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General Elections

VOTER GUIDE

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CAIR-Chicago seeks to empower the Muslim American community with its 2014 General Elections Voter Guide, providing general information about the election such as candidate positions and biographies. CAIR-Chicago encourages Muslims to support candidates whose positions they personally agree with.

Further, as a nonpartisan organization, CAIR-Chicago encourages Muslims to participate in national and state elections, conduct voter registrations, candidate forums, volunteer in campaigns, and get out the vote drives. Non-profits cannot engage in political activities that support one candidate or party over another, but we are committed to making our community’s voice heard. **CAIR-Chicago does not endorse any campaigns or candidates.**

For this election guide, CAIR-Chicago chose to focus on districts close to mosques and Muslim community centers. For a complete list of candidates running for public office during the 2014 General Elections, please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website at: www.elections.il.gov

Click on candidate photos to access campaign websites, which provide additional biographical information and explanation of political positions. Additionally, click on district maps for full-size images.

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Forward

It is crucial for all U.S. citizens over the age of eighteen to participate actively in the political process. Voting is a right that every citizen possesses in order to make a difference in the political system and to help their community. Before the coming election you should make sure that you are registered to vote. You can click [here](#) to check if you are registered and learn how you can get registered.

As part of an ongoing project toward empowering the American-Muslim community and enabling it to solve its problems proactively, CAIR-Chicago has compiled a profile of the candidates running for major office throughout Illinois, and in the U.S. Congress. We have made the effort to highlight the issues we think are important not only to Muslims, but to all Americans.

The CAIR-Chicago Voter Education Guide for the General Primary Elections is designed to make voting easier for you by informing you of your choices and the backgrounds of candidates. We have also made an effort to connect you to the candidate's personal website so that you may take a closer look at each candidate.

This year voting is as important as it has ever been. The districts in Illinois have been redrawn and established politicians will have new challengers. There are major issues at all levels of government with the National Defense and Authorization Act, End Racial Profiling Act, health care reform and anti-Sharia legislation efforts. It is your job to educate yourself and others so that your voice can be heard.

How to Use the Voter Guide

The 2014 Voter's Guide consists of information and links about primary candidates for the Illinois House of Representatives, Illinois Senate, Illinois judges, United States House of Representatives, and the Republican candidates for the US Presidency. Although we encourage you to learn about political primaries outside of your own districts, you are probably concerned about the races occurring in your own districts. Your Illinois Representative district will likely be different from your Illinois Senate district and your US Representative's district. Make sure to take into account that redistricting has just occurred in Illinois. As a result of the 2010 census, Illinois lost one seat in the House of Representative, which means many districts changed from the last election. The maps that we provide are up to date with the districts that will go into effect for the 2012 election. Click on the maps to enlarge them. If you are unsure of your districts, click [here](#) and enter your address.

Once you know your district for a specific primary, scroll to that district. Each candidate will have a blue or red border around their picture. This represents the party of each candidate: red for Republican, and blue for Democrat. We have provided short summary of each candidate that is running for the position. We have made the effort to provide the most informative descriptions of each candidate. Some candidates did not provide information, so no information is provided. If you want to learn more about the candidate than we provide, click on the picture of the candidate. It will take you to the candidate's campaign website or a website provided by the Illinois government. Some candidates have no official website or sometimes no website at all.

Basic Information

How do primaries work?

Primary elections decide which candidate will run for each party during the general election. Illinois holds a closed primary, which means voters must formally affiliate with parties on the day of a primary election. You can vote in either the Republican or the Democratic primary, but not both. You cannot vote in the Republican primary for president but in the Democratic primary for congressional races, for example. Voters can be challenged as not being genuine members of a party. Voters declare their party affiliation at the polling place to a judge who must then announce it “in a distinct tone of voice, sufficiently loud to be heard by all persons in the polling place.” If there is no “challenge,” the voter is given the primary ballot for his or her declared party.

When: Illinois holds its primary elections on March 18th. The polls are open 6 AM – 7 PM.

Where: To find your polling place, contact your county clerk or visit www.vote411.org/pollfinder.php

Eligibility Requirements:

- *A U.S. citizen*
- *At least 18 years of age by General Election Day*
- *17 years of age to vote in Primary if individual will be 18 by the following General Election*
- *Have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day*

ID Needed for Voting

In general, identification is not required to vote at the polls, although you will be required to verify your signature. However, there are individual circumstances that may require that identification be shown. In those cases, you must present a photo ID, and if the photo ID has an address, it must match the registration address. If a photo ID is not used, the document (examples of which are listed below) must show your name and address. This must be presented to an election judge before being permitted to vote.

If you registered to vote by mail after January 1, 2003, and you did not submit a copy of the required identification with the registration application at that time, and you will be voting in a jurisdiction for the first time, then you will be required to submit a copy of one of the following:

- *Current and valid photo identification*
- *Utility bill*
- *Government check*
- *Paycheck*
- *Government document*

Early Voting

Early voting is available from the 22nd day through the 5th day preceding the election. Illinois voters who vote during the early voting period must vote in person and must provide a valid identification. Valid forms of identification for this purpose include a current driver's license, state-issued identification card, or another government-issued identification card.

Provisions for Voters with Disabilities

Numerous provisions are available to aid voters with disabilities. If you are a disabled voter you may request the opportunity to register at home and have registration materials brought to you. You may also request to register to vote by mail. If you are permanently physically disabled, in a nursing home or in a hospital, you may also be eligible for absentee voting.

The *Help America Vote Act* requires that election authorities have voting equipment in place for voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently, and Illinois is no exception. Additionally, there are options for a seated voting booth, voting assistance from a friend, relative, or two election judges (one from each party), and curbside voting. Language assistance is also available where required under amendments to the Federal Voting Act of 1992.

Time Off To Vote

Employers must grant employees two hours to vote during their regular working shift. This time off is unpaid unless specified otherwise by the employer.

Provisional Voting

An election judge will issue you a provisional ballot at your polling place if:

- Your name does not appear on the lists of registered voters for the precinct
- Your voting status has been challenged by an election judge, poll watcher or another voter and a majority of election judges agree
- A court order is issued instructing your polling place to remain open after 7:00 pm (if this occurs everyone voting after 7:00 pm must cast a provisional ballot)
- You are required to show identification because you registered by mail, but you did not bring ID to the polling place on Election Day or early voting site. In this instance you must supply the election authority with a copy of acceptable identification by 7:00 pm the Thursday after Election Day.

By law, you must vote in your assigned precinct for all votes on your provisional ballot to count. Provisional ballots are counted after Election Day. The election authority receives all provisional ballots and determines the registration status for each provisional voter within two weeks after the election. If it is determined that you are registered and eligible to vote, your vote will be counted. If you are not registered, your vote will not be counted, but the information you supplied on the affidavit form will serve as a registration application for the next election.

If your name is not in the registration book or your registration is challenged, you should verify that you are at the correct polling place. If you are in the wrong polling place, then poll workers will help direct you to the correct location.

For more information, contact your county's election authorities.

Below is the contact information for election authorities in Illinois:

City of Chicago

Chicago Election Board
69 W. Washington St., Suite 600
312-269-7900
Hours: Mon-Fri: 9 am - 5 pm

Cook County

Cook County Election Board
69 W. Washington St., Suite 500, Chicago
312-603-0906
Hours: Mon-Fri: 9 am – 5 pm

DuPage County

DuPage County Election Commission
421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton
630-407-5600
Hours: Mon-Fri: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Kane County

Kane County Clerk's Office
719 S. Batavia Ave., Building B, Geneva
630-232-5990
Hours: Mon-Fri: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Kendall County

Kendall County Clerk's Office
111 W. Fox St., Yorkville
630-553-4104
Hours: Mon-Fri: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Lake County

Lake County Clerk's Office
18 N. County St., Room 101, Waukegan
847-377-2410
Hours: Mon-Fri: 8:30 am - 5 pm

McHenry County

McHenry County Clerk's Office
667 Ware Rd., Room 107, Woodstock
815-334-4242
Hours: Mon-Fri: 8 am – 4:30 pm

Will County

Will County Clerk's Office
302 N. Chicago St., Joliet
815-740-4782
Hours: Mon-Fri: 8 am – 4:30 pm

All Illinois Residents

Illinois State Board of Elections
2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield
217-782-4141
Hours: Mon-Fri: 8 am – 4:30 pm
Weekends: Closed

Voter Rights

- Voters whose names do not appear on the poll list, or are unable to comply with the identification requirements for mail-in registrants, are entitled to vote by provisional ballot if they declare they are registered to vote in the jurisdiction and eligible to vote in the election.
- Voters who vote by provisional ballot are entitled to written information describing how they may learn, through a free access system, whether their provisional ballot was counted by election officials, and if it was not counted, why not.
- Voters who vote after the established time for polls to close due to a court order requiring the polls to remain open for extended hours will have to vote by provisional ballot (unless those voters were in line at the time polls closed).
- Voters whose voting status has been challenged by an election judge, a pollwatcher, or any legal voter and that challenge has been sustained by a majority of the election judges may vote provisionally.
- Voters who are registered to vote and who have moved within their election authority's jurisdiction more than 30 days before an election for federal office may vote in that election (for federal offices) under the failsafe procedures set forth in NVRA. Such voters must vote in the polling place for the residence from which the voter most recently registered even if they did not advise the election authority of the move.
- Voters who have submitted to the appropriate election authority (either in-person or by mail) their completed registration application by the close of registration as permitted by state law, and such registration application has been determined to be valid by the election authority, are entitled to be registered and vote in that election.
- Voters are entitled to notice of the disposition of their voter registration application.
- Voters who are otherwise qualified to vote may be entitled to register and vote absentee in an election for if they are in the military or are residing overseas.
- Voters in jurisdictions with a statutorily-specified minimum number of voters who speak a primary language other than English may be entitled to receive a written ballot or other election materials or assistance in a language other than English.
- Voters who require assistance due to blindness, disability or inability to read or write may receive assistance from a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or union (or agent thereof).
- Voters who are confined or detained in a jail or prison pending a trial are not disqualified from voting.
- Jurisdictions must not apply standards or practices which deny or abridge the right to vote in violation of the U.S. or Illinois Constitution (denial on the bases of race, religion, gender, etc.).
- Jurisdictions must take steps to make the registration and voting process accessible to the elderly and to individuals with disabilities.
- Persons must not intimidate, threaten or coerce any other person for registering or voting; for urging or aiding persons in registering or voting; for purposes of interfering or influencing how a person chooses to vote; or for purposes of preventing a person from voting.
- Election officials must not unlawfully fail or refuse to permit a person to vote who is entitled to vote and must not refuse to tabulate, count and report such person's vote.

