks, Jack (D) (incumbent) no response
District: 64 Tryon, Michael (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 65 Mulligan, Rosemary (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 66 Krause, Carolyn (R) (incumbent) no response
District: 67 Jefferson, Chuck (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 68 **Winters, Dave (R) (incumbent)** no response
District: 69 **Tuite, Greg (D)** no response
District: 69 **Wait, Ronald (R) (incumbent)** no response
District: 70 **Pritchard, Robert (R) (incumbent)**

1. Yes. Companion animals and livestock are important components of the states #1 industry. Constituents have not presented issues requiring legislation but I would welcome such a conversation. 2. Yes. As a youth I raised ponies and horses for recreation and showed them as a 4-H project. There is great personal and public benefit from these activities. 3. Yes. Owners and riders need space to ride. Illinois has not had a successful policy of proving for open space of trails. In populated areas, zoning has not always been favorable to stables, or riding areas. A consistent state and local policy is needed for the industry to continue to exist in urban areas. For those racing horses, state policy must clarify support to keep the industry in Illinois. 4. Yes. Funding for such work is an issue and could be addressed with a membership fee similar to the national parks or portion of sales tax on feed and horse supplies. I am open to other suggestions. The funding issue must be taken in context with other state priorities for general revenue dollars. This is why I favor a designated revenue source. 5. Use of public lands warrants input from citizens over their elected leaders. Local input is appropriate since local people would comprise a major portion of the land use - land use policy should also consider broader public input and include a philosophy of goals and objectives for public enjoyment of the asset. 6. Yes. As a member of the Agriculture and Conservation Committee of the House, I have considered several bills dealing with horses and have had an opportunity to visit with representatives of the Horsemen's Council, Benevolent & Protective Assn, and racing organizations. I have talked with breeders, hay growers, etc. 7. No. Thousands of small town and urban residents own and show horses and are concerned about horse care. 8. Yes. I have shared my views on post issues and will continue to do so especially when the issue affects Illinois residents. 9 Both, as practiced in Illinois. The future of the industry seems brighter as non-gaming components. In face we let the gaming discussion divert attention from racing as a sport. I am concerned about the exportation of gaming that would be required to make tracks competitive with other states! 10. I supported the legislation because it will help increase the values racing purses and help attract more and better horses to Illinois races. As a result, the entire equine industry benefits from demand for care of these horses and supplies.

District: 71 **Boland, Mike (D) (incumbent)**

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes, I make a point of keeping up with newspaper articles related to equine issues as well as learning more through the Horsemen's Council and Trail Rider websites. 4. Yes. 5. Yes - when it comes to issues like public land management, it is important that local citizens have a say in decisions that affect them. 6. Yes. 7. I do not believe they are just primarily rural issues, especially because agribusiness is number 1 on the Illinois economy. Agriculture as an industry effects people all across the state regardless of their jobs. 8. Yes. 9. Equine. Gaming is only one small part of the larger process of breeding, raising and caring for horses. 10. Yes, and I supported the legislation because I want to see the equine industry remain and grow healthy and more successful. It is important to me, though to pay attention to the effects of the legislation to make sure we are moving in the right direction for the future.

District: 71 **Haring, Steve (R)**

1. Yes. 2. Yes and additionally the state has a responsibility to fully fund current programs that encourages the activities surrounding showing and recreational riding. 3. Yes. 4. I oppose the raiding of dedicated funds and budget cuts to riding trail maintenance. 5. Yes - I believe it is important to have good quality open discussions, public forums and input concerning land use management issues. 6. Yes. 7. No! The agriculture industry continues to be of major importance to Illinois' economy. 8. Yes. 9. Horse racing is a subset of the equine industry. 10. Yes, the horse racing industry is a subset of the equine industry and revenues need to be properly distributed to benefit the entire equine industry.

District: 72 **Verschoore, Pat (D) (incumbent)** no response

District: 73 **Leitch, David (R) (incumbent)** no response

District: 74 **Moffitt, Donald (R) (incumbent)** no response

District: 75 **Briscoe, Jason (R)**

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes, but this questionnaire reaffirmed my awareness. 4. Yes. 5. As a current village president, I am absolutely in favor in local government's role - as well as the role of local individuals - to insure that public lands are developed appropriately - and based on needs and interests. 6. I was aware, but this questionnaire was helpful to broaden my knowledge. 7. No. Having grown up in an area centered on agriculture and growing up in a family directly involved in farming and farm equipment, I am acutely aware of impact these industries have throughout the state, nation and world. 8. Yes. I believe a strong relationship with federal legislators is necessary to insure that our state issues are heard - particularly when the issue has a negative impact on our local interests. 9. I believe that horse racing qualifies as both a gaming and equine industry. 10. Yes. It will revolutionize the industry and make them more competitive in the gaming industry.

