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FOR ILLINOIS COMPTROLLER

The Issues



Financial Reporting

Consistently over a year behind on issuing our annual report, Illinois is one of the top seven most delinquent states in the whole country. This hurts Illinois residents because companies considering opening locations in the state or moving to the state are less inclined to do so. Entities thinking of investing in our bonds cannot see our current financials and decide whether it is a risk they want to take. Publically traded companies are required, *by law*, to have reports done within 90 days, yet government entities are given twice that amount of time. I will get the annual financial report of the state out *on time*.



Transparency in Budgeting

The Comptroller's budget for fiscal year 2015 had over 78% dedicated to "Personal Services." What those services are remains a mystery, and one that should be revealed. Budgets should state what the funds are being budgeted for with clarification for anything ambiguous. The taxpayers deserve to know what the money will be spent on. I will lead by example and properly detail the Comptroller's budget and tie back payments for a complete and transparent look at our finances.



Clarity in Decision Making

There are no stated reasons for why some vendors get paid over others. Paying bills is a balancing act, true, (made all the more difficult with no balanced budget) but taxpayers should have some understanding of the process behind the payment. I will establish a list of priorities detailing what order vendors will, in general, be paid out, and if I deviate from that schedule, I will make the reasoning behind it clear.



Independency in Accounting

Accounting standards stress independence in both mind and attitude. Both are currently lacking in our state government. As a Libertarian, I don't care what letter follows your name, and if you play funny with our money, I will call you out on it. As an accountant, I have the educational and professional background to tell when I'm looking at Monopoly money instead of real money. I will call out all instances of waste and abuse as I see them, regardless of your position, because I work for the taxpayers, not a political party.