

SUAA/SUAAction 2022 General Election Guide



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Gubernatorial Election

<p>Candidate: Darren Bailey</p> <p>Office: Governor</p> <p>Address: 6121 Xenia Iola Rd. Xenia, IL 62899</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Lt. Governor Running Mate: Stephanie Trussell</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://baileyforillinois.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$2,042,379.93 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: State Senator, farmer</p> <p>Education: Lake Land College</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Darren is grounded in the conservative values of hard work, individual liberty, and social responsibility. He knows that these precious freedoms are threatened everyday by big government and powerful career politicians.</p> <p>“Today, there is a political class that is ignoring our values and harming American families. Illinois needs a leader that is one of us.”</p> <p>Darren Bailey has high hopes for Illinois and is running for Governor to protect the freedoms sacred to all that call the Land of Lincoln home. He will boldly and courageously stand for you, the citizen.</p> <p>In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Darren led the charge against sweeping executive orders that shuttered Illinois businesses, collapsed the economy, and deprived hardworking Illinoisans of their livelihoods. A complete return to normalcy is a top priority for Darren.</p> <p>As a man of faith, Darren is proudly pro-life and will always stand up to protect the rights of the unborn. Darren believes in the sanctity of life, and as a state legislator, voted against the extreme overhaul and expansion of abortion access in Illinois. Darren opposes state and taxpayer funding of abortions.</p> <p>Darren is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and an advocate for the constitutional right to bear arms.</p> <p>Darren firmly believes in fiscal responsibility and knows that every penny matters. Raising taxes hurts hardworking Illinois families and is not a solution for a state with some of the highest tax burdens in the entire nation. In the state legislature, Darren has fought against tax hikes and reckless spending and advocated for more business-friendly policies.</p>
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<p>Candidate: JB Pritzker</p> <p>Office: Governor</p> <p>Address: 1435 N. Astor St. Chicago, IL 60610</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Lt. Governor Running Mate: Juliana Stratton</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://jbpritzker.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$60,815,121.58– October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Governor, entrepreneur</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website</p> <p>My values have led me to do big things that have a lasting impact on people’s lives, and since taking office in 2019 as Governor of Illinois I’ve been working every day to put our government back on the side of working families.</p> <p>Together, we raised the minimum wage to a living wage; launched the largest program to build roads, bridges, schools, and broadband in Illinois history; expanded health care, child care, and early childhood education; made college more affordable; enshrined protections for reproductive rights into law; and put Illinois back on the path to fiscal stability.</p> <p>Before becoming Governor, I led the creation of 1871, a non-profit business incubator that has helped create over 11,000 jobs and made Chicago one of the top tech hubs in the world.</p> <p>I’ve always stood up for a woman’s right to choose, and as Governor I was honored to sign legislation to protect reproductive rights in Illinois even if the US Supreme Court tries to overturn Roe v. Wade.</p> <p>The Lieutenant Governor and I worked with the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus on their four pillars, and together we enacted historic reforms to tackle inequities in criminal justice, education, economic opportunity, and health care.</p> <p>I’m proud to fight for Illinois alongside Juliana Stratton, my partner in governing. She’s been a champion for criminal justice reform, gender pay equity, and stood by my side during one of the most challenging years facing the state of Illinois.</p>
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Attorney General Election

<p>Candidate: Kwame Raoul</p> <p>Office: Attorney General</p> <p>Address: 520 W. Huron St. Chicago, IL 60654</p>	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://kwame-raoul.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$2,590,364.15 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, former state senator</p> <p>Education: DePaul University, Chicago-Kent College of Law</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Attorney General Kwame Raoul was sworn in as the 42nd Attorney General of Illinois in January 2019. Born in Chicago to Haitian immigrants, Kwame brings a lifetime of legal experience and public service to his work as the people’s champion. Kwame defends and upholds the law, protects access to health care and reproductive rights, and fights for equal rights.</p> <p>Kwame created the state’s first Organized Retail Crime Task Force with law enforcement partners to investigate smash-and-grab crimes. The Task Force recently busted a car theft ring and has recovered over \$1 million in stolen merchandise. He also partners with the FBI to investigate unemployment insurance fraud and other COVID-related fraud.</p> <p>Kwame understands the importance of protecting our children and leads the Illinois Crimes Against Children Task Force that investigates and prosecutes online predators for preying on children in communities across the state.</p> <p>To combat the epidemic of prescription drug addiction in our country, Kwame has filed lawsuits to hold drug manufacturers accountable for peddling opioids, which resulted in millions of dollars in relief for Illinois communities that have felt the devastating impacts of opioid addiction.</p> <p>Since taking office, Kwame has recovered over \$180 million in taxpayer money for Illinois through his office’s litigation and collection efforts. Kwame has been honored as Public Official of the Year by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police for his leadership on criminal justice matters and by Planned Parenthood of Illinois with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his critical work to protect access to reproductive health care.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Tom DeVore</p> <p>Office: Attorney General</p> <p>Address: 1834 Reno Road Sorento, IL 62806</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.tomdevore.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$368,259.94 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website</p> <p>Tom is a Southern Illinois Attorney who has spent the past 2 years educating, empowering, and equipping the PEOPLE with the necessary tools to fight government overreach and mandates. Tom is known for his battles in the courtroom, fighting to keep small businesses open and challenging Governor J.B. Pritzker’s mask mandate in schools.</p> <p>Tom grew up in a poverty-stricken trailer park in Southern Illinois, living a relatively simple life. As a young boy, he often thought about what it would take to make it to the other side. Yet, the same passion and perseverance that Tom displays today are what allowed him to break through the barriers he thought existed as a child.</p> <p>As a constitutional attorney, Tom knows the power of government is with the PEOPLE. “We cannot rely on a single branch of government to protect the fabric of our great nation.” Although Tom often battles in the courtroom, his true passion is to educate, empower, and equip the PEOPLE with the necessary resources to ensure we remain a government of the people, for the people, by the people.</p> <p>The people of ILLINOIS have suffered long enough. Tom has spent the past 20 plus months representing small business owners, educators, parents, and students in the courtroom.</p> <p>Tom’s legal arguments are simple – follow the law. As Attorney General Tom’s decisions will be based on the rule of law.</p>
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Comptroller Primary

<p>Candidate: Susana Mendoza</p> <p>Office: Comptroller</p> <p>Address: 4147 N. Mason Ave. Chicago, IL 60634</p>	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://susanamendoza.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,451,856.60 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Comptroller, former state representative</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>From her website Susana A. Mendoza was elected Illinois Comptroller on November 8, 2016 and sworn into office on Dec. 05, 2016. She is the first Hispanic independently elected to statewide office in Illinois.</p> <p>As Comptroller, Mendoza led a transparency revolution because she believes that taxpayers deserve to know how their tax dollars are being spent. She fought for and passed, over Governor Rauner’s veto, the Debt Transparency Act, requiring State agencies to report monthly, instead of annually the number of unpaid State bills they are holding.</p> <p>A lead architect of Illinois’ financial turnaround, Mendoza has successfully navigated the state through unprecedented crisis – the 736 day budget impasse and the Covid-19 pandemic, prioritizing funding to hospice centers, nursing homes, children and adults with disabilities, schools and the state’s most vulnerable.</p> <p>Notwithstanding these immense challenges, she has paid down the state’s backlog of unpaid bills from a historic high of \$16.7 billion to \$3.5 billion, delivered the fastest vendor payment cycle in decades – down from over 200 days to well under 30 days today, and led the state to its first credit upgrades in over 20 years.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Shannon Teresi</p> <p>Office: Comptroller</p> <p>Address: 1608 Rolling Hills Dr. Crystal Lake, IL 60014</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://shannonteresi.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$52,170.85 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: CPA, McHenry County Auditor</p> <p>Education: McHenry County College, Northern Illinois University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website</p> <p>She became a certified public accountant (CPA) and began her career working in Chicago at PricewaterhouseCoopers, a ‘Big 4’ accounting firm, developing professional auditing and financial experience and working with Fortune 500 companies. Shannon learned how the most successful companies in the world operate their businesses efficiently and effectively.</p> <p>Inspired to serve her community, Shannon transitioned to a career in public service at the McHenry County Auditor’s Office, where she has worked for the last 12 years. In 2018, she was appointed to serve as McHenry County Auditor and has subsequently been elected by the voters twice, most recently in 2020 where she received nearly 75% of the vote.</p> <p>Shannon is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) whose top priority is stopping government corruption and rooting out fraud, waste and abuse in state government. That is exactly what she has done as McHenry County Auditor, and that’s what she will do as Comptroller. For too long, state government has been run by career politicians connected to the corrupt Madigan Machine.</p> <p>Shannon believes taxpayers deserve a watchdog who will put their interests first, not the special interests and political insiders Shannon resides in Crystal Lake with her husband, Ross, and their two children, Chase and Luke.</p> <p>Shannon remains active in her community and volunteers in numerous capacities, including Treasurer for her childrens’ schools’ Parent Teacher Organizations, church programs, and coaching recreation baseball and soccer.</p>
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Secretary of State Election