Prohibited Acts of Fraud and Misrepresentation

- Persons must not make any false statement or falsely claim that they are citizens of the United States in order to register or vote in any Federal, State, or local election.
- Persons must not vote more than once in any election (note: this does not include voting a replacement ballot after a spoiled ballot was invalidated).
- Persons must not procure or submit materially false, fraudulent or fictitious voter registration applications in any election.
- Persons must not submit false information as to name, address or period of residence in a voting district for the purpose of establishing eligibility to register or vote in any election.
- Persons must not procure, cast or tabulate materially false, fraudulent or fictitious ballots in any election.
- Persons must not pay, offer to pay or accept payment for voting, registering to vote, withholding their vote, or voting

Violation of Voting Rights

- If you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office, the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Illinois State Board of Elections complaint hotline at 1-866-513-1121, the Illinois Attorney General's office or the office of your election authority.
- The administrative complaint procedure applies to alleged violations of Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Any alleged violation(s) of Title III that have occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur may be reported to the IL State Board of Elections. Alleged violations under Title III include, but are not limited to, voting systems standards, accessibility for those persons with disabilities, and voter registration.
- If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at 1-800-253-3931.

U.S. Senate-IL



RICHARD DURBIN* (D)

Durbin promotes bipartisan cooperation while acting as the Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate. He was one of 23 Senators who originally voted against invading Iraq but is in full support of providing the military with essential equipment and weaponry. He seeks to continue supporting the Affordable Care Act and DREAM immigration act. His most recent proposal was to raise the state and federal minimum wage. Durbin believes in investing in areas that promote long-term economic growth, not private markets that won't make needed investments. He has co-sponsored several pieces of legislation aimed at halting Iran's nuclear weapons program. Additionally, he has worked to reaffirm Israel's right of self-defense and authority to take appropriate action to deter aggression by terrorist groups and their state.



JAMES D. OBERWEIS (R)

Oberweis is a M.B.A. graduate from University of Chicago's Business School and has been a small businessman since then. He is in favor of lowering taxes and reducing regulation on businesses in order to expand the economy and create jobs. He describes himself as: pro-life, pro-2nd Amendment, pro-tax cut, pro-spending cut, and pro-growth. Oberweis believes we must secure our borders and end illegal immigration. He is determined to end wasteful government spending and promotes traditional cultural values.

CHAD KOPPIE (C)



Koppie grew up on a family farm that encompassed 4,000 acres in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. He went to aviation school at Purdue University and is now a retired jumbo jet captain with Delta Airlines of 35 years. Koppie believes in conservative principles and that there is too much government intervention in our lives. He wants to end the drug war, cut spending and balance the budget, eliminate the Department of Education, protect life and traditional marriage, repeal the ACA/"Obamacare", and abolish the Federal Reserve as well as the IRS.

SHAREN HARENSON (L)



Hansen was born in Edwards, Illinois and went to nursing school at Merritt Hospital School of Nursing in Oakland, California, and graduated in 1972. Hansen believes that both Republicans and Democrats have failed to keep the country free and both support big government policies. Hansen believes that the Constitution should be followed to the letter by all elected representatives. She wants to end the war on drugs, eliminate the Department of Education, the NSA, and the TSA. Hansen, as a Libertarian, wants to reduce the role of government as much as possible both in the domestic arena as well as the foreign arena.

U.S. House of Representatives - IL

1st Congressional District

includes Evergreen Park and parts of Chicago's Southwest Side



BOBBY L. RUSH* (D)

Bobby Rush is the current Democratic Representative for the first Illinois Congressional District. He has sponsored legislation that provides \$6.5 billion dollars to reduce youth unemployment. He believes in lowering taxes and vows to protect the US Environmental Protection Agency from being dismantled through Republican-led funding cuts. He has also proposed different legislation on reducing violence and regulating gun control.



JIMMY LEE TILLMAN II (R)

Jimmy Lee Tillman II is the Urban Political Strategist, founder of the Martin Luther King Republicans, and blogtalk radio host. Tillman successfully won the Republican nomination for Water Reclamation District of Cook County in 2010. He said in his questionnaire with the Chicago Tribune that he hopes to have a chance to “be the first [Republican] to break the [Democrat] control on the black community.”

2nd Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Bradley, Bourbonnais, Calumet City, Chicago, Chicago Heights, Country Club Hills, Dolton, Harvey, Hazel Crest, Homewood, Kankakee, Lansing, Markham, Matteson, Park Forest, Richton Park, Riverdale, Sauk Village and Steger



ROBIN KELLY* (D)



Robin Kelly is the current US Representative for Illinois' 2nd Congressional District. She believes in affordable health care for all families and supports the Affordable Care Act. She believes firmly in helping all veterans find jobs and has supported multiple pieces of legislation to assist veterans with obtaining jobs and receiving medical care. She seeks to expand Medicare for all senior citizens.

ERIC M. WALLACE (R)



Eric Wallace defines himself as, "Pro-life, pro-family, pro 2nd amendment, school choice, responsible government, individual liberty, strong family values, and economic empowerment." He believes in economic liberty and in eliminating a number of taxes. He also supports the Federal Marriage Amendment which limits marriage to one man and one woman. Additionally, Wallace seeks to repeal Obamacare.

3rd Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Bridgeview, Burbank, Crest Hill, Hickory Hills, Homer Glen, Justice, La Grange, Lemont, Lockport, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Palos Hills, Romeoville, Summit, Western Springs and Worth



DANIEL LIPINSKI* (D)

Daniel William Lipinski is the current US Representative for Illinois' 3rd Congressional District. He has supported a bill to cut taxes for the middle class and reduce health care costs. He is a proponent of the BRIGHT Energy Savings Act which requires the federal government to use energy-efficient light bulbs. He also seeks to reduce pollution in Lake Michigan and clean the water supply in the Great Lakes. He has introduced legislation to strip federal funding of academic institutions that choose to boycott Israel.



SHARON M. BRANNIGAN (R)

Sharon Brannigan is the current Palos Township Trustee. She seeks to reduce over-taxation, government spending, and over-regulation. She believes that Obamacare should not be forced upon people and it only increases people's premiums. She seeks to expand the economy through capitalism and the free market. Brannigan is an adamant proponent of the 2nd Amendment.

4th Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Brighton Park, Hermosa, Lower West Side, Gage Park, Albany Park, Irving Park, Avondale, Logan Square, West Town, Humboldt Park, Belmont Cragin, Austin, McKinley Park, South Lawndale, New City, West Elsdon



LUIS V. GUTIERREZ* (D)



Luis Gutierrez is currently in his eleventh term as US Representative for Illinois' 4th Congressional District. He has worked hard to provide citizenship education for members of his district. Gutierrez has supported many immigration bills including the DREAM Act. He promotes funding public education and new school education, the Affordable Care Act, ending military operations in Afghanistan, and banning assault rifles.

HECTOR CONCEPCION (R)



Hector Concepcion is the Executive Director for the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce. He seeks to normalize government spending and describes himself as a Reagan Republican, believing in small government and moderate public fiscal policy with big government support for small business and manufacturing. He has proposed an immigration policy that would grant one year visas to undocumented workers. After one year, workers would have the opportunity to apply for permanent residency. With this immigration proposal he also advocates for added border security.

5th Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Chicago's northwest side, Norridge, Elmwood Park Franklin Park, Berekley and Harwood Heights



MIKE QUIGLEY* (D)

Mike Quigley serves as US Representative for Illinois' 5th Congressional District. He continues to fight for equal rights for the LGBT community, additional protections for victims of domestic abuse, and women's right to choose. He is a proponent of cutting military spending, increasing the Chicago Public School system budget by \$415 million, and passing the DREAM Act. He supports Israel and is against UN action against Israeli settlements. He also supports the Visa Waiver Program which would allow Polish citizens to travel to the US without a visa.



VINCE KOLBER (R)

Kolber is running for Congress on a platform of job creation, government operating within its means, eliminating waste, fraud and abuse, stopping government from intervening in private lives, ending crony capitalism and eliminating tax breaks for the privileged few in favor of lower tax rates for all. He advocates for a 20% flax tax for small business and corporations, a 20% congressional pay cut in any year Congress fails to balance the federal budget, a 20% cut in U.S tax dollars going to foreign countries in any year Congress fails to balance the federal budget, and a 20% cut in funding to the National Security Agency (NSA) to ensure they stop spying into personal and private lives.



NANCY WADE (G)

Wade has been an activist since the mid-70s during the resurgence of the feminist movement. She was a community activist in Horner Park West and then became volunteer organizer with MoveOn.org. Wade wants to give voters a progressive champion who will fight for them. Wade will be advocating for the following: a fairer tax system incorporating a Robin Hood Tax, Medicare for all, cutting the military budget by 25% over the next decade, elevating the environment in national politics, and bringing all American troops home from overseas.