District: 75 **Gordon, Careen (D) (incumbent)**

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes, I have reviewed various newspaper stories and other materials on the equine industry. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. I believe the public must be given a strong voice when considering issues of land management that will affect their lives. 6. Yes. 7. No. I believe agribusiness is an issues the entire Illinois economy. A strong ag market has a positive effect on the entire state. 8. Yes. 9. I believe horse racing is primarily an equine industry. 10. Whether or not this legislation is beneficial is yet to be seen.

District: 75 **McAloon, David (R)** no response

District: 76 **Mautino, Frank (D) (incumbent)**

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. It kept Fairmount open and helped to stabilize the funding.

District: 76 **Wagner, Pat (R)**

1. I do not think the legislature should promote or hinder industry. 2. Would oppose legislation that restricts or penalizes recreational riding or showing. 3. no. 4. Restoring adequate trail maintenance - yes; program of trail expansion - maybe. 5. Yes, in theory. In actual practice, however, those with a vested interest in the management and development of public lands are likely to dominate any "public input".. There needs to be a place for written minority opinions! 6. Not really. Horse racing for the most part, esp in Illinois - Kentucky, yes. 7. No. They effect all of us. 8. Yes. 9. Gaming. 10. No.

District: 77 **Saviano, Skip (R) (incumbent)** no response

District: 78 **Graham, Deborah (D) (incumbent)** no response

District: 79 **Dugan, Lisa (D) (incumbent)**

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes, I speak with local residents involved with this issue and I am accessible to my constituents 7 days a week. I also review media stories on equine issues and materials provided by the Horsemen's Council and Trail Riders. 4. Yes. 5. Yes - I believe it is critical that local input is obtained when decisions of land management are made. 6. Yes. 7. Certainly not! Agriculture and agribusiness provide the largest industry in this state and affect everyone, not just rural areas. 8. Yes. 9. Equine industry. 10. While I generally support legislation that will keep the equine industry healthy, I believe the structure of the legislation will result in it being tied up in the courts.

District: 79 **Nicholos, Sam (R)**

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. No. 4. Yes. An expansion of trails will lead to expanding the business aspects. These all in turn will lead to an increase in tourism dollars in Illinois. 5. There are certain elected bodies that govern those lands and should be involved in their management. 6. Only as far as the race industry is concerned. 7. No. A sound policy on both lends itself to economic development in many ways. 8. As representative, I will always work for my constituents and with all necessary parties to keep any industry viable in Illinois. 9. Both. Although separate, horse racing benefits both industries. Not many other businesses can boast that. 10. I am unfamiliar with this piece of legislation therefore should not comment on it without looking at it.

District: 80 Scully, George (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 80 Wiley, Marc (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Somewhat. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. I prefer local government and public input because they are from the community compared to some lawmaker on the other side of their community that has no personal interest. 6. Yes, I have friends in the industry. 7. No, controls a variety of issues city and rural. 8. Yes, I would. 9. Gaming. 10. No, I believe race tracks benefit more.

District: 81 Kosel, Renee (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 81 McNeil, Chris (R) no response

District: 82 Durkin, Jim (R)

1. yes, I will favor reasonable incentives, as I have in the past. 2. yes. 3. not entirely. 4. yes. 5. I do support local control of property or land within a local government's boundaries. 6. yes. 7. no. 8. yes. 9. I consider horse racing a combination of both. 10. Yes. I did support the final version in the House. I believe we need to keep the industry alive in this state. However, despite this legislation, the industry must become self-sufficient at some point.

District: 82 Savage, Kim (D)

1. Yes. 2. Undecided. Probably. 3. Not well versed in this area. 4. Yes. 5. While dialogue is important in distribution of all public resources, including land use. There needs to be a process in place for long term planning to best utilize all open spaces, including public lands. 6. No. 7. No, it impacts all of us. 8. Yes. 9. I believe horse racing is gaming, but part of the equine industry due to the need for trained animal workers, vets, etc. 10. I still need more information before offering an opinion.

District: 82 Seith, Bill (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 83 Chapa LaVia, Linda (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 83 Mitchell, Bob (R) no response

District: 84 Cross, Tom (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 85 Hassert, Brent (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 85 Karlstad-Gonzales, Karen (D) no response

District: 86 McGuire, Jack (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 87 Mitchell, Bill (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 88 Brady, Dan (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 88 Huckelberry, Phil (Green)

1. Yes. 2. It depends on the legislation. 3. No. My district is fairly urban. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. I am a strong advocate for decentralization and local control. 6. Yes, because my father lives in Lexington, KY. 7. No. Aspects are obviously primarily rural, but in terms of public health and economy among other things, issues are far from merely rural. 8. Yes. Though the question is extremely vague. 9. Both. You can't exclude one or the other. 10. I would need to research this further.