<p>Candidate: Dan Brady</p> <p>Office: Secretary of State</p> <p>Address: 24 Bandecon Way Bloomington, IL 61704</p>	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://votedanbrady.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$170,298.33 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Current State Representative</p> <p>Education: St. Ambrose University, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website On January 10, 2001 Dan Brady was sworn in as State Representative for the 88th Legislative District. Dan was named to the House Republican Leadership team in 2003 as Republican Caucus Chair and in 2008 he was named Assistant Minority Leader. He was sworn in as State Representative of the newly drawn 105th Legislative District on January 9, 2013 and was named Deputy Republican leader in January, 2017.</p> <p>Dan has been especially active in legislative efforts affecting insurance, families, law enforcement, and emergency medical services. He most recently championed legislation to help local law enforcement agencies obtain information to assist them in responding the calls involving individuals with special needs.</p> <p>The office of the Illinois Secretary of State needs to be brought into the digital era to help reduce wait times for services. As Secretary of State, it will be my goal to start building the foundational technologies our state needs to thrive. I will focus on partnering with the brightest innovators and technology experts this state has to offer. Working with them will allow us to develop and implement new technology and innovative services that streamline processes, reduce wait times, and at the same time, protect your personal data.</p> <p>By developing more services directed towards older Illinoisans, the Secretary of State’s office will be able to run more efficiently. From express service lanes at S.O.S. facilities, to more mobile services for seniors at senior centers statewide, to exploring a 2- or 4-year renewal process for our seniors, the success of the Secretary of State’s office begins with them.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Alexi Giannoulas</p> <p>Office: Secretary of State</p> <p>Address: 1534 N. North Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60610</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.alexiforus.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$2,103,176.65 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Former State Treasurer</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website</p> <p>As an independent Democrat, Alexi pursued a progressive, reform agenda that focused on innovative initiatives and policies designed to curb ethical abuses, create jobs, safely invest taxpayer dollars and improve the financial futures of all Illinoisans.</p> <p>In his first official act, Alexi ended pay-to-play politics in the Treasurer’s office by prohibiting his campaign fund from taking contributions from contractors, banks and office employees.</p> <p>To prevent young adults from piling up debt, Alexi cracked down on credit card companies by authoring legislation to curb deceptive tactics marketers employed to prey on college students.</p> <p>To address the nation’s worst unfunded pension liability, Alexi drafted legislation to save the state \$16 billion dollars by paying down its pension debt.</p> <p>After leaving the Treasurer’s Office in 2011, Alexi was appointed by the Governor to serve as Chairman of the Illinois Community College System, overseeing the state’s 48 community colleges.</p> <p>Modernizing the Secretary of State’s office is a top priority. COVID-19 and the recent surge for Real IDs have forced changes in how the office needs to operate and delivers services to improve the customer experience.</p> <p>Modernizing the office will also help guarantee greater access and equitable service for all Illinois residents. It will also help reduce the “time tax,” or the amount of time Illinoisians spend making special trips during work hours, waiting in line, filling out forms or holding on the phone to obtain services.</p> <p>I will make more services and programs available remotely and online and ensure contactless options are available for those who choose to visit Secretary of State facilities.</p> <p>I will strengthen the Secretary of State’s Business Services Division to make it easier for minority-owned business owners – to start a business and cut through the layers of red-tape, which will reduce costs and get them up and running more quickly and enable them to hire workers.</p>
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State Treasurer Primary

<p>Candidate: Michael Frerichs</p> <p>Office: Treasurer</p> <p>Address: 45 Greencroft Dr. Champaign, IL 61821</p>	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.friendsoffrerichs.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$2,574,419.78 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Treasurer, Former state senator</p> <p>Education: Yale University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Mike Frerichs was born and raised in the small farming community of Gifford, Illinois (pop. 975). The son of a Teamster truck driver and a university secretary and AFSCME member, Mike became the first member of his family to graduate from college when he received a degree from Yale University. After college, Mike returned home to run a technology start-up and serve as a volunteer fireman. In 2000, Mike was elected to the Champaign County Board and became the Champaign County Auditor in 2002.</p> <p>In 2007, Mike was sworn in as the State Senator 52nd District, which includes parts of Champaign and Vermilion Counties. In the Legislature, Mike spearheaded efforts to provided financial assistance to farmers and pushed for expanded use of alternative fuels. Mike also fought to reduce disparities in education funding across Illinois.</p> <p>In 2015, Mike was sworn in as Treasurer of Illinois. As the state’s Chief Investment Officer, Mike does more than make wise investments and protect taxpayer dollars, he provides tools to help people invest in themselves. During his tenure, he has returned more money back to Illinoisans than any other Treasurer in history through the I-Cash program and he has expanded access to higher education by improving the 529 College Savings Program to the top-rated program in the country.</p> <p>Mike has expanded tools like the Secure Choice program that helps seniors retire with dignity. And tools like the ABLE program that will help families plan for loved ones with disabilities. Mike believes through these tools and smart investing; the Treasurer’s office can help families achieve the American Dream.</p> <p>Mike, a Certified Public Finance Officer, resides in Champaign with his daughter Ella. He was re-elected as State Treasurer in 2018 with broad statewide support.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Tom Demmer</p> <p>Office: Treasurer</p> <p>Address: 142 Fieldstone Lane Dixon, IL 61021</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://teamdemmer.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$533,923.97 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: State representative</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website</p> <p>Tom Demmer lives in Dixon, Illinois and is the State Representative for the 90th District and serves as the Deputy Minority Leader in the Illinois House of Representatives.</p> <p>Tom serves on several healthcare and budget committees and is a strong voice for transparency, ethics, and fiscal responsibility, and is a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. He is also the Republican point person for all of the state’s fiscal issues and has been a leader in calling for meaningful pension and structural reforms to the state’s budget.</p> <p>Tom was recently named a 2021 GOPAC Emerging Leader, part of a year-long initiative to support the next generation of Republican leaders across the country.</p> <p>In the General Assembly, Tom co-founded the Children’s Health Caucus to ensure children across Illinois have access to healthcare services, and he was a founding member of the Future Caucus and Technology Caucus.</p> <p>Tom was the Director of Innovation & Strategy at KSB Hospital, a not-for-profit community hospital with locations in Lee and Ogle Counties. He graduated from the University of Dayton and was a White House Intern in the Office of the Vice President of the United States. Prior to the General Assembly, Tom served on the Lee County Board.</p> <p>Tom is a Henry W. Toll Fellow with the Council of State Governments. He served on the Board of Directors of the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home Preservation Foundation. He is a member of St. Anne Parish, the Dixon Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus, and is a volunteer teacher with Junior Achievement.</p>
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State Senate – District 1

<p>Candidate: Javier Cervantes</p> <p>Office: 1st Senate</p> <p>Address: 2320 W. 24th St. Chicago, IL 60608</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/Cervantesforstatense?_rdr</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$37,316.65 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Son-in-law and former campaign manager for retiring State Senator Antonio Muñoz.</p>
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State Senate – District 2

<p>Candidate: Omar Aquino</p> <p>Office: 2nd Senate</p> <p>Address: 1000 N. Rockwell St. Chicago, IL 60622</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Website Address: http://www.senatoraquino.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$552,511.40 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Loyola University-Chicago</p> <p>Biography/Statement: Omar found the opportunity to work as a Legislative Assistant in the Illinois House of Representatives. He fulfilled a number of tasks including outreach efforts, and creating issues based committees so as to ensure constituent participation in the policymaking process. Omar eventually moved on to work for Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth as her Outreach Coordinator.</p> <p>In December of 2015, State Senator William Delgado announced that he was retiring. With his long held desire to make a difference and understanding of needs faced by people in our community, Omar decided to run with the support of Senator Delgado. He won the 2016 election and was appointed to the seat effective October 1, 2016.</p> <p>As State Senator, Omar will work hard each day to pursue policies that he knows will have a positive impact on the people of the 2nd District and the state of Illinois.</p>
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State Senate – District 3

<p>Candidate: Mattie Hunter</p> <p>Office: 3rd Senate</p> <p>Address: 5604 South Prairie Ave. Chicago, IL 60637</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Website Address: https://www.senatorhunter.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$213,311.60 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Monmouth College, Jackson State University</p> <p>Biography/Statement: From her website A native Chicagoan, State Senator Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) has served in the Illinois General Assembly since 2003. Hunter serves in leadership as the Majority Caucus Chair and is the vice-chair of the Ethics and Executive Appointments Committees. She serves on the Behavioral and Mental Health, Energy and Public Utilities, Executive, Healthcare Access and Availability, and Transportation Committees. She is also a member of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus.</p> <p>As State Senator of the 3rd District, Hunter’s priorities remain focused on protecting schools, increasing public safety, creating economic opportunities, expanding access to healthcare, and fighting for equality.</p>
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State Senate – District 4