6th Congressional District

Includes All or parts of Algonquin, Barrington, Cary, Downers Grove, Glen Ellyn, Lake in the Hills, Lake Zurich, Palatine, South Elgin, West Chicago, Westmont and Wheaton



PETER ROSKAM* (R)



Peter Roskam is in his fourth term as US Representative for Illinois' 6th Congressional District. Currently, he is also serving as Chief Deputy Whip. He believes that "an expanding federal government, with more taxes, more debt and more regulation is not the answer." He does not support government control of health care and is adamant about repealing and reforming the Affordable Care Act. Additionally, he seeks to lower both corporate and income taxes. He is a primary proponent of punishing academic institutions who boycott Israel by stripping them of federal funding.

MICHAEL MASON (D)



Michael is a former Postal Service executive who retired as the manager of the Great Lakes Area Distribution Networks office. He believes that "there is a larger return on the dollar invested in jobs than invested in tax reductions for the wealthy."

7th Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Bellwood, Chicago, Forest Park, Bellwood, Oak Park, and Maywood



DANNY DAVIS* (D)



Danny Davis currently serves as the US representative for Illinois' 7th Congressional District. He has made the following issues a priority: job creation, poverty, health care, education, youth and criminal justice reform. He believes in health care for all, including funding for abortions.

Robert L. Bumpers (R) will also be on the ballot for U.S. Representative from Illinois' 7th Congressional District; however, CAIR was unable to find any information regarding his views.

8th Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Elgin, Elk Grove Village, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Lombard, Roselle, Schaumburg, Streamwood, Villa Park and Wood Dale



LARRY KAIFESH (R)

Larry Kaifesh has spent the majority of the last 22 years serving our country in the United States Marine Corps as an Infantry Officer. He is a strong opponent of big government and Obamacare. "He believes in individual liberty and freedom of choice, limited government, and free markets where all can benefit, not just those at the top."

TAMMY DUCKWORTH* (D)



Tammy Duckworth is the current US Representative for Illinois' 8th Congressional District. Duckworth is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Illinois Army National Guard, has received a purple heart for serious injuries sustained during the Iraq War, and holds a masters from George Washington University. She recognizes the economy as a top issue and supports transportation and school investments as short-term economic solutions, and job-training programs and alternative energy as long-term ones. She wants to prevent the development of nuclear arms by any country. She believes in assisting all Veterans and providing health care for all. She is a proponent of the Affordable Care Act, 2nd Amendment rights, and Respect for Marriage Act, which defends marriage between any genders. She seeks to reform immigration and create an efficient way for undocumented workers in American to gain citizenship.

9th Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Des Plaines, Evanston, Glenview, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Niles, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Wilmette and Winnetka



JAN SCHAKOWSKY* (D)

Janice Schakowsky is the current US Representative serving Illinois' 9th Congressional District. She is an advocate for the working and middle class. She was a major player in writing and pushing for the Affordable Care Act. She does not believe in cutting Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid. Schakows is pro-choice and favors marriage equality for all. She is in favor of creating a peaceful two-state resolution between Israel and Palestine. and strong sanctions on Iran.



SUSANNE ATANUS (R)

Susanne Atanus is highly opposed to gay marriage and believes God is 'super angry' over same-sex marriage and abortions. She believes the church and state should not be separated. Atanus seeks to increase the minimum wage and considers domestic surveillance necessary for national security.

10th Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Beach Park, Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Fox Lake, Grayslake, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Lindenhurst, Libertyville, Mundelein, North Chicago, Northbrook, Prospect Heights, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Waukegan, Wheeling and Zion



BRAD SCHNEIDER * (D)



Brad Schneider is currently the US Representative serving Illinois' 10th Congressional District. He believes in strengthening the economy by reducing spending and increasing revenue. He is committed to protecting Medicare from becoming a voucher system. He seeks to continue a healthy relationship with Israel and believes they are our greatest ally. He wants to reduce gun violence while still upholding 2nd Amendment rights to bear arms. His immigration stance consists of allowing undocumented workers to become citizens and not penalizing children.

ROBERT DOLD (R)



Dold served in Congress in 2010 and considers himself an independent and bi-partisan leader. He has previously proposed reforming and repealing parts of the Affordable Care Act. "Integrity, personal responsibility, and civic leadership, along with a passionate desire to leave a better future for the next generation of Americans, are the values that have inspired Bob to run for public office."

11th Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Aurora, Bolingbrook, Darien, Joliet, Montgomery, Naperville, New Lenox, Shorewood & Woodridge



BILL FOSTER* (D)



Bill Foster is the current US Representative serving Illinois' 11th Congressional District. He believes every family should have a family doctor and seeks to protect Medicare. He recently voted for a bill that repeals cuts to veterans' pensions. He is a strong proponent of intervening in the economy when there is a crisis in order to boost businesses and he also believes in regulating Wall Street. Foster voted in favor of the DREAM Act.

DARLENE SENGER (R)



Darlene Senger serves on the Naperville City Council and has worked to reduce property tax rates, improve the city's infrastructure and enhance the community's public safety network. She has supported an amendment to the constitution that would require the General Assembly to pass a balanced budget and a failure to do so would suspend lawmaker's pay. She is against higher taxes, strict economic regulations, and Obamacare.

12th Congressional District

Includes all or parts of Belleville, Cahokia, Carbondale, Collinsville, Granite City, Herrin, Marion, Mt. Vernon, O'Fallon, Shiloh and Swansea



WILLIAM ENYART* (D)



William Enyart currently serves as Illinois' Representative from the 12th Congressional District. Enyart is a strong supporter of manufacturing jobs and wants to see a number more of manufacturing jobs created in the next 2 years. He supports tax breaks for small businesses such as factories, to improve our economy and create jobs for his constituents. To create jobs he supports an energy plan that directly addresses the use of coal and alternative sources for energy. Enyart believes investing in infrastructure will better his district and create jobs. He supports the Fiscal Year 2014 Omnibus appropriations bill, which funds the military and gives pay raises to members of the armed forces. He seeks to draw down troops in Afghanistan and believes in protecting the 2nd Amendment right to own guns.

MIKE BOST (R)



Mike Bost was elected to represent Illinois' 115th state house district in 1994. He serves as the Illinois House Republican Caucus Chair and currently serves on a number of committees. He believes in smaller government and is strongly against Obamacare. Bost seeks to expand the military and believes national security should be number one priority.

13th Congressional District

Includes parts of Bond, Champaign, Madison, McLean and Sangamon counties, and all of Calhoun, Calhoun, De Witt, Greene, Jersey, Macon, Macoupin, Montgomery and Piatt counties



RODNEY DAVIS* (R)



Rodney Davis currently serves as Illinois' Representative from the 13th Congressional District. He seeks more accountability within the government, lower taxes, less regulation, and an end to Obamacare. He is a proponent of advancing agricultural developments and reducing restrictions on farm owners. Davis has voted for legislation that withholds pay for Members of Congress until both chambers pass a budget. He also seeks to protect Medicare and Social Security.

ANN E. CALLIS (D)



Ann Callis has served as a judge for 18 years. She considers the deficit to be a major problem that needs to be fixed in ways other than cutting taxes for the upper class. She is against pay cuts to Social Security, Medicare, education or other programs that are vital to the middle class. Her stance on health care is that no one should ever be denied coverage for a pre-existing condition, prescription drugs should be easily affordable and children should be able to remain on their parents' coverage until the age of 26. Callis is also pro-choice and pro-2nd Amendment; however, she is in favor of tighter background checks for the mentally ill.

14th Congressional District

includes all or parts of Batavia, Campton Hills, Crystal Lake, Geneva, Huntley, McHenry, North Aurora, Oswego, Plainfield, Plano, Sycamore, Warrenville, Wauconda, Woodstock, and Yorkville



RANDALL HULTGREN* (R)



Randy Hultgren currently serves as US Representative for Illinois' 14th Congressional District. He believes that the current government is destroying jobs through "out-of-control spending, high taxes and burdensome regulations." He proposes making the tax code a lot simpler and fairer, cutting spending, simplifying the tax code and minimizing regulations on business. He is pro-life, pro-2nd Amendment, believes marriage is between a man and woman, and wants to make it easier for families to adopt children. He seeks to repeal Obamacare and is against all proposals for tax increases.

DENNIS ANDERSON (D)



Dennis Anderson's career was spent most recently working in university-based cancer research. He supports the Affordable Care Act, Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act, and raising the minimum wage. He advocates for women's freedom to choose and is against spending money on abstinence-only education programs. Anderson is an opponent of deregulating the economy.

15th Congressional District

Includes parts of Bond, Champaign, Madison, McLean and Sangamon counties, and all of Calhoun, De Witt, Greene, Jersey, Macon, Macoupin, Montgomery and Piatt counties



JOHN SHIMKUS* (R)



John Shimkus currently serves as Illinois' U.S. Representative in the 15th Congressional District. He is an avid defender of the right to life, opposing abortion except in the rare case that the mother's life is in danger. He is against government funding of Planned Parenthood and also against any tax increases. He seeks to reduce government spending. Shimkus is in favor of protecting the 2nd Amendment and believes that securing the border is the first step to immigration reform. He also opposes amnesty for illegal immigrants.

ERIC THORSLAND (D)



Eric Thorsland is running off the slogan, "Representation of the people, preserve the voice of the people, reduce the influence of PAC money, protect workers' rights, maintain our food security, keep it MADE IN AMERICA." He is currently serving his second term as the Chairman of Champaign County's Zoning Board of Appeals. Thorsland supports protecting the 2nd Amendment.

