

2014 ILCAAAP CANDIDATE SURVEY

Name of Candidate: Matt Forcum

District: 102nd Representative

Gambling Legislation

Land-based casino in Chicago: **Support**

Additional casinos (currently 10 licenses): **Oppose**

Additional gambling positions at casinos (currently 1,200): **Support**

Electronic gambling devices at racetracks (slots, video poker): **Support**

Expansion of the Lottery (Keno, instant games online, etc.): **Support**

Charitable gambling expansion (electronic bingo, remote caller bingo, sweepstakes machines): **Support**

Expansion of video gambling: **Oppose**

Internet gambling (Advanced Deposit Wagering, poker, casino style, etc.): **Oppose**

Alcohol Regulation

Allow alcohol to be sold or served at state funded college buildings: **Support**

Approve legislation that exempts liquor licenses closer than 100 feet from a church or school: **Oppose**

Allow Mayors and County Board Chairmen (Liquor Commissioners) to have a liquor license: **Oppose**

Lower DUI to .05: **Oppose**

Drug Legalization

Expansion of medical marijuana: **Support**

Legalization of recreational marijuana: **Oppose**

Comments:

1. I believe the Chicago area would be the most effective single placement for a land based casino in Illinois, and I feel the construction of a casino is an issue for local approval. I would support legislation giving Chicago area voters the ability to approve a land based casino provided the primary regulatory authority remains with the Illinois Gaming Board.
2. I am not in favor of a massive expansion of gaming licenses, but I cannot rule out supporting legislation that may include a narrow licensure expansion as part of an omnibus legislation package. I would support an additional license for a Chicago casino if provided as stated above.
7. I believe video gambling is prolific throughout the state, and I would not support a stand-alone effort to increase video gambling in properties that are not primarily wagering facilities.

8. I do not have a deep enough knowledge of internet based wagering to make a commitment on this issue. At face value, I am concerned about the internet security and the ability to maintain secure systems in such an endeavor.

9. Alcohol is currently allowed in the University setting—for example at Memorial Stadium on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus, but only to patrons of premium seating (suites). I would support the legislatively allowing for local control of the ability to market alcohol at state-funded entities, providing the adoption of adequate local safety and security controls are adopted as part of any alcohol policy. I believe local control of this issue is the best method to move forward, and support allowing individual institutions, entities, park boards, etc. to exercise discretion in this matter.

12. I do not believe lowering the DUI blood alcohol content levels is the most effective method to immediately reduce the life and property risk from DUI accidents however, I would consider supporting the concept of adjusting DUI blood alcohol content levels depending on the specifics of the legislation. I believe more stringent criminal penalties and fines could bring more immediate effectiveness to lowering the rate of DUI injury and fatality. As a stand-alone concept, I would rather focus on the immediate benefit of increasing penalties for current enforcement.