<p>Candidate: Kimberly Lightford</p> <p>Office: 4th Senate</p> <p>Address: 11441 Enterprise Dr. Westchester, IL 60154</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.senatorlightford.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$513,227.29 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time State Legislator</p> <p>Education: Western Illinois University (B.A.), University of Illinois at Springfield (MPA)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Lightford became assistant majority leader in 2009 and enhanced her role as an advocate for education reform. Leader Lightford has served on the Senate Education Committee for 20 years as either a sitting member, Vice Chair or Chair.</p> <p>Former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan hailed the senator’s landmark education reform law, Senate Bill 7, as “a national model” which aimed at boosting student performance through accountability for schools, administrators and teachers. The legislation, approved in 2011, was the most significant education reform in 30 years, with hope to ensure every child in Illinois public schools has a quality teacher.</p> <p>In addition to serving as the Chair of the Assignments Committee during the 101st General Assembly, Lightford serves on the following committees: Education; Energy and Public Utilities; Executive Appointments; Executive; Higher Education; Labor; Oversight Medicaid Mang. Care, Spec; Supplier Diversity, Special Com. On; Subcommittee on Gov. Operations</p>
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State Senate – District 5

<p>Candidate: Patricia Van Pelt</p> <p>Office: 5th Senate</p> <p>Address: 2826 West Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL 60616</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://senatorvanpelt.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$16,697.60 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time State Legislator</p> <p>Education: Roosevelt University (B.A.) Capella University (Doctorate)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Patricia Van Pelt was first elected to the Illinois State Senate in 2012, and is the chair of the Healthcare Access and Availability Committee. Van Pelt serves on the Agriculture, Criminal Law, Energy and Public Utilities and State Government Committees. She is also a member of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus.</p> <p>As State Senator of the 5th District, Van Pelt is passionate about criminal justice reform, reducing recidivism across communities, increasing public safety, creating economic opportunities, ensuring equal access to healthcare, and preserving quality education.</p> <p>Van Pelt lives on Chicago’s west side with her husband, Gene</p>
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State Senate – District 7

<p>Candidate: Mike Simmons</p> <p>Office: 7th Senate</p> <p>Address: 826 W. Windsor Ave. Unit #2W Chicago, IL 60640</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.senatormikesimmons.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$167,876.88 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: (From his website)</p> <p>Mike Simmons’ roots run deep in the Illinois 7th State Senate District. He was born in Lincoln Square, the son of a single black mother and an Ethiopian refugee father. His mother, Ramona, who opened her own business, Salon Pastiche, in Rogers Park at 31 years old and ran it for 25 years, raised him and his sister. His father, Mulugetta, was also a small business owner and ran a bar, the Wild Hare, in Lakeview for 25 years.</p> <p>With his lived experiences and equity mindset, Mike Simmons has committed his life to advocacy and public service. He is dedicated to amplifying the voices of seniors, refugees, the transgender community, people experiencing financial instability, single mothers, and other silenced voices in our democracy.</p> <p>Mike Simmons has delivered justice for his community. He secured funding for the Ceasefire violence interruption program in Uptown, worked with local organizers in Uptown, Edgewater, and Rogers Park to pass affordable housing ordinances, and fought on behalf of English language learners and their families as a member of the Brennemann Elementary School Council (2010-2016).</p>
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State Senate – District 8

<p>Candidate: Ram Villivalam</p> <p>Office: 8th Senate</p> <p>Address: 5048 North Kolmar Ave. Chicago, IL 60630</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/senatorram</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$625,539.04 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time legislator</p> <p>Education: George Washington University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography: Villivalam is the first Asian American and first Indian American elected to the Illinois Senate.</p> <p>Prior to joining the Illinois Senate, Villivalam was the former political director for Brad Schneider and former legislative coordinator for SEIU Healthcare-Illinois.</p> <p>Serves as President of the Indo-American Democratic Organization (IADO) and serves on the Board of Gun Violence Prevention PAC; Lives with his wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Rohan, in the North Mayfair neighborhood in the City of Chicago.</p> <p>Senator Villivalam is honored to be an effective, proactive, and progressive voice for the people of the 8th District. He has and will continue to be focused on issues such as income equality, reducing gun violence, providing a quality education to children regardless of the zip code they reside in, and advancing both women's and LGBTQ rights.</p>
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State Senate – District 9

<p>Candidate: Laura Fine</p> <p>Office: 9th Senate</p> <p>Address: 1700 Constitution Dr. Glenview, IL 60026</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorfine.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$313,317.54 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time legislator</p> <p>Education: Indiana University, Northeastern Illinois University (M.A.)</p> <p>Biography: From her website Before her election to the Senate, Senator Fine served as the State Representative for the 17th Legislative District from 2013 – 2019. During this time, she was a champion of women’s rights, an advocate for public education and a strong supporter of a clean environment. In addition, she fought hard to provide quality healthcare for Illinois residents.</p> <p>Senator Fine currently serves as chair of the newly formed Behavioral and Mental Health Committee, and is a member of the Committees on Environment and Conservation, Health, Healthcare Access and Availability, and Insurance.</p> <p>Senator Fine lives in Glenview with her husband, Michael, and their two sons, and is an active and involved resident of the community.</p>
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State Senate – District 10 Race

<p>Candidate: Robert Martwick</p> <p>Office: 10th Senate</p> <p>Address: 5710 W. Sunnyside Ave. Chicago, IL 60630</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatormartwick.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$453,036.19 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: Boston College (B.A.) John Marshall Law School (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: (From his website) Rob has 16 years of experience in local government. In 1993, while still in law school, Rob ran for the post of Trustee to Norwood Park Township, a post in which he remained for one four year term.</p> <p>When state representative Joe Lyons chose to retire in 2012, Rob decided to run for his seat and was elected after a competitive primary. In 2017, Rob took over as the 38th Ward Democratic Committeeman. He looked to put the “democracy” back in the Democratic Party by building an organization where the membership has real power.</p> <p>Rob served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 2013-2019, representing the 19th House District. On June 28th, 2019, Rob was appointed Illinois State Senator from the 10th Legislative District.</p> <p>Rob lives in Portage Park with his wife Sharon and sons Bobby and Benjl.</p>
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State Senate – District 11

<p>Candidate: Mike Porfirio</p> <p>Office: 11th Senate</p> <p>Address: 522 S. 10th Ave. La Grange, IL 60525</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://porfirioforsenate.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$67,814.96 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Trustee, Township of Lyons. Chief of Staff for Sen. Steve Landek</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p>
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State Senate – District 12

<p>Candidate: Celina Villanueva</p> <p>Office: 12th Senate</p> <p>Address: 3155 South Keeler Ave. Chicago, IL 60623</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently the State Senator for the 11th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.senatorvillanueva.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$294,718.29 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time state legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: When Celina was appointed to the Illinois House of Representatives in 2018, she brought the voices of her community with her to continue the work they had started. In the House, Celina led the effort to include strong social equity measures in the state’s cannabis laws so that communities harmed by failed drug policies would not be abandoned.</p> <p>Celina also worked with immigrant advocates to pass the Keep Illinois Families Together Act, prohibiting law enforcement from working with ICE.</p> <p>Celina was first sworn into the Illinois Senate in 2020 and currently sits on the Higher Education, Human Rights (Chair), Labor (Vice Chair), Public Safety and Transportation Committees. Senator Villanueva remains a community organizer at heart and will continue to uplift marginalized voices in Springfield.</p>
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State Senate – District 13

<p>Candidate: Robert Peters</p> <p>Office: 13th Senate</p> <p>Address: 5327 S. Drexel Ave. Chicago, IL 60615</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Website Address: http://www.senatorrobertpeters.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$134,912.94 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full time State Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Prior to his appointment to the Illinois Senate, Peters was the political director of Reclaim Chicago.</p> <p>As a state senator, Peters plans to continue advocating for public safety for all. He has helped pass several key pieces of public safety legislation including the Reimagine Public Safety Act as well as authoring the component of a larger package that ended the system of wealth-based detention in Illinois.</p> <p>He is also committed to holding big corporations accountable, continuing his focus on reforming the criminal legal system, creating clean energy jobs, fighting for housing, health care justice and fighting for democracy in public education.</p>
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State Senate – District 14

<p>Candidate: Emil Jones</p> <p>Office: 14th Senate</p> <p>Address: 11357 S. Lowe Ave. Chicago, IL 60628</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Website Address: http://senatoremiljones.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$194,436.72 –October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full time State Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Jones grew up on the far South Side of Chicago. Before beginning his career in the Illinois Senate, Jones served as a member of the advisory board of the Division Street Business Development Association. He had worked previously as an administrator at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.</p> <p>A distinct and outstanding voice for increased public safety standards, Jones has gone above and beyond in his efforts to make Illinois neighborhoods and their streets safer. Jones has championed bettering the quality of life and improving the security of neighborhoods throughout the state, specifically with passing legislation targeted at reducing gang recruitment.</p>
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State Senate – District 15

<p>Candidate: Napoleon Harris</p> <p>Office: 15th Senate</p> <p>Address: 14633 Givines Ct. Harvey, IL 60426</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Website Address: https://senatornapoleonharris.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$207,948.73 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full time State Legislator</p> <p>Education: Northwestern University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Public safety is one of Harris’ deepest concerns. Harris fought for the creation of a violent crimes task force in Englewood in order to reduce the level of violent crime throughout the community, while studying the genesis and effects of this crime.</p> <p>Harris believes that keeping kids in school is essential to future success for our state. Expulsions and suspensions have become an all-too-easy alternative to in-school behavior rehabilitation. Senator Harris has supported legislation to reduce the number of harsh penalties that keep kids out of school and force them onto the streets.</p> <p>Senator Harris is the Chair of Insurance, Vice-Chair of Commerce committees.</p>
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State Senate – District 16