District: 89 Sacia, Jim (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 90 Mitchell, Jerry (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 91 Bainter, Marvin (D) no response

District: 91 Dagit, Daryl (R) no response

District: 91 Smith, Michael (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 91 Yurkovich, Joe (D) no response

District: 92 Schock, Aaron (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 92 Spears, Bill (D) no response

District: 93 Tenhouse, Art (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 94 Myers, Rich (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 95 Fortner, Mike (R) no response

District: 95 Mitroff, Pamela (R) no response

District: 96 Dunn, Joe (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 97 Watson, Jim (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 98 Hannig, Gary (D) (incumbent) no response

District: 99 Cahnman, Sam (D)

1. Yes. One way this could be done is by rehabilitating the State Fairgrounds to accommodate large shows such as the regional quarter horse show for our region. I understand the world championship select quarter horse show is leaving Armarillo, TX and could come to Springfield if the fairgrounds were rehabbed sufficiently. This would be a big boost to the local and state economy. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes, especially in southern Illinois. 5. Yes, both public & private sectors need to put forth a cooperative effort to achieve the greatest good for undeveloped public lands to increase areas acceptable for equine. 6. Yes. 7. It is rural to a large extent, but it is international when it comes to the sale of its product. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Yes, by transferring revenues from race tracks to the equine industry.

District: 99 Poe, Raymond (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 100 Brauer, Rich (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 101 Cain, Dick (R)

1. Yes, I believe the horse racing industry does provide a substantial impact to the equine industry; however there are hundreds of thousands of horses that provide a major agriculture impact that are not related to the horse racing industry. 2. Yes, it is imperative that we fully fund state programs aimed at providing recreational riding. 3. Yes. 4. If elected I would oppose the raids on dedicated funds and budget cuts that have been used for trail riding and maintenance. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. No, agriculture is an issue that transcends, especially in a state like Illinois. 8. Yes. 9. Equine industry. 10. Yes, it creates a level playing field for the Illinois equine industry by allowing the breeding industry to improve; therefore improving the Illinois racing industry on a national level.

District: 101 Flider, Bob (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes, I have spoken with constituents and area residents who are horse owners. I have also reviewed the Horsemen's Council website and the Trail Riders website. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. The public should always have input into how public lands are used. 6. Yes. 7. No. Farming and agriculture are the number one industry in Illinois. Despite the fact their concentration is in rural areas, agriculture and agribusiness have statewide and, in fact, global implications. 8. Yes. 9. Equine. 10. I will be interested in learning about how this impacts the equine industry. It is too early to know just yet.

District: 102 Stephens, Ron (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 103 Bradfield, Rex (R) no response

District: 103 Jakobsson, Naomi (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. I have seen the Horsemen's Council's and Trail Riders website. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. Because I have supported laws that strengthen the open meeting laws, which I feel allow for more public participation. I also support providing greater opportunities for public input when it comes to public lands. 6. I try to stay on top of issues of concern to my community. 7. No. Agriculture is the state's top industry and

therefore has a statewide impact. 8. Yes. 9. Equine. 10. I will carefully be watching the legislation to see what kind of impact it might have on the industry.

District: 104 Black, Bill (R) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. I think so, but I could always learn more. 4. Yes. 5. I favor local government input. If the land is in unincorporated areas, then county government should be invited. If the land is in a city then city government should take the lead. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. It is primarily a equine industry. There is no gaming without horses and backstretch personnel. 10. I believe it will have some impact, it is difficult to say at this time, how much. I voted for it because a healthy racing system, with bigger purses, will help breeders, trainers and related equine business.

District: 105 Cultra, Shane (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 106 Phillips, Mike (D)

1. yes. 2. yes. 3. Somewhat - I live in a rural area and talk with farmers and other horse owners. 4. yes. 5. Yes. Public input is important in determining what is appropriate for an area. In some sensitive areas, the needs of ecosystem preservation may outweigh those of other interested parties. The opposite may be true. Only an open and fair input process can ensure the proper balance is achieved. 6. Not really. Horse racing for the most part, esp in Illinois - Kentucky, yes. 7. yes. 8. Both, but primarily equine and social/recreational in my area. 9. Don't know. Not familiar with the bill. 10. no response to this question.

District: 106 Sommer, Keith (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 107 Cavaletto, John (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. I believe in local control; however, I would like to see local government be more open to input from both personal and organizational interests. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Both. 10. Yes. The state as a whole needs to do better at supporting the gaming industry.

