

Candidate, State Representative Rich Garling

1. You have nearly two years experience as Trustee for the Village of Island Lake. Regarding that position, what do you feel are your greatest accomplishments?

Candidate did not respond.

2. You have two years experience on the DeKalb County Board. Can you talk about your experience on that Board? What were your greatest accomplishments while serving DeKalb County?

Candidate did not respond.

3. I have long been a proponent of election recall for Illinois. The Illinois election recall bill—in one form or another—has volleyed between the House and Senate. It gained momentum this past spring when many legislators and voters were looking for a way to recall our unpopular Governor. What is your stance on an election recall for Illinois?

Candidate did not respond.

4. The current presidential election is as historical as much as it is exciting. A key factor is the ability to bring change to Washington. Illinois voters also are looking for change in Springfield; specifically, what change would you bring to Springfield, and moreover, to the 52nd district?

Candidate did not respond.

5. Your opponent, Mark Beaubien has over 12 years experience in the House, and before that legal and banking experience. How will you leverage your background and experience to serve the district?

Candidate did not respond.

6. One of the items your platform is focused on is transportation. Specifically, what plans for improvement do you have in mind?

Candidate did not respond.

7. There are many important issues to voters in Illinois this election, but I think the main concern of voters is the economy. What are your plans to help stimulate the Illinois economy?

Candidate did not respond.



8. Economy goes hand in hand with jobs. What are your plans to keep and/or attract jobs in Northern Illinois?

Candidate did not respond.

9. I have reviewed Representative Beaubien's proposed State Road improvements and am glad to see a reconfiguration of Rte 31 & 176 planned—hopefully the intersection will become safer. Heavily traveled Route 176 goes through Island Lake, and is one of the only routes that connect the west to the east. Do you think a Route 176 bypass through Wauconda and Island Lake, similar to the Route 22 bypass, would solve some of the gridlock? If so, would you be willing to propose to make it happen?

Candidate did not respond.

10. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety is pushing lawmakers to enact even tougher laws for teen drivers; going as far as suggesting that the legal driving age be raised to 17 years of age, possibly 18 because of the high incidents of fatal crashes involving teenage drivers. What is your stance on this issue?

Candidate did not respond.

11. If Chicago wins the bid to be the 2016 Olympics host city, how will that impact the 52nd district?

Candidate did not respond.

12. You are a member of a much debated and controversial administration under Tom Hyde. Under your tenure, the Village of Island Lake is facing a \$457,000 deficit, record number of personal lawsuits and as reported in the paper, multiple grand jury investigations into the actions of the Mayor, Tom Hyde. You were a key player in his campaign for Mayor. With experience and accomplishments playing a large role in elections, how do you separate yourself from the highly controversial issues of Island Lake?

Candidate did not respond.

13. What is going to be Illinois' greatest challenge(s) over the next few years? And how will you prepare to handle those challenges?

Candidate did not respond.

14. How are you getting out to meet voters? Do you have any events planned? Where can supporters go to meet and talk with you about what's going on in their world? Where can supporters get campaign signs or buttons to show their support?

Candidate did not respond.

15. Help me and the readers get to know your lighter side.

- **Tell me about your family including pets.**

Candidate did not respond.

- **What do you do for fun?**

Candidate did not respond.

- **What was the last movie you saw?**

Candidate did not respond.

- **What's your favorite restaurant or food or dessert?**

Candidate did not respond.

Optional question: Only published if you respond.

- 16. Any final thoughts you would like to share with voters?**

Candidate did not respond.

Mr. Garling, thank you for your time in answering these questions for the people and for the blog, What's Happening in Island Lake. Constituents in Island Lake are some of the most informed folks and they appreciate candid and informative information, especially when it comes directly from a candidate. As promised, I will publish your answers verbatim with no commentary from me in the posting. I want to let the voters learn and decide.