<p>Candidate: Willie Preston</p> <p>Office: 16th Senate</p> <p>Address: 7706 S. Wood St. Chicago, IL 60620</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.electwillie.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$13,278.69 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Business owner, Preston Construction and Preston Landscaping</p> <p>Education: Chicago State University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Job training programs are a crucial part of his vision for creating economic growth on the Southside. As a citizen, Willie has been active throughout the 16th District—he has organized and attended rallies, been elected to the Local School Council in the district, and served on the board for the Chicago Metropolitan YMCA representing an early childhood education learning center inside the district.</p> <p>He is a lifelong resident of Chicago, who has dedicated his life, and work, to fixing our broken criminal justice system, strengthening our schools, and ensuring economic and employment equity exists within our communities.</p> <p>Willie was a former lead organizer for Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation. As a community organizer – he fought for changes to the Fraternal Order of Police contract with the city of Chicago and the largest CTA procurement contract in its history that promises to create good jobs for SouthSiders.</p>
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State Senate – District 17

<p>Candidate: Elgie Sims, Jr.</p> <p>Office: 17th Senate</p> <p>Address: 8142A S. Prairie Park Chicago, IL 60619</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.senatorielgiesims.com/?fbclid=IwAR3v5-Grn2y0jSeflv_KH7PKyVkcI0DXmkv8h5BxUIKU-vdSfsp27R6YQ2g</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$511,158.19 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Illinois State University (B.A.), Loyola School of Law (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>From his website Elgie believes deterrence from the criminal justice system requires investments in alternatives to incarceration, including education, stable health care, job readiness, an abundance of economic opportunities and good paying jobs.</p> <p>Elgie currently serves as the Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman, and has shown his commitment to educating young people throughout Illinois by supporting education funding reform, a law designed to level the playing field for P-12 schools statewide.</p> <p>Elgie led efforts to move Illinois away from the use of cash bail, through passage of the Bail Reform Act of 2017. The law focuses on an individual’s threat to public safety or likelihood of being a flight risk not, their ability to pay a cash bail.</p> <p>A member of the Illinois Senate Criminal Law Committee, Elgie is one of Illinois’ leading voices in the effort to reform our state’s criminal justice system.</p>
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State Senate – District 18

<p>Candidate: Bill Cunningham</p> <p>Office: 18th Senate</p> <p>Address: 10037 S. Bell Ave. Chicago, IL 60643</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.senatorbillcunningham.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,138,591.49 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois - Chicago</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Bill Cunningham is a lifelong resident of the Chicago community and the 18th Senate District. Prior to being elected to the Illinois Senate, he served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 2011-2013.</p> <p>During his time in the Legislature, Cunningham has sponsored several pieces of legislation designed to crack down on registered sex offenders and protect senior citizens. He advocated for legislation that would ensure the integrity of Illinois elections. He also passed bills that ended ticket quotas for Chicago police and made it easier for consumers to freeze their credit to protect their identities.</p> <p>As a husband and father, Cunningham has been active in his community, coaching a youth soccer team and volunteering for charitable causes. He has also worked to improve educational institutions in his neighborhood by serving as a parent representative on the Sutherland Local School Council.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Christine McGovern</p> <p>Office: 18th Senate</p> <p>Address: 10455 S. Drake Ave. Chicago, IL 60655</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.mcgovornforillinoisenate.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$3,986.23 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Business owner</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website</p> <p>The breakdown of our educational system is a great concern. There is a push towards removing the power of local school boards. This divisive new curriculum and sexualization movement of our children should not be mandated in the curriculum.</p> <p>The ludicrous push to defund our police and the bills that have been voted on is not decreasing crime or keeping our communities safe. The motive is unknown to me, honestly who does not want our communities safe?</p> <p>I want to represent you and Illinois by passing legislation to provide better health care to our seniors, veterans and mentally ill. I want to have programs for our youth to take them off the streets meanwhile addressing the drug crisis and my plan with working with law enforcement to finally put an end to the senseless crime that is affecting our communities.</p>
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State Senate – District 19 Race

<p>Candidate: Michael Hastings</p> <p>Office: 19th Senate</p> <p>Address: 206 Grant Ave. Frankfort, IL 60423</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.senatorhastings.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$777,021.59 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, Legislator</p> <p>Education: West Point, John Marshall Law School (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement</p> <p>From his website In 2012, Hastings was elected to the Illinois State Senate as one of the youngest Senators in state history.</p> <p>He has worked tirelessly to pass countless pieces of legislation that have improved the social and financial status of the State of Illinois. He currently serves as the Chair of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities committee in addition to sitting on the Commerce and Economic Development, Executive, Insurance, and Judiciary committees.</p> <p>In 2020, Hastings was named to Senate President Don Harmon's leadership team, serving as the Majority Caucus Whip.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Patrick Sheehan</p> <p>Office: 19th Senate</p> <p>Address: 16542 Lakeside Dr. Lockport, IL 60441</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.sheehan4senate.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$152,442.41 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Police Officer</p> <p>Education: Saint Xavier University</p> <p>Biography / Statement</p> <p>From his website Pat has been a member of the Plainfield Police Department for 14 years, where he has served in the Patrol and Traffic divisions. Serving the public each day allows Pat to help solve the problems residents face while keeping them safe. He is proud to stand with the men and women across the state who risk their lives every day, and was appalled by Chicago democrats' decision to strip powers away from law enforcement officers last year in Springfield.</p> <p>Serves on the Lockport Township Park District Board.</p> <p>He is running for the State Senate to voice the concerns of parents, teachers, and concerned taxpayers across the 19th Senate District, who for years have seen government cause more issues than it solves. Pat and his wife Susie have been married for 14 years, and live in the City of Lockport where they raise their five children who range from ages 8 to 15.</p>
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State Senate – District 20

<p>Candidate: Cristina Pacione-Zayas</p> <p>Office: 20th Senate</p> <p>Address: 2711 N. Mozart St. Chicago, IL 60647</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.senatorpacionezayas.com/about-me</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$109,660.53 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Biography / Statement: Before joining the Senate in December of 2020, she was the Associate Vice President of Policy for Erikson Institute, an academic institution focused on child development where she led the Institute’s efforts to great policies that support young children, families, and communities.</p> <p>Her service in Chicago Public Schools and Enlace Chicago built a track record for leveraging community partnerships, implementing restorative justice practices, and supporting the leadership of young people, parents, and educators.</p> <p>he was also co-chair of The Puerto Rican Agenda of Chicago for six years, a non-profit organization of local Puerto Rican leaders who influence policy for the self-determination of Puerto Ricans and provided political commentary on WGN TV Chicago during election cycles.</p> <p>Senator Pacione-Zayas currently serves on the Education, Health, Higher Education, Human Rights and Revenue committees.</p>
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State Senate – District 21 Race

<p>Candidate: Laura Ellman</p> <p>Office: 21st. Senate</p> <p>Address: 329 W. Gartner Road Naperville, IL 60540</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://ellmanforillinois.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$563,451.69 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Assessor, Argonne National Laboratory</p> <p>Education: Grinnell College, University of Iowa</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Senator Ellman knows what it takes to solve complex problems. Professionally, she has more than 25 years of experience working in manufacturing and engineering and dealing with regulations and policies. She has also been active in her community through her work on the Naperville Fair Housing Commission, Toastmasters, and as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Feed My Starving Children, and as an ESL tutor.</p> <p>Senator Ellman currently lives in Naperville with her husband Pete, a musician and small business owner, and their two children – Lizzie and Barrett.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Kathleen Murray</p> <p>Office: 21st. Senate</p> <p>Address: 327 W. Morris Ave. Lombard, IL 60148</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.electkathleenmurray.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$9,498.08 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: CCO, Titanium Technologies</p> <p>Education: Quincy University, B.A. and M.B.A.</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website: As a tech executive who has spent her entire career in the private sector, Kathleen understands and has always been held accountable to the bottom line. Employees don't get paid, services can't be rendered, and companies can't exist unless business leaders produce, control expenses, and are held responsible for mismanagement. It is time for the Illinois public to take the same approach towards their elected officials. Illinois democrats have overseen higher costs of living and ever-increasing tax hikes on their constituents, making living in Illinois barely affordable.</p> <p>Kathleen will take the perspective of a business owner and taxpayer to Springfield and work to cut waste and balance budgets. She will vote NO on any legislative pay raises and will introduce legislation to credit Illinoisans back any increase to their state income tax at the rate of inflation in the prior year.</p>
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State Senate – District 22 Race

<p>Candidate: Cristina Castro</p> <p>Office: 22nd Senate</p> <p>Address: 940 N. Spring St. Elgin, IL 60120</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorcristinacastro.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$321,500.74 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Elgin Community College, Northern Illinois University (MBA)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Castro's public service career began in 2008 when she was elected to the Kane County Board where she served until 2016. In addition to the Kane County Board, she served on the board of directors for the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Black History Family Festival and Centro de Información.</p> <p>In her role as a state senator, she has stood up for working families and is never afraid to ask the tough questions. She has reached across the aisle on the issues that matter most to the people in her district and works in a bipartisan fashion to help solve problems to move Illinois in the right direction.</p> <p>She is a member of the Latino Caucus and is Chairperson of the Executive Committee. She also serves on the Commerce, Energy and Public Utilities, Healthcare Access and Availability, Insurance, and Labor Committees.</p>
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State Senate – District 23 Race