16th Congressional District

includes all or parts of Belvidere, Channahon, DeKalb, Dixon, Loves Park, Machesney Park, Ottawa, Morris, Pontiac, Rockford and Streator



ADAM KINZINGER* (R)



Adam Kinzinger was first sworn in the U.S. House of Representatives in January of 2011. He plans on strengthening U.S. energy policy and making our nation less dependent on foreign resources. He is committed to advancing nuclear production at home and has a focus on energy independence. Kinzinger is against the Affordable Care Act and believes in the free market and limited government. He favors securing the United States borders first then working to help make legal immigration more accessible. He fully supports Israel and the United States' action to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

RANDALL WAYNE OLSEN (D)



Randall Olsen is a U.S. Air Force Veteran and is committed to assisting all veterans. He believes every American citizen has the right to vote and seeks to replace the Voting Rights Act. He supports the "Cap and Trade" program that places a cap on the amount of pollution large corporations can emit. He is in favor of providing a way for undocumented persons to obtain citizenship and is fully pro-choice. He will help bring jobs back to American soil.

17th Congressional District

includes all or parts of Canton, East Moline, Freeport, Galesburg, Kewanee, Moline, Rock Island, Rockford, Pekin and Sterling

CHERI BUSTOS* (D)



Cheri Bustos previously served as an Alderwoman on the City Council in East Moline, Illinois. She is committed to ensuring that Medicare and Social Security are protected and not replaced by a voucher system. She believes the Affordable Care Act is not perfect but favors healthcare for all and lower prescription prices. She supports women's right to choose along with stem cell research. She proposes a 10% pay cut for Congress and seeks to protect the right to bear arms.



ROBERT SCHILLING (R)

Schilling served the Illinois 17th District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2011-2012, serving on the House Armed Services Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, and the House Small Business Committee. He previously voted to freeze his own salary, voted against increased salaries of Congressmen, and rejected Congressional pensions. He supports the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, the 2nd Amendment, and Enhanced Veteran Health Care Experience Act. Schilling is an opponent of Obamacare and Roe v. Wade.

18th Congressional District

includes all or parts of Bloomington, Chatham, Jacksonville, Lincoln, Macomb, Morton, Normal, Peoria, Quincy and Springfield



AARON SCHOCK* (R)



Aaron Schock currently serves as Illinois' 18th Congressional District Representative and is Deputy Republican Whip. He is a proponent of deregulating the agriculture sector of the economy as well as lowering taxes for all. He believes in repealing Obama's plan for health care and did support the repeal of the CLASS Act (part of the Affordable Care Act). Schock is in favor of heavy sanctions on Iran and helped propose bills to impose sanctions on Iran and Syria. He is a proponent of a strong military and funding the armed forces with the necessary equipment to protect the country. He also has been a strong supporter of the Sudanese people.

DARREL MILLER (D)



Darrel Miller is running his campaign on the slogan, "Common Ground." He seeks to reduce the size of big banks and restore regulations for banking and investing activities. He believes in creating revenue by cutting military spending. He fully supports the Affordable Care Act but has also proposed numerous revisions including repealing the tax on premiums insurance companies collect. He also supports the Farm Bill.

Illinois Executive

Governor

PAT QUINN* (D)



Pat Quinn is the incumbent Governor of Illinois taking office after Rod Blagoevich was removed from office and winning re-election in 2010. He took office during a very tough time in Illinois; dealing with a political crisis as well as an economic crises. Quinn believes he moved quickly in enacting political reform and creating jobs in Illinois. He wants to continue the progress Illinois has made in creating more jobs and putting Illinois on greater fiscal footing.

BRUCE RAUNER (R)



Rauner is a self-made business man and Harvard M.B.A. graduate. His number one priority is job creation and he plans to do this by lowering the costs of business in Illinois. He is a firm believer in increasing efficiency and transparency within the government. Rauner pushes for term limits on the position of governor and the Illinois legislatures. He has also proposed lowering the state minimum wage in order to match the federal level.

CHAD GRIMM (L)



Chad Grimm was born in Peoria, Illinois. He believes that Illinois is plagued with political corruption and that Republicans and Democrats both have created a fiscal disaster. He will advocate for phasing out government employee pension plans, eliminating the state income tax, and ending the war on marijuana.

Attorney General

LISA MADIGAN* (D)



Lisa is Illinois' current Attorney General and claims to be the state's chief consumer advocate. She works tirelessly to protect Illinois consumers and promotes the need to protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual assault. She seeks to provide affordable healthcare to all citizens and advocates for the protection of all individuals' rights despite sexual orientation.

PAUL M. SCHIMPF (R)



Schimpf has served the United States for 24 years while on active duty in the Navy and Marines. His primary focuses include: protecting religious freedom, 2nd Amendment rights, prioritizing anti-corruption efforts, and scaling down government regulation. Paul defines himself as pro-life, anti-gay marriage, and a proponent of citizenship for all immigrants, including undocumented workers currently in the country.

BEN KOYL (L)



Koyl is an experienced consumer bankruptcy lawyer and litigator who has handled hundreds of cases at both the federal bankruptcy and state court level. He started his own practice in 2009. He wants to fight corruption, fraud, and government waste at all levels. He wants to save taxpayer money by streamlining the office, provide ballot access for all political parties, and use the Freedom of Information Act to hold non-profit companies who receive taxpayer subsidies

Secretary of State

JESSE WHITE* (D)



Jesse White has been Illinois' Secretary of State since 1998. He has served our country as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division and as a member of the Illinois National Guard and the Army Reserve. White founded the internationally known Jesse White Tumbling Team to serve as a positive alternative for at-risk youth residing in and around the Chicago area.

MICHAEL WEBSTER (R)



Webster is a current Certified Public Accountant as well as a lawyer. He plans to promote transparency, efficiency, and accountability within the government.

CHRISTOPHER MICHEL (L)



Michel is running for Secretary of State as a Libertarian and is upholding the party platform of limiting government's role and increasing freedom. If elected, he would take action that would decrease and reduce the role of government.

Comptroller

JUDY BAAR TOPINKA* (R)



Topinka currently serves at Illinois' Comptroller and is seeking re-election in 2014. She describes herself as a fiscal conservative and tax payer watchdog. She recently unveiled a new Tax Refund Alert system that allows residents to check on the status of their refunds and sign up for text message and email payment notification.

SHEILA SIMON (D)



Sheila is Illinois' current Lt. Governor and is running for the position of Comptroller in 2014. She served on the Illinois Reform Commission and helped pass the first campaign finance limits in Illinois. She plans to bring more transparency to the position and will work to hold public officials accountable.

JULIE FOX (L)



Fox is running for Comptroller as a Libertarian. She believes that Illinois is a state with massive debt and a shrinking tax base and that how the state spends taxpayer funds should be of the utmost importance for voters. Fox is the only CPA running for Illinois State Comptroller which is the state's top accounting position.

Treasurer

MICHAEL W. FRERICHS (D)



Frerichs is a current member of the Illinois General Assembly and is running for State Treasurer. He proposes creating jobs through lower-rate interest loans via Linked-Deposits from local banks. He plans on making education a priority and is a proponent of Bright Start and the Bright Directions college savings plans. He also supports public works, affordable housing, and environmental sustainability projects.

TOM CROSS (R)



Tom Cross is a current State Representative and has a commitment to lowering taxes, reducing government's footprint and demonstrating fiscal responsibility. He plans to protect the college savings of Illinois families and institute quarterly audits of the Bright Start College Savings program to ensure funds are being invested wisely and safely. He has proposed establishing a Government Integrity Unit to ensure transparency and crack down on fraud and corruption.

MATT SKOPEK (L)



Skopek is an accountant at DuPage County Health Department where he does his job with integrity. Skopek believes that helping guide others through difficult times and giving back is the most rewarding. He is part of the Libertarian party which wants to alter the political landscape of Illinois for years to come. As Treasurer he will stand for and practice the highest level of transparency.

State Senate Candidates- IL

6th Senate District

STEFANIE LINARES (R)



Stefanie Linares currently practices law at a local firm in Chicago, defending clients' most fundamental constitutional rights. She is against the proposal for a new progressive tax increase that calls for raising billions more in tax revenue. She believes, "We need lower taxes, less regulation and less government spending. We need to embrace pro-growth and free market policies. Most importantly, we need pension reform."

JOHN J. CULLERTON* (D)



John Cullerton currently serves as Illinois' Senator representing the 6th Legislative District and is the Senate's President. He supports The Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act and is pro-choice. He is a proponent of strict gun laws and has proposed numerous bills expanding gun control. Cullerton has also supported bills improving the infrastructure of Illinois.

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18th Senate District

BILL CUNNINGHAM (D)

While Cunningham was in the House of Representatives, he sponsored several pieces of legislation designed to crack down on registered sex offenders and protect senior citizens. He is currently a State Senator running for re-election. He has fought to change the political culture in Springfield by refusing to give out legislative scholarships and voting to abolish the tuition waiver program that had been abused by politicians for years. He has been a member of the Senate Education Committee and has fought for special education programs as well as sponsoring legislation to ensure private schools to meet the same safety standards as public schools.



SHAUN COLIN MURPHY (R)

Murphy is a former small business owner and is a forensic Certified Public Accountant. He believes that experience in these areas give him the tactical skills necessary to tackle the budget issues confronting the state. He states that his campaign will focus on the issues that matter most to the community: job creation, lower taxes, term limits, and responsible government spending.



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24th Senate District

SUZANNE GLOWIAK (D)



Suzanne Glowiak manages an engineering consulting company located in Oakbrook, Illinois. She believes in investing in the state’s infrastructure and retaining businesses in the 24th Legislative District. She is committed to fighting for quality healthcare for senior citizens. Glowiak is also dedicated to reforms “to make state bidding processes more transparent and strengthen campaign finance laws.”