District: 107 Granberg, Kurt (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. No. They effect all of us. 8. Yes. 9. Equine. 10. Yes. I supported it.

District: 108 Patterson, Brandt (D) no response

District: 108 Reis, David (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 109 Eddy, Roger (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 110 Rose, Chapin (R) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes - I opposed these cuts and all fund raids in this year's budget! 5. All publics should have a place at the table. 6. Yes. 7. No - 1/4 of Illinois' economy is either directly or indirectly as related. 8. Yes. 9. Equine. 10. Yes - I voted for it.

District: 111 Beiser, Dan (D) (incumbent)

Thank you for your interest in my candidacy. As you may be aware, I am currently running unopposed in the November 7th general election. Due to my lack of opposition, I regretfully and respectfully decline the opportunity to complete your survey. My legislative record should speak for itself. Thank you again and I look forward to working with you in the future.

District: 112 Hoffman, Jay (D) (incumbent)

Thank you for sending me your questionnaire. As you know, I have served in the Illinois General Assembly for over 14 years. I am proud of my voting record during that time. I believe my voting record is reflective of my position on various issues. Thank you for your generous time and consideration.

District: 112 Kugler, Carol (R)

1. Yes. Horseback riding has always been a pleasant and fun activity for all ages and types of people. The relationship between man and horse is similar to that between man and dog (of which I own three). 2. I believe in maintaining or even increasing green space or space for man to enjoy the out of doors and animals as long as it is not harmful to the environment or animals. The above are fine hobbies. Yes. 3. Not really - other than the recent headlines re the horse racing industry and race tracks - esp Cahokia. 4. Yes, once again this is protecting green space and nature while providing families with a fine activity. 5. The public should have a major say in how public lands are used. They should never be endangered by large contributions to politicians. They should be used for the good of ALL - not private entities. 6. Not really. Horse racing for the most part, esp in Illinois - Kentucky, yes. 7. No - we all rely on agriculture and I believe in family farms. 8. yes. 9. Gaming and I have no problem with it - enjoy it occasionally myself. Unlike my opponent, I will not expect huge donations from the industry in order to receive help if needed. 10. Probably - at least in the interest of raising and selling horses. Of course, racing is not the same as showing, riding for pleasure or polo. The point is, however, that I would not require campaign donations for my support of the industry.

District: 113 Holbrook, Thomas (D) (incumbent)

1. Thank you for your interest in my candidacy. As you may be aware, I am currently running unopposed in the November 7th general election. Due to my lack of opposition, I regretfully and respectfully decline the opportunity to complete your survey.

District: 114 Bielke, Dennis (R)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. No. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Gaming. 10. It benefits gaming aspect of equine industry.

District: 114 Younge, Wyvetter (D) (incumbent)

1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. No. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. No. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Equine industry. 10. The legislation helped horses, so it benefited the equine industry.

District: 115 Bost, Mike (R) (incumbent) no response

District: 115 Howe, Charlie (Green) no response

District: 116 Reitz, Dan (D) (incumbent)

Thank you for your interest in my candidacy. As you may be aware, I am currently running unopposed in the November 7th general election. I am regretfully and respectfully not responding to surveys or questionnaires. I am proud of my legislative record.

District: 117 Bradley, John (D) (incumbent)

As you may know, I am running unopposed this fall in my campaign for re-election for State Representative of the 117th District. However, I believe that my records speaks for itself when it comes to my support of your concerns. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate being given the consideration of your endorsement for the 2006 General Election.

District: 118 Belford, Rhonda (R)

1. Yes. It is of vital importance to the state's ag economy especially in the southern portions of the state. 2. Yes, most certainly. 3. Yes - in Southern Illinois there are very limited places to ride and show and perhaps more racing as well - clinics and vets for horses are limited. 4. Yes, most certainly. 5. Yes - local governments in Southern IL are in severe need of an economic boost. Trails and horse riding are an important key to the tourism economy of these areas and their input is valid and necessary. 6. Yes - I've been involved in tourism for many years and have been involved in rallying for access needed to promote this industry. 7. It has been - but in more recent times appears to be more corporate. It affects the state as a whole. 8. Yes, most definitely. 9. Gaming. 10. As a candidate, I am not familiar with the legislation. But if it supports horse racing and the equine industry I would be supportive if the spring legislation.

District: 118 Phelps, Brandon (D) (incumbent)

1. yes. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. No - a strong agricultural economy is important to the overall economy of the state, and the ability to promote and produce new agricultural products is beneficial to the entire state. 8. Yes. 9. Equine - there is clearly a gaming aspect to horse racing, but is not as significant as what goes into the care of horses. 10. There are still concerns that the legislation will face court challenges, so it is too soon to say what kind of affect the legislation will have.