<p>Candidate: Dennis Reboletti</p> <p>Office: 23rd Senate</p> <p>Address: 573 W. Gladys Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No. Reboletti is a former state rep. from 2007-2015</p> <p>Web Site Address:</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$131,052.41 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From TheIllinoize.com</p> <p>He said he began considering a race when, as the pandemic dragged on, the legislature refused to act on any clarity or limitation to the governor’s emergency powers.</p> <p>Reboletti says he isn’t and wasn’t opposed to all mitigations during the pandemic, especially in the early days and weeks, but says the legislature needed to step in to clarify the Governor’s powers at some point.</p> <p>“I’m a pragmatic conservative. I take a thoughtful approach to each issue. Issue by issue, how does it impact my constituents, my district, and then, what’s best for the state of Illinois,” he said. “I am a conservative, but that doesn’t mean I’m unable to balance things or only be tied to Trump or QAnon or whatever. You can paint me as whatever you like, but I’ll let my record speak for itself.”</p> <p>Reboletti says he has the support of Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie (R-Hawthorn Woods) and the GOP campaign arm.</p>
<p>Candidate: Suzanne Glowiak-Hilton</p> <p>Office: 23rd Senate</p> <p>Address: 4146 Rose Ave. Western Springs, IL 60558</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (She is currently the state senator for the 23rd district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://suzyforsenate.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,580,955.78 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, Engineering consultant</p> <p>Education: Illinois Institute of Technology, Northwestern University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website</p> <p>Community involvement and public service have always been priorities in Suzy’s life. When her children were young, she was an active school volunteer. She is a member of the First Congregational Church of Western Springs where she served on the Properties Committee and was a board member of the Women’s Society.</p> <p>To give back to her community, Suzy served two terms on the Recreation Commission, which she chaired for two years. The residents of Western Springs recognized Suzy’s dedication to her community and elected her once in 2009 and then again in 2013 as Village Trustee.</p> <p>During her tenure on the Western Springs Village Board, Suzy has been a voice for balanced budgets. While chairing the Public Works and Water Committee, she took major steps in improving the water quality with the construction of a new water purification plant</p>

State Senate – District 24

<p>Candidate: Seth Lewis Office: 24th Senate Address: 29W571 Sunnydale Ct. Bartlett, IL 60103</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No (he is the current state rep. for the 45th district) Web Site Address: https://votesethlewis.com/ Cash on Hand: \$116,199.46 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: State representative Education: University of Iowa Biography / Statement: Seth Lewis has been a resident of Bartlett, Ill., since 2001. He is a proud father of two, a husband and a small business owner. Raised in Iowa, Seth graduated from the University of Iowa in 1991 with a degree in industrial engineering. He began his career at Culligan International in Illinois. After eight successful years at Culligan, Seth took a new job as vice president of operations for a small business in Melrose Park, Ill.</p> <p>It was the decline in the Illinois business environment that motivated Seth to run for the Illinois House. In 1991, Seth came to Illinois to find work in the manufacturing sector – 15 years later he was forced to change industries because of the manufacturing sector’s decline. Seth wants to bring his personal story to Springfield and help incentivize the manufacturing and business sectors in Illinois.</p>
<p>Candidate: Lauren Nowak Office: 24th Senate Address: 104 Wilcox Bartlett, IL 60103</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://vote-usa.org/intro.aspx?state=il&id=ilnowaklauren Cash on Hand: \$0.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Interpreter, DuPage County Board Member Education: Knox College, Northern Illinois University Biography / Statement: From Vote-USA A better, more just and equitable world is possible. Healthcare, housing, education, safety, justice, political representation, and unabridged human rights should be something every person can "afford" to access. I am the type of person to speak up. I don't just ask why, I ask "why no."</p> <p>I jump feet first into new challenges with a dedicated and energetic commitment to solutions-oriented public service. I have proven to be a natural problem-solver with a zeal for process improvements, and an ability to connect with a wide range of people and bring teams together. I am both an idealist and a realist, and I am ready to run.</p> <p>I currently am active with the Legion of Young Polish Women collecting supplies and donations for Ukraine, and is on the fundraising committee for the Children’s Advocacy Center.</p>

State Senate – District 25 Race

<p>Candidate: Karina Villa</p> <p>Office: 25th Senate</p> <p>Address: 423 E. National St. West Chicago, IL 60185</p> 	<p>Party: Democrat</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.senatorvilla.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$235,787.79 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Aurora University (MSW)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website She was elected to the Illinois Senate on November 6, 2020, and is a passionate advocate for students and families with a strong record of service to the community. Senator Villa is the first Latina to represent the 25th District.</p> <p>Karina earned a master’s degree in social work from Aurora University. She became a school social worker and has worked in the West Chicago and Villa Park school systems. Karina has strong family ties. She and her brother are children of immigrant parents who are small business owners in the community.</p> <p>Prior to being elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, Villa served as Vice President of the West Chicago District 33 Board of Education where she worked to maintain a balanced budget for the school district, while negotiating equitable teacher contracts and providing increased services to students.</p>
<p>Candidate: Heather Brown</p> <p>Office: 25th Senate</p> <p>Address: 121 E. Blair St. West Chicago, IL 60185</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://brownilseator25.org/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$6,004.62 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Aldерwoman, City of West Chicago</p> <p>Education: College of DuPage</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Since having children, Heather became an Alderman for the City of West Chicago. Just this past December, she was the only person on the council to vote against increasing taxes. As an alderman, she has been an independent thinker. She has responded to constituents outside her ward to help whenever possible in her sub committees of Public Affairs and Infrastructure. She has reached across the aisle when helping small businesses over the years whenever they sought assistance.</p> <p>Heather has been married to her husband for eight years. She has been homeschooling her two young children since 2020. Family has always been important in her life. Her family has been her main support system after being diagnosed six years ago with Stiff Person Syndrome; a rare autoimmune disease. In addition to fighting her own health battles, she is a fighter for others and their families.</p>

State Senate – District 26 Race

<p>Candidate: Dan McConchie</p> <p>Office: 26th Senate</p> <p>Address: 14 John Drive Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatormcconchie.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$4,311,626.84 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Energy Consultant, Verde Solutions</p> <p>Education: Central Bible College</p> <p>Biography/Statement: From his website Dan McConchie was elected by his peers to serve as the Illinois Senate Republican Leader in January 2021, and has served as State Senator for the 26th District since 2016.</p> <p>Prior to his election as Leader, Dan served as a Caucus budget negotiator, advocating for responsible state spending and lower taxes. He currently serves on the Senate Executive and Redistricting committees.</p> <p>Dan joined the Army National Guard on his 17th birthday and served nine years in the infantry and military police. He spent 20 years working in public affairs for national advocacy groups, and two years as an Adjunct Professor at Trinity International University where he taught a graduate-level bioethics and public policy course.</p> <p>Dan and his wife, Milena, reside in Hawthorn Woods and have two adult daughters.</p>
<p>Candidate: Maria Peterson</p> <p>Office: 26th Senate</p> <p>Address: 125 Carriage Road North Barrington, IL 60010</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://mariapetersonforsenate.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1034,213.94 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: Loyola University of Chicago, John Marshall Law School</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website She has served on numerous boards, including the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), the North Barrington Plan Commission, the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club as past President, and the League of Women Voters as Environmental Co-Chair. As a 30-year member of Sierra Club, she has also served as a volunteer advocate.</p> <p>In 2018, she ran as the Democratic candidate for Lake County Board, District 17, which she narrowly lost. Now Maria is poised to focus on the pressing issues that affect the values, needs and quality of life of her constituents within Illinois State Senate District 26, such as: protecting women’s rights, the environment, jobs and the economy, health care, and mental health care.</p> <p>“I will also fight to protect senior citizens, such as my father, from paying any retirement tax; and work to consolidate taxing districts.”</p>

State Senate – District 27 Race

<p>Candidate: Ann Gillespie Office: 27th Senate Address: 1107 S. Fernandez Ave. Arlington Heights, IL 60005</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://senatoranngillespie.org/ Cash on Hand: \$531,937.18 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, retired business executive Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, DePaul University Biography / Statement: A retired business executive and lifelong resident of the northwest suburbs, Gillespie brings a unique perspective to the state legislature. She is committed to improving Illinois’ financial outlook, its business climate and the quality of life for people in the 27th District and beyond.</p> <p>Gillespie understands the importance of public P-12 education. She attended Brentwood Elementary School in Des Plaines, and her two children, Gillian and Kevin – both of whom are now adults – attended Juliette Low Elementary School in Arlington Heights.</p> <p>Protecting Illinois’ social safety net is a priority for Gillespie, who worked minimum wage jobs as a youth to help support her family after her father suffered serious injuries in a plane crash. She also utilized state programs that enabled her to go to college.</p> <p>Senator Gillespie is the Chair of the Senate Ethics Committee and sits on the Commerce, Health, Insurance and Local Government Committees.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Bill Robertson Office: 27th Senate Address: 390 West Mahogany Ct. Palatine, IL 60067</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://electrobertson.com/ Cash on Hand: \$35,299.66 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Superintendent, Adjunct Professor Education: Western Illinois University, Rockford University, Concordia University Biography / Statement: For nearly a decade, Robertson served as superintendent of schools for two school districts, providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, while maintaining fiscally responsible balanced budgets.</p> <p>Even after becoming a superintendent, Robertson has never lost his roots as an educator. Since 2015, he has served as an Adjunct Professor of School Law at Concordia University Chicago, where he teaches graduate-level courses to the next generation of school administrators.</p> <p>Robertson uses his expertise to support his community and further the field of education. He was elected to his local school board, Township High School District 211, where he served for four years, including as Board President.</p>
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State Senate – District 28