CHRIS NYBO (R)



Chris Nybo is a former State Representative and Elmhurst Alderman. He sponsored a bill to repeal the Lame Duck tax increase. He is in favor of term limits, banning politicians from putting their names and faces on taxpayer funded signs, and thinks Chicago should get a casino if one of the existing gambling facilities in Aurora, Elgin or Joliet move to the city. He believes in limited government and reducing business regulations.

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30th Senate District

TERRY LINK* (D)

Terry Link serves as Illinois’ Senator for the 30th Legislative District and is the Assistant Majority Leader. He supports same-sex marriage, sponsored the Wetland Protection Agency, and sponsored legislation that designates cities as Illinois Enterprise Zones to help stimulate economic growth and neighborhood revitalization. He passed the Business Location Efficiency Act to encourage companies to locate near public housing and transportation. Link is also in favor of building a casino in Lake County.



DON WILSON (R)

Don Wilson has served four years as a member of the Village of Gurnee’s Zoning Board of Appeals. Most recently, he won his first election in 2013 as a Village of Gurnee Trustee. He is running off the slogan, “Let’s bring back jobs, improve our home values and allow our children to dream in their hometowns once again.”



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36th Senate District

MIKE JACOBS* (D)



Mike Jacobs is the current Senator representing Illinois' 36th Legislative District. He supports legislation allowing youth under 16 to obtain a hunting license without taking a safety course as long as they have supervision from a parent or guardian. He also supports everyone's right to bear arms. He recently supported legislation requiring students in the sixth and 12th grades to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease.

NEIL ANDERSON (R)



Neil Anderson is a current Moline firefighter. His plan to tax and spend less is as follows: Rollback the Quinn/Jacobs 67% income tax hike on families, seniors and employers; reduce spending and borrowing, forcing Springfield to pass balanced budgets; enact meaningful tort reform, so employers can create new jobs. Anderson proposes term limits on state legislatures and plans on working to get rid of gerrymandering.

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48th Senate District

ANDY MANAR* (D)

Andy Manar is currently Illinois' Senator representing the 48th Legislative District. He helped create the Education Funding Advisory Committee last spring, which conducts a comprehensive review of the current K-12 education funding system in Illinois and makes recommendations for a more fair and adequate funding distribution method. He supports Illinois' Firearm Concealed Carry Act and measures to create Young Hunting License.



LINDA LITTLE (R)

Linda Little is a current Board Member in Macon County, Illinois. ***No other information could be found regarding her values****



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57th Senate Senate District



JAMES CLAYBORNE, JR (D)*

Clayborne is currently a State Senator as well as the Majority Leader for the Democrats. He has worked to reform the state's medical malpractice laws, worked to provide consumer relief to those who were facing skyrocketing electric rates, pushed for school construction, and expanded social services for seniors, veterans, and working families.



KATHERINE RUOCCO (R)

Ruocco was born in Missouri and moved to Swanson in Spring of 2007. She is the sole practitioner at Ruocco Law Office LLC, a firm dedicated to elder law and estate planning. She wants to make education and job training a budget priority, invest in infrastructure and reduce regulations to bring jobs back to the Metro East, rollback the 67% tax increase, and establish term limits for state legislators.

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State House of Representatives - IL

5th State Representative District

KEN DUNKIN* (D)



Dunkin worked as a social worker for many years. He is running for State Representative in the Illinois General Assembly. Dunkin’s current priorities include: reducing domestic violence, sustaining and creating new businesses, preventing identity theft, rallying for reduced prescription drug prices for senior citizens, improving academic achievement among students and creating affordable childcare and healthcare. He seeks to raise the quality of life for working families, children, and seniors. Dunkin also supports the implementation of the capital improvement plan. As far as education, he supports a longer educational school day so students can maximize their time to learn.

COLLIN JOHNSON (R)



Collin Johnson is running for Illinois State Representative for the 5th State Representative District. He has previously taught at in an underfunded inner-city Catholic high school in Boston and currently supervises tutors and provides assistance to students at two at-risk schools in Chicago’s West side. He describes himself as a moderate and has prioritized the following issues: education, employment, and responsible politics. He wants, “to discuss, debate, learn and cooperate so that Illinois can be a place where citizens are proud to call home.”

10th State Representative District

PAMELA REAVES-HARRIS (D)

Reaves-Harris graduated from the University of Illinois and received her law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. She has over 20 years of experience working as an attorney in her community.



MARK CALONDER (R)

Mark Calonder is looking to make common sense changes to the way Illinois does business. He is an avid supporter of the Ukranian people, local schools, and businesses.



14th State Representative District

KELLY M. CASSIDY* (D)



Cassidy's stance on education is to fight for early childhood programs and funding for extracurricular activities. She supports these initiatives as after school programs provide a vital role in child development. Cassidy was opposed to the Governor's proposal of a \$150 million cut to elementary and secondary education. Additionally, she co-sponsored HB 2675 which provides sexual education in middle schools and high schools. Cassidy also worked on the passage of SB 26 which plans to expand Medicaid coverage in line with the Affordable Care Act. Coupled with health care and education, Cassidy is the Vice Chair of the new Restorative Justice Committee. One of her main priorities is to improve the criminal justice system.

DENNIS DETZEL (R)



Detzel has a PhD. in Administration and Public Policy. He has experience as an entrepreneur and in business. As a representative, he will focus on civil rights, economics, the environment, and alternatives forms of transportation.

15th State Representative District

JOHN C D'AMICO* (D)

D'Amico is the current representative for the 15th district seeking re-election.



GREGORY A BEDELL (R)

Bedell graduated from the University of Chicago in 1982 and has been practicing law in Chicago since 1985 where he first started as a Staff Attorney at the United States Exchange Commission. In 1987, he then went into private practice. Bedell wants to not raise taxes, make sure spending focuses on safety, infrastructure, public health, education, pensions, and paying off bills and then focusing on other spending issues. He wants to change the pension system by creating defined contribution programs and incorporating a higher retirement age.



17th State Representative District

LAURA FINE (D)



Fine is serving her first term as State Representative of the 17th District. She has a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from Indiana University and a master's degree in political science from Northeastern Illinois University. She is going to work on passing laws that encompass renewable energy such as solar and wind energy. Additionally, Fine believes in the right of women to make their own health care decisions.

KATHLEEN MYALLS (R)



Myalls currently works as an assistant general counsel at Interpublic Group and an adjunct professor of communication law at DePaul University. Her main concerns are with the state's tax climate, pension problem, and education reform. She said she would favor cutting taxes for corporations and residents, or at least not raising them.

20th State Representative District

MO KHAN (D)

Khan was raised in Park Ridge and graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Accounting. He is currently in Law School. Khan is focused on reforming the education system by promoting technological improvements to Chicago schools. He plans on butting Business Filing Fees, and Providing Meaningful Tax Incentives for Start-Up Companies and Small Businesses. He supports term limits.



MICHAEL P. MCAULIFFE* (R)

McAuliffe is serving his tenth term in the 20th Legislative District. In addition to serving his tenth term, he is the spokesperson on the Healthcare Licenses and Veterans Affairs Committees. He serves as the Republican Committeeman in the 41st ward of the city of Chicago. He is quoted saying, "I will fight to ensure our children have access to a quality education, that our elderly family members are secure and that our neighborhoods are safe. I will serve as a strong voice for you in Springfield and will work tirelessly with members of both parties to boost our economy, create jobs and force government to live within its means."



26th State Representative District

CHRISTIAN L. MITCHELL



State Rep. Christian Mitchell began his public service career as a community organizer on Chicago’s South Side, advocating for living wage jobs, adequate housing, improved transportation, and equitable schools. As a newly elected member of the General Assembly, Christian plans on supporting legislation aimed at incorporating green technology in urban areas, helping to make cost effective and environmentally friendly solutions accessible for all. One of his ideas includes offering assistance to families to modernize their homes, making them more weather resistant and energy efficient, while creating jobs. Christian also plans on working to improve access to early childhood education, ensuring that a child’s ZIP code does not determine the quality of his or her education.

JACOB “COBY” HAKALIR (R)



Hakalir’s most important legislative goal is to fight for the schools in Chicago to be properly funded, for teachers to have the resources they need, and for the students to have access to the high quality education they deserve. He is also committed to eliminating gang violence and making Illinois a desired destination for businesses. Furthermore, Hakalir seeks to lower taxes for corporations and small businesses alike. He also believes in reducing the size of government and holding the government responsible to its constituents.

34th State Representative District

MARK EKHOFF (R)



Ekhoff has a background in alternative energy and has served as the maintenance manager at ONU for the past 12 years. He is against Gov. Quinn’s proposal for an Illiana Expressway as well as ObamaCare and raising the minimum wage. He supports every citizen’s right to bear arms and seeks to lower taxes. He favors school choice, vouchers and homeschooling freedom.

ELGIE R. SIMS, JR.* (D)



Sims has experience as an attorney and small business owner. He has a focus on education and community building. With this, Sims works to obtain books for schooling along with scholarships for students in need. In addition, he takes steps towards establishing safer neighborhoods. As the budget director to the former Illinois Senate President, Sims made initiatives in the way of improving schools and gaining health care.

35th State Representative District

FRANCES ANN HURLEY* (D)

Frances Hurley is the current Illinois State Representative from the 35th District. She supports same-sex marriage, tax relief, and developing businesses. She is quoted saying, “As an Illinois taxpayer, I am fed up and sick of self-serving politicians who have repeatedly abused our trust and misused our tax dollars.”



VICTOR C. HORNE (R)

Victor Horne was a dedicated soldier in the United States Army during the Vietnam war and received an honorable discharge. He has worked for more than 15 years for the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture as a Compliance Investigator. His number one priority is economic growth and supports projects that strengthen marriages, build strong families and protect the sanctity of life.



