

Full Name: (*)

Natashia Lynnette Holmes
(please include middle name)

Home Address: (*)

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Home Telephone:

(XXX-XXX-XXXX or XXX.XXX.XXXX)

Current Employer: (*)

Metro Strategies, Inc.

Title/Position:

Project Manager

Business Address:

526 Crescent Blvd, Ste. 310

Business Phone:

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Date of Birth: (*)

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Place of Birth:

Spouse's Name:

Education

Please provide information on your educational background including degrees acquired and the educational institutions that you have attended.

IIT Chicago – Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL
Juris Doctor, December 2011, sitting for the February 2013 bar exam
Environmental and Energy Law Certificate Program

Auburn University – College of Architecture, Design and Construction, Auburn, AL
Master of Community Planning, March 2000

Alabama State University – College of Education, Montgomery, AL
Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, August 1997

Government Experience

List any current or previous government experience, elected or appointed.

Illinois Dept. of Transportation, Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation, Chicago, IL
Manager, Special Projects (2012)
Policy Advisor (2008 - 2012)
Advisor to Bureau Chiefs (2005 - 2008)

Chicago Park District, Chicago, IL
Legal Extern, June 2011- August 2011

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Paideia Academy Local School Council
Community Representative, (2008-2010)

Judicial Extern, Honorable Arlander Keys, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois,
Chicago, IL (June 2010- July 2010)

Transportation Planning Liaison (2000 - 2002) - *Quasi-Governmental Organization*

Community Involvement

List any current community groups that you are involved in and the nature of their organizational goals.

President, 2651 E. 74th Street Condominium Association. I am responsible for stewardship of the association's fees, paying bills for commonly owned assets, and overseeing and reviewing contracts with vendors/potential vendors.

Board Member, University Of Illinois at Chicago, Institute for Environmental Science and Policy, External Advisory Board. The Board provides guidance on the relationship of IESP and its programs to current trends and opportunities in research, the regulatory environment, and new models of environmental management outside of the University.

711 License /Graduate Law Student Volunteer, Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc., Chancery Advice Desk, Cook County Circuit Court, Chancery Division.

Attend, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church

Military Service

Have you ever been a member of the armed services? If so, please list rank, date and type of discharge from active service.

n/a

Social Media

List the url addresses of any websites that feature you in either a personal or professional capacity (including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, blogs, etc).

<http://www.metrostrategiesinc.com/team-holmes.html>

<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/natashia-l-holmes/17/1ba/27a/>

Criminal History

Have you ever been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or forfeited collateral for any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? (Minor traffic offenses do not include the offenses of driving or operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, driving or operating a vehicle while impaired or reckless driving) **Please do not disclose juvenile criminal history at this time.** If yes, please explain.

[REDACTED]

Indebtedness

Are you or your spouse delinquent on any federal, state, or local debt? If so, please provide the details below. (Include delinquencies for income, property, or other taxes, governmental loans, overpayment of benefits, required payments into or under governmental programs, and other debts or required payments to the government plus and defaults on or under loans which are or were guaranteed, insured, or subsidized by any unit of government.)

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Statement

Please write briefly on both of the following topics. Keep your responses to 300 words or less.

1. Discuss the strengths that you possess that make you the most qualified candidate to be Alderman of the 7th Ward.

I have the drive, ability, and skills that are required for a leader of the 7th ward - I am passionate about my neighborhood, results oriented, efficient, a quick learner, an innovative thinker, and I am organized. I have worked at the local, regional, and state levels of government and have found the experience of government service rewarding; and at each level found the policy and decision making structure to be engaging, and with the common goal of ensuring that the results are beneficial to all, not just a selected few. As such I understand the difference between gaining consensus and making sure good policy is implemented. Additionally, I have worked with various community and advocacy groups, business organizations, and governmental agencies to coordinate regional and statewide policy initiatives on issues ranging from housing, transportation options, smart growth and economic development. I can take these same skills and relationships and use them to bring better development and opportunities to the 7th Ward. Lastly, I am a homeowner; I live in the ward, and I understand and can relate to the needs, wants and desires of the residents. I was purposeful in choosing my neighborhood

and continue to live here, because I see the value and opportunity that makes the seventh ward a jewel of the City of Chicago.

2. What, in your opinion, are the most pressing issues facing the 7th Ward and the City of Chicago? What are your ideas for addressing them?

Undoubtedly – high instances of random acts of violent crimes, unemployment, the school drop-out rate, and the lack of access to quality social and retail services relative to the density, population and economic make-up of the entire ward and community area, are the most pressing issues for the 7th ward; thus as one part of Chicago – these issues are also pressing for the City as a whole. I do not have a single set of ideas that can address this myriad of problems, but I would start with empowering community organizations that engage parents, residents, seniors and young adults; work with the local chamber to develop a small business incubator to help entrepreneurs; work with local companies to establish technology based job training centers; and engage the block clubs and neighborhood associations to engage in activities that promote healthy living and neighborhood safety; and finally to utilize this well developed, well planned and transit rich community area, the residents and its natural resources to its full potential, which in turn will benefit the residents, the ward, and ultimately the City of Chicago.