<p>Candidate: Laura Murphy</p> <p>Office: 28th Senate</p> <p>Address: 901 E. Villa Dr. Des Plaines, IL 60016</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/senatorlauramurphy</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$585,886.33 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Social services management, legislator</p> <p>Education: Illinois State University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Born into a middle-class family in Park Ridge, State Senator Laura Murphy (D-Des Plaines) graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor’s degree in political science. She spent the last 20 years as an active member of the Des Plaines community, including eight years as an alderman for the city’s 3rd Ward.</p> <p>Murphy was appointed to the Illinois State Senate in 2015 to represent the 28th Senate District.</p> <p>In 2020, she was appointed Deputy Majority Leader of the Senate. Murphy also serves as chair of the Committee on Executive Appointments, as vice-chair of the Committee on Local Government, and as a member of the Committees on Assignments, Commerce, Environment and Conservation, Executive, Financial Institutions, Higher Education, and Labor.</p>
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State Senate – District 29

<p>Candidate: Julie Morrison</p> <p>Office: 29th Senate</p> <p>Address: 1172 Timber Lane Lake Forest, IL 60045</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.julie-morrisonforstatelibrary.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$544,598.55 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Knox College</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Julie Morrison has served as State Senator for the 29th District since 2012. In the Senate, Julie has focused on legislation to protect children, the rights of people with developmental disabilities, and issues involving ethics and good government – areas that reflect some of the same priorities Julie has dedicated herself to throughout her career.</p> <p>During the past 4 years Julie has also sponsored numerous ethics and good government bills and continues to push for reforms and increased transparency in campaign finance, government appointments, and lobbying activities. Julie is currently vice-chair of the Human Services Committee and serves on the Environment and Conservation, Education, Commerce and Economic Development, and Transportation committees.</p> <p>Julie and her husband, Joe, live in Deerfield. They have three grown children.</p>
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State Senate – District 30

<p>Candidate: Adriane Johnson</p> <p>Office: 30th Senate</p> <p>Address: 1409 Madison Dr. Buffalo Grove, IL 60089</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.senatoradrianejohnson.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$137,337.71 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: President, Buffalo Grove-Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Education: Columbia College, Loyola University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: As commissioner of the Buffalo Grove Park District Board and the president of the Buffalo Grove-Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, Johnson had dedicated her life to serving the residents, small businesses and local parks of the northern suburbs. Prior to her current job, Johnson served as the president of the Buffalo Grove Park District.</p> <p>Johnson is also currently the chair of the Illinois Association of Park Districts' Board of Trustees, a member of the Village's Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, a member of the Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove, and serves as a volunteer with the Taproot Foundation</p> <p>Through years of hard work and dedication to Buffalo Grove and the surrounding area, Johnson has received many business and service awards, including Buffalo Grove Rotarian of the Year, Board Member and Member of the Year by the Buffalo Grove-Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, Rising Star by the Illinois Association of Park Districts, Women in Business Leadership Award from the North Shore Women's Conference, and the Leadership and Service Award from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.</p>
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State Senate – District 31 Race

<p>Candidate: Mary Edly-Allen</p> <p>Office: 31st Senate</p> <p>Address: 104 2nd Street Libertyville, IL 60048</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No (She is a former state rep. from the 51st district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.marforil31.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$242,115.92 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Former State Representative (Jan. 2019 – Jan. 2021)</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website As a state Senator, Mary will fight to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect a woman’s right to choose • Lower taxes, boost Illinois manufacturing, and bring supply chains home • Advocate for all of our diverse communities • Create real ethics reform in Springfield • Strengthen laws to reduce crime and gun violence • Invest in child care, paid leave, and mental health resources to help families <p>She is a strong leader who will continue to work hard to preserve our environment, stand with our union workers, invest in accessible and affordable mental health and addiction services, and protect a woman’s right to choose.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Adam Solano</p> <p>Office: 31st Senate</p> <p>Address: 12 Lighthouse Lane Third Lake, IL 60030</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.solanoforsenate.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$22,076.08 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Insurance and annuities analyst</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Adam began his career in the financial services industry with Mass Mutual in February 1993. He later branded his practice under Lakeside Financial Group located in Grayslake, Illinois, a northern suburb of Chicago.</p> <p>Adam is the Past President of his local professional association, NAIFA Chicago and NAIFA Illinois. He has been a member of the Million Dollar Round Table since 1997 with 12 Court of the Table and 4 Top of the Table qualifications.</p> <p>More recently, he finished writing his first book titled “MDRT @ the Office/Top of the Table @ Home” about work-life balance and is working on a second book titled, “What About Joseph? 9 Lessons of faith and fatherhood from Jesus earthly dad”.</p> <p>Adam is a native to Lake County Illinois and has lived in Grayslake since 1996 with his wife, 4 children and 2 dogs.</p>
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State Senate – District 32

<p>Candidate: Craig Wilcox Office: 32nd Senate Address: 5908 Whiting Dr. McHenry, IL 60050</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://senatorwilcox.com/ Cash on Hand: \$117,543.56 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Retired military, Legislator Education: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Biography / Statement: Craig Wilcox is the State Senator for the 32nd Senate District of Illinois, and has served in this role since his appointment in October of 2018. He currently serves as Minority Spokesperson for the Veterans Affairs and Local Government Committees, and as a member of the Energy & Public Utilities, Financial Institutions, Human Rights, Labor, State Government and Transportation Committees.</p> <p>Before his appointment to the Illinois Senate, Wilcox served on the McHenry County Board from 2016-2018, representing District 4. Prior to serving his community in government, Colonel Craig Wilcox spent 24 years (1989-2013) serving in the United States Air Force, where he served as Commander of the 89th Airlift Support Group at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.</p> <p>He and his wife, Janice, have three children. With a heart for community service, the two spend much of their time volunteering at numerous veterans' events, school activities, and local festivals.</p>
<p>Candidate: Allena Barbato Office: 32nd Senate Address: 206 Cedar Ave. #1492 Lake Villa, IL</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.barbatoforsenate.com/ Cash on Hand: \$0.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, Lake Villa Trustee Education: University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Southern Illinois University School of Law Biography / Statement: From her website Barbato is running on a platform of protecting a woman's right to choose, common sense gun reform that protects children while respecting responsible gun owners, supporting small business through removing excessive regulation, preserving our environment and fixing our roads. She believes that the change we need can be achieved through diligence and working together.</p> <p>Allena is an attorney who works to help keep students safe, provides Crisis Intervention Training for first responders and serves as a Trustee on the Lake Villa town council. She lives in Lake Villa with her husband Dupree and has two young adult daughters.</p>

State Senate – District 33

<p>Candidate: Donald DeWitte</p> <p>Office: 33rd Senate</p> <p>Address: 230 Sedgewick Circle St. Charles, IL 60174</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatordewitte.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$182,294.40 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Elgin Community College, University of Illinois at Springfield</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Donald P. DeWitte is the State Senator for the 33rd Senate District of Illinois, and has served in this role since his appointment in September of 2018. He currently serves as the Minority Spokesperson for the Senate Transportation and Senate Revenue Committees, and as a member of the Behavioral & Mental Health, Commerce, Executive, Local Government and Pensions Committees.</p> <p>Prior to his appointment to the Illinois State Senate, DeWitte was the Mayor of St. Charles from 2005 to 2013, and a St. Charles alderman from 1993 to 2005.</p> <p>DeWitte and his wife, Diane, have been married for over 35 years and together they have two adult children.</p>
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State Senate – District 34 Race

<p>Candidate: Steve Stadelman</p> <p>Office: 34th Senate</p> <p>Address: 5352 Winners Circle Caledonia, IL 61011</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorstadelman.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$498,337.14 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Wisconsin-Madison</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Steve Stadelman is an award-winning TV news anchor and father of four who decided to run for a seat in the Illinois Senate because his experiences as a journalist and parent convinced him of the need for fresh, no-nonsenserepresentation in Springfield. Citizens in the Rockford-based 34th District elected him with 64 percent of the vote in 2012.</p> <p>In 2018, Stadelman was named Legislator of the Year for his work on the statewide expansion of the Rivers Edge tax credit for redevelopment of historic properties like the Prairie Street Brewhouse and Amerock Embassy Suites hotelin downtown Rockford. Senator Stadelman previously had been awarded Legislator of the Year by the National Alliance on Mental Illness.</p> <p>Senator Stadelman and his wife, Patty, have four children who all have attended Rockford Public Schools. The oldest is now studying at the University of Illinois-Champaign, and the other three are enrolled at Guilford High School.</p>
<p>Candidate: Juan Reyes</p> <p>Office: 34th Senate</p> <p>Address: 2266 Lamar Ave. Rockford, IL 61108</p>	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address:</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$0.00 – May '22</p>	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p>