37th State Representative District

MARGO MCDERMED (R)



McDermed is focused on three primary issues that include education, jobs, and taxes. She believes that students need to develop flexibility, adaptability, creativity, and technology (FACT). McDermed wants to reform the way schools are funded in Illinois and not just increase taxes for the schools. In terms of jobs, she seeks to reform Workers Compensation laws, increase well-paying jobs in Illinois, and reward small businesses. When it comes to taxes, McDermed seeks to reduce personal and corporate tax rates. She is a member of the Will County Board and the Will County Forest Preserve District. McDermed has served to be a strong tax opponent.

NICHOLE SERBIN (D)



Serbin has a platform based on strengthening the middle class, marijuana legalization, veteran support, unionization, background checks for gun purchases, restricting gun loopholes, alternative energy, environmental protection, small business growth, progressive tax, prochoice, prison system reform, food labeling (GMO's), addiction treatment, equal rights despite gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation, and improved mental health services. Lastly, Nichole has worked in the entertainment industry in various forms along with working as a political analyst.

38th State Representative District

AL RILEY* (D)

Riley is the current incumbent for the 38th legislative district and the assistant majority leader in the IL House of Representatives. He is the Chairman of the House Mass Transit Committee, member of the Appropriations-General Service.



ANTHONY GRANATA (R)

Granata is running for State Representative because he believes Illinois needs fresh ideas, a new face, and someone who isn't afraid to stray from politics as usual in Springfield.



41st State Representative District

GRANT WEHRLI (R)



Grant Wehrli is currently a Councilman for the City of Naperville. If elected, Grant Wehrli pledges not to participate in the General Assembly Retirement System, which was almost 80% unfunded in 2010, and represents what Wehrli believes to be wrong with state government. Wehrli has no higher priority than getting people back to work by implementing a solid financial plan for the state, thoughtfully addressing our pension and borrowing models, and removing the burden of unfair business regulations and advancing free enterprise. He is in favor of ethical reform in politics and non-partisan redistricting to ensure fair representation as well as allowing tax hikes to expire and reforming pension programs.

ED AGUSTIN (D)



Ed Agustin is a retired architect with more than 30-years of experience of on-site field observation and project management for major construction projects. He believes that he would be a qualified advocate for the taxpayers of District 502, and has sat on the College of DuPage Board of Trustees. He believes that thousands of jobs in Illinois remained unfilled because of a lack of trained labor, and wishes to work towards better education for aspiring workers. He is an avid supporter of fine arts, and supports programs such as the New Philharmonic Orchestra, the Buffalo Theater Ensemble, and the renovation of the McAninch Arts Center. He believes in providing jobs for community college graduates through local business and minimizing the use of taxpayer money through self-sustaining community infrastructure.

43rd State Representative District

ANNA MOELLER* (D)

Moeller has lived in the 43rd district since 1997 and has spent her career in public service working in local communities to improve the quality of life of residents in Northern Illinois. Moeller is advocating for improving Illinois' economy, investing in education, reducing local property tax burdens and working to solve the state's budget crisis. As a full-time legislator she wants to make sure she is accessible to all the constituents she represents.



JEFFEREY A MEYER (R)

Meyer was born and raised in Elgin, IL. He wants to cut taxes, reduce wasteful spending, and eliminate unnecessary regulations to retain existing jobs and attracting new jobs to Illinois which will organically grow revenue to help balance our budget. He also advocates for term limits for politicians and reform redistricting. On social issues, Meyer considers himself pro-life, pro-religious freedom, and pro-second amendment.



44th State Representative District

RAMIRO JUAREZ (R)



Juarez is running because he feels Illinois is in a state of crisis and needs redirection. He wishes to bring Illinois towards a balanced budget while still making important investments in development, education, healthcare, and job creation and restructuring, eliminating, or privatizing other budget items. He is in favor of greater autonomy for local schools and cutting administrative costs. Juarez believes that increasing taxes is not an option and that Springfield must restructure the tax code to attract job providers, startup business, and renew the entrepreneurial spirit.

FRED CRESPO* (D)



Fred Crespo began his second term as 44th District representative in January of 2009. He has fought for increased funding for education, securing more than \$8.35 million for local schools and ensuring continued funding for special education. He has fought to increase property tax assistance for seniors and pushed successfully for legislation to require insurance to cover comprehensive clinical breast exams for all Illinois women, as well as securing funding for lung cancer research. He has developed local infrastructure, such as the Hanover Park Metra station and the Community Center and Ice Arena, and has successfully passed legislation to fight back against gang violence and sex offenders.

45th State Representative District

CHRISTINE JENNIFER WINGER (R)

Christine Wagner has previous political experience, including representing her community as an alderman for 11 years, and believes that her views and values are consistent with those of the Republican Party. She is opposed to renewing Illinois income tax hikes after 2015 and plans on thoroughly reviewing budgets on all levels to cut unchecked expenditures. She finds the public pension program in need of overhaul and strives for compromise between taxpayers and workers, and thinks that the state should be focused on keeping jobs in Illinois through tax breaks and other incentives. She is supportive of new casinos and slot machines at horse racing tracks and does not wish to renew any conceal carry laws.



JENNY BURKE (D)

Jenny lives in Itasca and graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in English literature and from DePaul University with a law degree. Burke wants to cut legislator's pay, cap property tax increases, cut waste from the budget, and help local businesses create jobs.



46th State Representative District

DEB CONROY* (D)



Deborah Conroy is the incumbent representative for Illinois' 46th District. Her legislative priorities include encouraging local economic development through the creation of good paying jobs, providing tax relief to homeowners in a time of declining home values, balancing state budgets and minimizing state deficits, and strengthening local schools. She has worked towards improving local schools and has organized non-for-profit efforts to support financially-afflicted families with school fees and has worked towards ensuring that special needs children have a safe learning environment.

HEIDI HOLAN (R)



Heidi Holan is a homeschooling mother of two who believes that the decline of employment opportunities Illinois has forced families to leave the state. She is in favor of repealing the 2011 tax hikes and opposes a progressive income tax, believing that government should invest in families, not bureaucracies. She believes in the elimination of debt through balanced budgets and wishes to reform the pension system in a manner that is fair for both pensioners and taxpayers.

50th State Representative District

KEITH WHEELER (R)

Wheeler is a graduate of University of Illinois and a small business owner. He has served on the board of several different community organizations. As far as his platform, job creation is his major focus. Wheeler also seeks to bring businesses back to Illinois and address the pension issue. He points out three key issues that he will address as state representative, 1. Accountability and transparency, 2. Cooperation with municipalities and school districts, and 3. Fiscal responsibility.



VALERIE BURD (D)

Burd received her B.S. in Journalism/Political Science from Northern Illinois University. Her professional experience includes working for the Naperville Sun as a newspaper reporter and a managing editor for two weekly newspapers. In addition, she has worked as the marketing director for the Batavia Architectural Firm, in the Public Relations Department at Waubesa Community College and as the owner of Positive Media Solutions, Inc. Her political and civic activities include as the Yorkville Alderman of the 2nd Ward from 1998 – 2007, Mayor of the United City of Yorkville from 2007-2011, and the Public Administrator and Public Guardian for Kendall County. She also is on the Environmental Citizens Advisory Board for the Kendall County Board of Health, Illinois State Genealogy Society Board, and a member of U.S. Senator Mark Kirk's Women Advisory Committee.



52nd State Representative District

BILL DOWNS (D)



Downs is a manager of Global Networks and Telecommunications. Downs is running for office because he believes that in District 52 there is a lack of social representation. He states that women's rights are not being supported, marriage equality is not being supported neither are teacher's unions. He believes in being a fiscal conservative, but he also believes to do what is right for the state and families.

DAVID MCSWEENEY* (R)



State Representative David McSweeney serves the residents of the 52nd Illinois House District in the General Assembly. David capitalizes on his educational background, business experience, work ethic, and commitment to our community with a strong focus on fiscal responsibility and constituent service. Sweeney wants to adopt meaningful public employee pension reform soon because he states that this is the only way to start turning Illinois around.

54th State Representative District

TOM MORRISON* (R)

Representative Morrison is a small business owner, a former teacher and a 1997 graduate of Hillsdale College. His parents helped found Christian Liberty Academy of Arlington Heights in 1969 where he taught fifth grade for six years. Additionally, Tom earned a 2009 Gold and 2010 Platinum industry award for his leadership position with SERVPRO, a disaster cleanup and restoration company based in Elk Grove. Lastly, Morrison was selected for the inaugural class of the 2012 Edgar Fellows Leadership Program.



LADDI SINGH (D)

Singh is a business owner who is running for the 54th House Representative seat. She wants to support women's rights, raise the minimum wage, support marriage equality, support the ACA, and support pensions earned by public employees.



55th State Representative District

MARTIN MOYLAN* (D)



Moylan believes Springfield should not overspend and leaders should balance budgets. In terms of education, he believes that more emphasis must be placed on science, technology, reading and math at an early age. Additionally, when it comes to economic development Moylan plans on holding the line on taxes and fees while generating incentives for employers to help the economy, create and sustain jobs and keep the State moving forward.

MEL THILLENS (R)



Thillens was awarded by the Chamber of Commerce the Community Star in 2013. He attends Park Ridge budget meetings and is an active member of the Park Ridge community. He wants to stop tax increases and he is running for Representative to help grow out the job base and secure the economy so that finding a job will be easier.

56th State Representative District

MICHELLE MUSSMAN* (D)

Mussman is serving her second term as the State Representative of the 56th District. Her legislative priorities include creating good-paying jobs and attracting new businesses to the area by providing financial incentives that encourage companies to hire unemployed workers and expand their operations. She is opposed to tax increases on middle-class families and supports legislation that freezes increases in property tax assessments. Some of her other priorities include protecting state funding for programs that help senior citizens remain in their own homes, cracking down on criminal predators that target children and families, and fighting air and water pollution.