State Senate – District 35 Race

<p>Candidate: Dave Syverson</p> <p>Office: 35th Senate</p> <p>Address: 7319 West Ridge Ln. Cherry Valley, IL 61016</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatordavesyverson.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$344,143.77 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Since joining the Senate in 1993, Dave Syverson has been a reformer, pushing to fix Illinois’ broken ways. Every day, Dave puts his values to work as he represents the people of Northern Illinois.</p> <p>Born in Chicago, Dave was raised and educated in Rockford. Dave and his wife Lori have four children and two grandchildren. Dave comes from a financial background and is currently working with Williams Manny in Rockford. In addition, he is a partner in a number of other business interests. Dave is also involved in many local charitable causes; one near and dear to him is the building of playgrounds in under-served areas and at local schools.</p> <p>Dave currently serves as Republican Caucus Whip in the Senate as well as the Republican Spokesman for the Senate Health, Healthcare Access and Availability, and Insurance Committees and is a member on the Senate Behavioral and Mental Health, Executive, and Tourism and Hospitality Committees.</p>
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State Senate – District 36 Race

<p>Candidate: Michael Halpin Office: 36th Senate Address: 2009 34th Ave. Rock Island, IL 61201</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No (He is the current state rep. for the 72nd District) Web Site Address: https://halpinforillinois.com/ Cash on Hand: \$1,771,881.60 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, legislator Education: Roger Williams University, University of Illinois (J.D.) Biography / Statement: Congressman Lane Evans hired Mike in early 2002 as his district scheduler and personal aide. Mike traveled with Lane throughout the district, working with local elected officials and constituents to arrange town hall meetings and other events. Mike also served as Lane’s liaison with the National Personnel Records Center, helping local veterans receive the military honors they had earned during their service.</p> <p>Mike has been practicing law at the Rock Island firm of McCarthy, Callas, & Feeny, P.C. for the past five years. In 2013, after only three years at the firm, he became a partner. His primary areas of practice are Labor Law and Municipal Law, as well as representing working people in their family law, traffic, and real estate matters.</p>
<p>Candidate: Mike Thoms Office: 36th Senate Address: 4205 14th St. Rock Island, IL 61201</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.thomsforillinois.com/ Cash on Hand: \$2,083.52 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Mayor, City of Rock Island Education: Biography / Statement: Mike Thoms is a fourth-generation resident of Rock Island. He and his wife Sara have been married for 41 years and have three adult children and seven grandchildren.</p> <p>Mike worked his way up at the family business, Thoms-Proestler Co., for 29 years. He started as a dockworker and advanced to inventory control, buyer, warehouse manager, Vice President of Operation, and finally to Chief Operation Officer.</p> <p>Mike was the president of Renaissance Rock Island, a non-profit economic development organization, for over two years. He also serves or has served on the boards of several non-profit organizations.</p>

State Senate – District 37

<p>Candidate: Win Stoller</p> <p>Office: 37th Senate</p> <p>Address: 1134 N. Blackberry Ln. East Peoria, IL 61611</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorstoller.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$199,056.90 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: CEO of Widmer Interiors, Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois (MBA)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Win actively volunteers in the community including being past Board Chair for the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce, past Treasurer of Business PAC of Central Illinois, 23-year Advisory Board Member and Past President for The Salvation Army, and Past President of the Rotary Club of Peoria. He is a Church Elder and served as Campus Outreach Board Member for 12 years at Grace Presbyterian Church. He also served on the Illinois State University College of Business Advisory Board for over 9 years.</p>
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State Senate – District 38

<p>Candidate: Sue Rezin</p> <p>Office: 38th Senate</p> <p>Address: 5395 Crescent Green Ct. Morris, IL 60450</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorrezin.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$686,269.65 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Augustana College</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Senator Rezin currently serves as the Minority Spokesperson on the Senate Energy and Public Utilities, Education, and Human Rights committees. She is also a member of the Senate Executive, Health, and Insurance committees, as well as a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.</p> <p>Community service has always been extremely important to Senator Rezin. For over twenty years, she served as a wish grantor and volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois. For seven years, she served as a Board Member and past Vice President for the Community Foundation of Greater Grundy County to help improve the lives of people in need, childcare, workforce development and land use and preservation. She has also volunteered her time with the Edgar Fellows Program, where students participate in an intense four-day executive leadership-training program.</p>
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State Senate – District 39

<p>Candidate: Don Harmon</p> <p>Office: 39th Senate</p> <p>Address: 814 N. Elmwood Ave. Oak Park, IL 60302</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://harmonforillinois.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$19,660,606.97 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, Legislator</p> <p>Education: Knox College, University of Chicago (MBA, J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: He was first elected to represent the 39th District in the Illinois Senate in 2002.</p> <p>Senate President Harmon was appointed Assistant Majority Leader in 2009, and in 2011 was named Senate President Pro Tempore. He has spent his Senate tenure shaping policy and fighting for progressive change. In January of 2020, his colleagues recognized his efforts and elected him to be the 39th President of the Illinois Senate.</p> <p>In his first year as Senate President, Harmon has been tasked with guiding his Senate colleagues through a global pandemic, tumbling economy, and the civil unrest and public policy implications of the historic reckoning of systemic racism in America.</p>
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State Senate – District 40 Race

<p>Candidate: Patrick Joyce</p> <p>Office: 40th Senate</p> <p>Address: 18136 W. 2000N Road Reddick, IL 60961</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/senPatrickjoyce40</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$645,859.39 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Farmer, Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website</p> <p>A local business owner and fourth-generation farmer, Senator Patrick Joyce has deep ties to the 40th Senate District. He grew up in Reddick and has lived in Essex for 24 years with his wife, Rita.</p> <p>Joyce’s experience of losing his daughter, Katelyn, to leukemia in 2011 inspired him to improve the health care system. While she was undergoing treatment, Joyce saw first-hand how difficult the American medical system can be to navigate and how difficult living through a serious illness can be – even for a family with substantial support and resources. He believes that increasing advocacy and support services would improve the American health system immensely.</p> <p>Senator Joyce also knows that education is a priority that unites everyone in the South Suburbs, Kankakee, and surrounding area. One of his key goals is to promote smaller class sizes. Study after study shows that smaller class sizes improve educational outcomes for children of every background.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Philip Nagel Office: 40th Senate Address: 203 E. Cermak Rd. Braidwood, IL 60408</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.nagelforsenate.com/ Cash on Hand: \$28,719.90 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Mitigation specialist Education: Biography / Statement: From his website What I want you to know about me is that I am a normal everyday guy that enlisted in the Air Force after High School. I received many commendations and ribbons during the war on terror. They selected me to attend Warrant Officer School by my commanding officer.</p> <p>I never considered politics until these last two years injected us all into a fight to preserve the Constitution. During this time, we have watched the Democrats erode the constitution by removing one freedom after another from we the people. If my military experience has taught me one thing; it is that freedom isn't free!</p> <p>I am running for State Senate, as I cannot and will not stand by any longer while the Governor and his Super Majority of Democrats attack our Religious Freedoms, deprive our Children of Fresh Air, and Fire those Front-Line Workers that carried us through the last 2 years; all because we choose freedom over communism. My Message to the Democrats is: "YOU ARE NOT OUR OVERLORDS AND YOU ARE NO LONGER IN CONTROL!"</p>
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State Senate – District 41 Race

<p>Candidate: John Curran</p> <p>Office: 41st Senate</p> <p>Address: 5926 Grand Ave. Downers Grove, IL 60516</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorcurran.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$471,784.70 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Northern Illinois University College of Law</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Prior to joining the General Assembly, Curran served as the Vice-Chairman of the DuPage County Board, and was a board member from 2008 to 2017. While sitting on the County Board, he led the implementation of cost-saving personnel policy reforms that are projected to save DuPage County \$28 million over the next 20 years.</p> <p>Following 19 years working as an Assistant State’s Attorney in the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, Curran now works as an attorney at a private law firm in Oak Brook.</p> <p>Curran is the Minority Spokesman for the Senate Assignments and the Senate Ethics Committees, and also serves as a member of the Health, Healthcare Access & Affordability, Higher Education, Licensed Activities and Insurance Committees.</p>
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State Senate – District 42 Race