JIM MOYNIHAN (R)

Moynihan's agenda for restoring Illinois will focus on: making Illinois a destination economy for job creators by reducing the costs of doing business, cutting red tape, and restoring confidence in the state's finances. Secondly, he wants to implement state budget reforms and to control state government spending. Lastly, he wants to fight for putting term limits on Illinois House and Senate members.



57th State Representative District

ELAINE NEKRITZ* (D)



Nekritz is serving her sixth term in the Illinois House of Representatives. Nekritz’s legislative agenda encompasses fiscal responsibility and stabilizing the Illinois pension systems. In 2011, Rep. Nekritz proposed the State’s first ever spending cap. In addition, Nekritz is dedicated to reforming the pension systems to make them affordable and sustainable for taxpayers and those receiving a pension.

BILL GROSSI (R)



Bill Grossi was born in Chicago and raised in Oak Park. In regards to pensions, he wants to convert all current employees to defined contribution plans and put all state employees on social security. He does not support increasing taxes and wants to cut state spending wherever there is waste. In addition, he wants to work for property tax reform, workers compensation reform, and look at combining governmental units to achieve cost efficiency.

58th State Representative District

SCOTT DRURY* (D)

Drury is a former Assistant U.S. Attorney. He prosecuted and convicted criminals including former Governor Rod Blagojevich’s administration, white-collar criminals, child sex offenders, and drug dealers. He wants to fight for fiscal reform and jobs, encourage business growth, strengthen education for children, and also to protect families and neighborhoods. In 1995, Drury went to the University of California in Berkeley and graduated with his B.A. in Political Economy. On top of that, in 1998 he attended Northwestern University Law School where he received his J.D.



MARK NEERHOF (R)

Neerhof is an attending physician at NorthShore University HealthSystem and a Clinical Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. He wants to undo government policies that repress business growth and obstruct job creation. He argues that the problem with Illinois is that spending is out of control.



59th State Representative District

CAROL SENTE* (D)



Sente's legislative priorities are comprised of creating good-paying jobs in the region, cleaning up state government by making it more transparent and getting the state budget back on track to ensure that important services are available and accessible for seniors, veterans, and people living with disabilities. Carol has also focused on bringing employers back to the region, protecting families from criminal predators, improving environmental standards, and improving services and long term care options for seniors.

LESLIE MUNGER (R)



Munger has a M.B.A. from Kellogg School of Management from Northwestern University. Munger is running because she wants to keep families together because she argues that Illinois needs policies that encourage business to locate and expand in Illinois. If she is elected she will refuse a state-paid pension.

60th State Representative District

RITA MAYFIELD (D)

Mayfield has been a lifelong resident of Waukegan. She wants to work with companies in order to bring jobs into the district and pursue legislation which increases the quality of education for children and educators to do their job.



KEITH TURNER (I)

Turner was born in Chicago. He wants to be accessible, responsive, and connecting; focusing on fiscal reform to restore Illinois where the economy will thrive and so all can succeed in the future. He wants to do this by fighting for tax relief for all taxpayers, draft legislation to expand current and attract new businesses, and investing in roads and infrastructure.



61st State Representative District

SHERI JESIEL (R)



Jesiel earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Accounting from Carthage College. She wants to work to reduce the tax burden for Illinois taxpayers. Furthermore, she wants to let the temporary tax increase expire and advocate against a new graduated income tax. Plus, she wants to improve the economic environment to attract and retain businesses and create permanent, quality jobs.

LOREN KARNER (D)



Karner is a project manager and for the past 20 years has been volunteering on various school boards. He is running for office because he believes that if there aren't good people in office who are paying attention to how tax dollars are being spent, then the citizens of Illinois are penalized with inefficiency and corruption. Karner wants to hold the line on property taxes, fight for job creation, and demand fiscal responsibility while protecting funding for schools, public safety, and health care

62nd State Representative District

SAM YINGLING* (D)



As Avon Township Supervisor, Sam ushered in a new era of government accountability and responsiveness. Sam has a conviction for reducing local taxes and optimizing government efficiencies.

ROD DROBINSKI (R)



Rod has served as a Lake County assistant state's attorney for more than a decade. Today he works in the gang and narcotics division of the office. He takes pride in serving as a career prosecutor. He has dedicated himself to making Lake County a safer place for families and children.

63rd State Representative District

STEVEN REICK (R)



Reick argues that if he is elected he will sponsor of House Bill 3303, which protects current benefits while moving state employees to a defined contribution pension model. In addition, he wants to lower rates and spending discipline.

JACK FRANKS* (D)



Franks has been an outspoken critic of former Governor Rod Blagojevich. Since taking office, he has played a primary role in the fight for property tax relief, low cost prescription drugs, and managed care reform. When it comes to health care, Franks has passed a Senior Citizen Prescription Drug Discount Program, and a Patients' Bill of Rights which allows patients to make their own medical decisions.

64th State Representative District

BARBARA WHEELER (R)

Wheeler has lived in Crystal Lake since 1998 and has been a teacher as well as a Peace Corps volunteer. She wants to focus on the needs and priorities of the taxpayers and families in Lake and McHenry counties. Wheeler's top priorities are fiscal responsibility, conservation of the Fox River Valley, and bringing jobs back to Lake and McHenry counties.



JOEL MAINS (D)

Mains is a firefighter/paramedic who is seeking elected office for the first time. Mains said that he favors increasing the minimum wage because someone who works a full-time job deserves enough money to pay for food, clothing, and shelter. He also believes that the expiration of the income tax rate should be revisited and that he would support a state-wide referendum on whether to have a constitutional amendment to enact a graduated income tax.



71st State Representative District



MIKE SMIDDY* (D)

Smiddy attended Black Hawk College and Western Illinois University where he studied government and law enforcement. His legislative priorities will focus on economic development initiatives that will attract businesses to the state and keep jobs in Illinois, demand greater fiscal responsibility of taxpayer dollars, and protect the rights of lawful gun owners.



JIM WOZNIAK (R)

In regards to pension reform, Wozniak refuses to take a pension when elected to the Illinois House. Wozniak wants to explore every option of overhauling the pension system, including moving the State toward defined contribution plan for new government workers. In terms of gun rights, he wants to strengthen the criminal laws that outlaw gang members, felons, and those adjudicated with mental issues from possessing guns. Lastly, in regards to infrastructure and school funding he wants to overhaul the public university system in Illinois to make it more economically feasible for students to attend school in Illinois and to stay in Illinois.

75th State Representative District



MARTHA SHUGART (D)

Previously a local Republican official, Shugart is now running as a Democratic candidate. She has been a registered nurse working in the area since 1989. Shugart has served as the Grundy County Deputy Coroner along with serving on the Morris City Council.



JOHN ANTHONY* (R)

Anthony has experience as a law enforcement officer and Sheriff's Deputy. Anthony filled a vacancy for representative in August of 2013. His platform has a focus on children's issues, second amendment- gun rights, and limiting government control and regulation.

76th State Representative District

FRANK MAUTINO* (D)



Mautino has a background in marketing and administration. After gaining experience in these fields, he began serving as an Illinois State Representative in 1991. He is a proponent of education reform and increasing public school funding. Mautino supports public health care and has expanded the Comprehensive Health Insurance Program to thousands of uninsured families. He supports the development of wind energy and has introduced plans to bring wind energy farms to Illinois.

JERRY LEE LONG (R)



Long is focused on private sector expansion. In running for Illinois State Representative for the 76th district, he has no previous experience in politics or government. He is a small business owner and manages rentals in his ownership. Long has also worked as a truck driver for the past 30 years.

79th State Representative District

GLENN NIXON (R)

Nixon has 15 years of experience as a police officer and has also served on the county board. He is a proponent of fiscal recovery through tax cuts. He seeks to create jobs by reducing government regulation, create government transparency, reform Medicaid, and establish photo ids and security policies for the welfare system. Nixon is a major supporter of gun rights.



KATHERINE CLOONEN* (D)

Cloonen is a small business owner, farmer, and former teacher. She was elected in 2012. Her platform focuses on concern for small business and school reform. She is opposed to state tax increases, supports legislation making it harder for legislatures to raise their own salary, and is a supporter of gun rights.



81st State Representative District

ELIZABETH CHAPLIN (D)



Chaplin worked DuPage County, the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois EPA, and the DuPage Water Commission in order to find a solution to a public health crisis due to polluted well water. Chaplin's philosophy is that government needs to be frugal and fiscally responsible while providing needed services which include education, public safety, quality infrastructure, and human services. She believes that when tax dollars are spend lining the pockets of those connected with the insider elite, government cannot afford to do what needs to be done.

RON SANDACK* (R)



Sandack took office in 2010. He was the prior mayor and member of the village council of Downer's Grove. Chiefly, Sandack supports legislation to eliminate pensions for legislatures and constitutional officials.

84th State Representative District

KRISHNA BANSAL (R)

Bansal is president and CEO of his technology company and has an educational background in international business. Bansal has a platform based on addressing state budget issues and does not agree with increasing spending in the upcoming year. In terms of education, Bansal does not support a shift in teacher pension or redefinition of state grants. Along with this he rejects state tax increases.



STEPHANIE KIFOWIT* (D)

Kifowit is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. She also has experience as a substitute teacher and an alderman in her district. She has worked as a financial advisor and has a Masters degree in Public Administration. Kifowit seeks to increase economic development and job creation by providing incentives and tax credits to small businesses that hire local employers. She also supports ending tax breaks to large corporations. Along with this Kifowit opposes raising taxes on the middle class and seeks to consolidate agencies and find alternatives ways to cut government spending.



86th State Representative District

LAWRENCE “LARRY” WALSH JR* (D)



Walsh has been a lifelong resident of Elwood and attended Joliet Junior College. Walsh will advocate for tax cuts for small businesses to reward them for creating jobs in Illinois, freezing property tax increases when home values decline, making legislators take a pay cut, and make sure the performance of educational institutions (public schools and college) is improved.

DIANE HARRIS (R)



Harris believes that Illinois needs representatives in Springfield who cares about integrity and wants to fight for a better government that functions for the good of the people. Harris pledges to cut taxes, reduce spending, support school choice, and put forth economic reform to include job training.

91st State Representative District

CHAD SCHMIDGALL (D)

Chad was elected in 2009 by the citizens of Pekin to serve as a member of the city council. Responsibilities include representing the residents of Pekin, supervising the City Manager to ensure efficient management of city employees and services, and most importantly reviewing and passing the yearly Municipal Budget.



MICHAEL UNES* (R)

Unes has a background in computer networking. He also has experience serving on the city council of Peoria. Unes has a platform based on fiscal responsibility, job creation and employment, and restoring ethics in state government. He has sponsored and co-sponsored legislation allowing Concealed Carry in Illinois. He voted on repealing increases to income taxes and believes in a limited government.



96th State Representative District

SUE SCHERER* (D)



Scherer has a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Illinois along with a Master's of Science degree from Eastern Illinois University. She has over thirty years of experience as a teacher in the local area. Scherer has a platform that is based on improving education and lessening the tax burden on the middle class. In connection to this, she is supportive of unions in the pension reform debate.

MICHAEL B. BELL (R)



Bell has experience as a member of multiple county economic development groups and holds the roles of co-chairman of a highway expansion project and vice president of the Edinburg School District. Bell is supportive of unions in the pension debate. He has a focus on job creation and is a supporter of gun rights. Bell opposes same sex marriage and seeks to reform workers' compensation. As far as his platform on education, he plans to address budget issues so that school consolidation can be avoided.

97th State Representative District

MARK BATINIK (R)

Mark Batinick is a self-employed business owner who wishes to recreate Illinois into a more business friendly environment. He believes that high taxes leads to high unemployment, but Illinois is strategically positioned to reassert itself economically throughout the Midwest. He is in favor of lowering taxes and restructuring worker's compensation and supports pension reform, campaign finance reform, term limits for state officials, and non-partisan redistricting.



MOIRE K DUNN (D)

Dunn is from Shorewood Illinois and has a law degree from DePaul University. She believes in rolling back the tax hike and would not support any proposal that increases taxes on the middle class. Dunn's priority would be to look for ways to eliminate waste, duplication, and inefficiency- to cut spending without doing harm to critical services like education, public safety, and programs for senior citizens and veterans. She wants to increase the minimum wage to \$10 over several years.



98th State Representative District

YVONNE BOLTON (R)



Bolton has experience in sales and marketing along with experience applying bilingual skills as a receptionist. She serves on the Board of the Spanish Community Center. Bolton supports fewer taxes, less government regulations, and responsible government spending.

NATALIE MANLY* (D)



Manly has a Bachelor's degree in business administration and is a Certified Public Accountant. She was elected in 2012 and has a platform based on fiscal responsibility and protection of crucial state programs. Manly supports making it harder for legislatures to increase their own pay and promotes ending free healthcare for retired judges and politicians. She is a proponent of affordable tuition, student loans, and financial planning. Manly also supports freezing property taxes.

100th State Representative District

CHRISTOPHER DAVIDSMEYER* (R)



C.D. Davidsmeyer joined the Jacksonville City Council in 2008 and served as Chairman of the Public Protection Committee and more recently Chair of the Finance Committee as well as an officer in the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Library Board. He has recently sponsored legislation to limit wasteful state spending, fund back pay owed to state employees, and to protect and make accessible concealed carry licenses.

JOSH EVANS (D)



Josh Evans is an Illinois native who served in the military and was deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan before earning a law degree from SLU and working for Monsanto. He is in favor of a tiered, opt-in pension program which incentivizes public employees to utilize other investment strategies as well as increased tax incentives for hiring Illinois veterans. He also favors concealed carry legislation and increased funding for education while opposing right to work bills and regulations on agricultural workers.

102nd State Representative District

ADAM BROWN* (R)



Adam Brown is a fifth-generation family farmer and graduated from the University of Illinois before becoming the youngest person ever elected to Decatur City Council at age 23. He believes in prioritizing paying off the debt before expanding programs but supports emergency assistance for struggling families and has opposed defunding pension programs for public servants. He supports increased transparency in government to better track how tax dollars are spent and concealed carry legislation.

MATT FORCUM (R)



Matt Forcum served as the Holland Township Supervisor after being elected to his local school board at age 19. His main concerns are bringing the state government under control by eliminating public pensions for Illinois legislators and creating a more business-friendly climate in Illinois. He is in favor of reducing regulation and oversight for businesses, protecting gun ownership, promoting higher education in Illinois by investing in community colleges, and investing in local transportation infrastructure.

103rd State Representative District

KRISTIN WILLIAMSON (R)



Williamson graduated from the University of Illinois and has a career in Business and Communications. She does not support a progressive income tax or any proposal regarding state pension. Williamson believes the University of Illinois should be used as a point for job creation and community growth. Additionally, she is a supporter of same sex marriage.

CAROL AMMONS (D)



Ammons has extensive experience in the social services sector along with experience serving on the County Board and on the Urbana City Council. As far as education funding, she supports a shift from property tax to a graduated state income tax in order to create education equality and allow for increased funding for higher education. Ammons is a proponent of giving full pension to state employees, an advocate for unions and collective bargaining, supports raising the Illinois minimum wage to a living wage, proposes the development of green energy initiatives, the return of manufacturing jobs, and support for small businesses as methods of job creation. She is a proponent of wind energy and renewable resources, urban farming and environmental protections for ground water, lakes, and streams. Ammons is pro-choice, supports Reproductive Health and Access, opposes the Parental Notice of Abortion Act, supports marriage equality and LGBT rights, is a proponent of expanding Medicaid, supports the creation of resources to help ex-offenders, and is opposed to voter ID laws.

106th State Representative District

JOSH HARMS (R)



Harms Graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree from Illinois State University in 1997 and from Governor’s State University with a Master’s Degree in 2007. Harms believes that individuals must rein in state spending and to create a business-friendly environment that will ultimately create jobs for Illinoisans. He is a fiscal conservative and has made his top priority balancing the State’s budget, declining his own state pension package.

WILLIAM NUTTER (D)



William Nutter is the Democratic candidate from Wateska, where he served on the City Council, and is a firefighter in Aurora. He believes that pension reform is going to be helpful in the long run and will make Illinois a profitable state.

107th State Representative District

JOHN CAVALETTO* (R)



John Cavaletto has represented the 107th District since 2009 after spending many years teaching at Mater Dei High School in Breese. He opposes instituting a graduated tax in Illinois, believing it will hurt working class families and small businesses in the state. He is in favor of concealed carry legislation and supports hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) operations in Illinois as he believes it will create jobs and tax credits to help middle class families pay college expenses.

JOSH BERGER (D)



Josh Berger is the son of a Central City Police Chief and a Centralia small business owner. He is an avid outdoorsman and Chiropractor. He believes that pension reform should focus on the budgeting failures of lawmakers rather than punishing state employees and retirees. He is in favor of gun rights with restrictions on felons and those with a history of mental illness.

112th State Representative District

DWIGHT KAY* (R)



A lifelong resident of the Metro East, Dwight Kay has worked in the private sector while maintaining an active role in public office, specializing in transportation. He is opposed to a graduated income taxes, believing it to be a threat to job creation and employment opportunities. Instead, he is in favor of expanding fracking operations, which he claims could create 47,000 jobs in Illinois. He is a proponent of pension reform and has introduced legislation to prohibit lobbyists from receiving state pensions.

CULLEN CULLEN (D)



Cullen L Cullen is a school superintendent and the Democratic candidate from Edwardsville. Prior to serving as superintendent for Venice Community School District No. 2, he was employment by the Regional Superintendent of Schools in Madison County. His first priority is jobs, and he believes that his constituents should not handle the increasing burden of state mismanagement.

113th State Representative District

MELINDA HULT (R)



Along with serving as alderman, Hult volunteers her time to the Belleville Historical Society, is the past president of the Hexenbukel Neighborhood Association, is a member of Lifeline Ladies Bible Study, and on the board of OurTaxMoney.org. Hult supports repealing previous tax increases and in order to create jobs she believes in tax cuts and lessened government regulation. Hult is a strong pro-life advocate and supporter of gun rights.

JAY HOFFMAN* (D)



Hoffman began serving as a state representative in 1990. He has experience as a prosecutor, law enforcement official, state legislator, small businessman, and advocate for public policy. Hoffman has a platform based on strengthening public safety, improving job growth, fostering economic development, creating education opportunities, producing alternative energy, and balancing the state budget.

115th State Representative District

TERRI BRYANT (R)



Bryant believes that power is government by the people, economic growth comes from the entrepreneurialism, lower taxes promote greater economic growth, what one earns is theirs to keep, the second amendment gives the right to bear arms for personal protection and recreation, respect for family, hard work, integrity, and honor are the cornerstone of good government, and that life has value from conception to natural death.

WILLIAM KILQUIST (D)



Kilquist believes that public service is a way of life. After 35 years in law enforcement, he wants to take his commitment to serve in the State Capitol. He wants to take on the politicians and bring Southern Illinois values and common sense to Springfield to get the state back on track. Kilquist will fight to bring jobs to Southern Illinois, secure the state's pension systems, fight against higher taxes, protect gun rights, secure funding for schools in Southern Illinois, and protect the environment for future generations.



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