<p>Candidate: Paul Santucci</p> <p>Office: 42nd Senate</p> <p>Address: 49 Breckenridge Dr. Aurora, IL 60504</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://santucci4senate.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,986.37 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Paul Santucci has been a small business owner, an active member for the Naperville and Aurora Chambers of Commerce since 2007 and an elected Naperville Township Trustee since 2013.</p> <p>Mr. Santucci has been a part of a very diverse community his entire life, and truly appreciates and understands the importance of supporting people and cultures of all backgrounds. He will not stop fighting for peace and compassion for all people and issues that face this great state. Paul is sick and tired of the political divisiveness that plagues the Illinois General Assembly, and he will work every hour of every day he is in the senate to create a unity amongst the senators and representatives of Illinois from both parties.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Linda Holmes</p> <p>Office: 42nd Senate</p> <p>Address: 1869 Turtle Creek Dr. Aurora, IL 60504</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.senatorholmes.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,066,830.31 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website</p> <p>Assistant Majority Leader Linda Holmes is a member of Senate President Don Harmon's leadership team. She has served in the Illinois State Senate since 2006, bringing her experience as a successful small business owner and community volunteer to the General Assembly. Her business perspective contributes to her record in economic development and increased government efficiency. Her commitment to all Illinoisans is seen in her legislative action to improve health, well-being and quality of life.</p> <p>Holmes advocates for numerous health initiatives. She supported efforts to require health insurance companies provide for an adequate number of health care specialists within their insurance network so that families never have to choose between paying out-of-network costs or traveling great distances to get proper care. She has sponsored legislation to increase physical fitness education in our schools, where early learning about good health habits can contribute to a lifetime of wellness.</p>
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State Senate – District 43 Race

<p>Candidate: Diane Harris Office: 43rd Senate Address: 424 Buell Ave. Joliet, IL 60435</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://dianeharrisforstatesenate.com/ Cash on Hand: \$5,078.46 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner Education: Joliet Junior College, University of Phoenix Biography / Statement: From her website My name is Diane M. Harris, a Social and Fiscal Conservative, Pro-life Baptist mother of three and one dog. Born in a Conservative Democrat family, taught to love thy neighbor as thyself and always work hard for what's to be achieved in life.</p> <p>I currently serve as Trustee for Joliet's Public Library, Vice Chairman of the Joliet Township Republicans, 23rd Precinct Committeeman and a member of many boards and organizations throughout Will County.</p> <p>Our forefathers created laws base on a government for the people. We should not be, and our children's children should not be indebted to the government year after year. That's why it's crucial we elect a conservative like me, who supports tax cuts, reducing the burdens of the payers, election reform for fair elections, 2nd Amendment for the right to keep and bear arms, and spending cuts to reduce the deficit within government. Supporting a government for the people and one that serves the people is the American way.</p>
<p>Candidate: Rachel Ventura Office: 43rd Senate Address: 617 N. Raynor Ave. Joliet, IL 60435</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: http://leefor43state.senate.online/ Cash on Hand: \$42,371.16 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Business Director, Legendary Games Education: Benedictine University (B.S.) Biography / Statement: From her website She currently serves as chair of the Public Health and Safety as well as vice-president of the Will County Forest Preserve. Ventura also serves on the Financial Committee, Executive Committee, Ad Hoc Modern Housing Committee, the Nature Foundation, and the Heritage Corridor Visitors Bureau. She has also served as a Will County Board member since December of 2018</p> <p>As an elected county board member, Rachel helped to secure long-term clean water for the 800 families living in Fairmont. Due to her hard work and perseverance, Will County became the second county in Illinois to adopt the Greenest Region Compact.</p> <p>She continues to advocate for affordable housing, recovery homes, housing for the homeless, an end to systemic racism, and the creation of opportunities for jobs with livable wages.</p>

State Senate – District 44

<p>Candidate: Sally Turner</p> <p>Office: 42nd Senate</p> <p>Address: 1200 1600th Ave. Beason, IL 62512</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorsallyturner.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$47,685.02 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, consultant</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Sally is a lifelong resident of Illinois and a graduate of the University of Illinois, where she earned a degree in legal studies. She went on to become a juvenile probation officer before serving six years as a paralegal in the Office of the Logan County State’s Attorney. Her public service career began in 1994, when she was elected as Logan County Clerk and Recorder followed by five more consecutive re-elections.</p> <p>While serving as Logan County Clerk, Sally returned to college part-time and earned a master’s degree from Lincoln Christian University in Organizational Leadership. There, she also taught Citizens and Government classes for 13 years.</p> <p>During the last two years, Sally opened her own consulting business that assisted local government entities with budgets, levies, and the Property Tax Limitation Law.</p>
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State Senate – District 45 Race

<p>Candidate: Andrew Chesney</p> <p>Office: 45th Senate</p> <p>Address: 960 Woodside Terrace Freeport, IL 61032</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No (Currently a state rep. for the 89th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repchesney.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$240,493.88 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Arizona State University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Prior to his service in the Illinois House of Representatives, Chesney was an elected member of the Freeport City Council, where he built a reputation as a strong advocate for more funding for public infrastructure, blight reduction, and law enforcement.</p> <p>Representative Chesney is an unapologetic conservative voice in Springfield with a record of consistently standing up for Second Amendment rights, the men and women of law enforcement, personal freedom, and the rights of parents to make decisions affecting their children’s health, education and upbringing.</p> <p>Freeport is his home, although Chesney was raised in Shannon, and is a proud graduate of Eastland High School. In 2004, he graduated Cum Laude from Arizona State University with a degree in Communication. In 2013, he was blessed to marry his wife, Kelly. They live in Freeport with their two dogs, Hector and Paley.</p>
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State Senate – District 46 Race

<p>Candidate: Dave Koehler</p> <p>Office: 46th Senate</p> <p>Address: 1020 NE Glen Oak Ave. Peoria, IL 61603</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.senatordavekoehler.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$465,171.62 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time legislator</p> <p>Education: Yankton College (B.A.) United Theological Seminary (M.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement (From his website): He became a staff member for the National Farm Workers Ministry in 1972. In 1978, he left his position with the farm worker ministry to move to Peoria, where he became a community organizer and the program manager for the Peoria Friendship House, an organization dedicated to helping citizens in need secure education, nutrition, clothing, shelter and other basic necessities.</p> <p>After working with State Senator George Shadid for many years, Koehler decided to run for Shadid's seat after the longtime senator announced his retirement. Koehler won election in 2006; he was re-elected in 2010, 2012 and 2016.</p> <p>As an outspoken advocate for health care reform, he sponsored initiatives to expand and improve health care, especially for Illinois' vulnerable citizens.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Desi Anderson</p> <p>Office: 46th Senate</p> <p>Address: 233 Denman road Carlock, IL 61725</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address:</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$55,670.76 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From an interview with Cities929.com</p> <p>Desi Anderson made the decision to enter the race this past week in hopes of unifying an increasingly divided society and to be a fresh voice in Springfield.</p> <p>Anderson grew up in Bulgaria as an orphan before being adopted by a family in Oregon at almost eight years of age.</p> <p>Anderson has dedicated her life in serving non-profits. But Anderson isn't new to the Bloomington-Normal area, in fact she has served the area as an intern on the Hill. Anderson was a Congressional intern to the Rodney Davis office, she settled in the Midwest, earning a degree with a double major at Indiana University.</p> <p>In 2019 she married her husband Nick at their property in Heyworth, IL which serves now as their business, The Hesed House Venue.</p>
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State Senate – District 47

<p>Candidate: Neil Anderson</p> <p>Office: 47th Senate</p> <p>Address: 1428 11th Ave. E Andalusia, IL 61232</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently a state senator for the 36th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorneilanderson.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$185,855.78 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, firefighter</p> <p>Education: University of Nebraska</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>Currently, Sen. Anderson is serving as Minority Spokesperson for the Senate's Licensed Activities and Public Safety Committees, Anderson is also a member of the Senate's Commerce, Criminal Law, Energy & Public Utilities and Transportation Committees.</p> <p>Neil was raised in the Quad City area and grew up working alongside his father in the family business installing floors.</p> <p>After attending the University of Nebraska, Neil and his wife Brandi moved back to the Quad Cities where he joined a volunteer fire department. It didn't take long for Neil to realize that serving the public as a firefighter was his true life calling. He went on to earn his paramedic license and join the Moline Fire Department in 2006.</p> <p>Neil and his wife Brandi currently reside in Andalusia with their two children, Steel and Sophia.</p>
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State Senate – District 48 Race

<p>Candidate: Doris Turner Office: 48th District Address: 2100 E. Lawrence Ave. Springfield, IL 62703</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.senatordoristurner.com/ Cash on Hand: \$1,956,687.06 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator Education: Biography / Statement: Following a long and productive tenure on the Springfield City Council and Sangamon County Board, Senator Doris Turner was appointed to represent the 48th Legislative District in February of 2021.</p> <p>Senator Turner is a lifelong resident of Springfield, and has lived all of her adult life in the 3rd Ward. A recent retiree from the Illinois Department of Public Health after working 33 years for the State of Illinois with twenty-two of those with the Department of Public Health, she has spent her entire career working to enhance the lives of those around her and looks forward to continuing this work in the state Senate.</p> <p>She and her husband, Cecil, have three children ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren.</p>
<p>Candidate: Sandy Hamilton Office: 48th District Address: 4213 Gaskell Dr. Springfield, IL 62711</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No (She is a State Rep for the 99th District) Web Site Address: https://rephamilton.com/ Cash on Hand: \$698,840.71 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, small business owner Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Biography / Statement: Sandy Hamilton is married with three boys and has been a life-long resident of Illinois. She and her husband, Bob, have lived in Springfield for more than 20 years. Her professional experience includes real estate broker with Remax Professionals, Inc., specializing in residential and commercial real estate. She is also a small business owner, co-owning local storage units.</p> <p>Prior to her election to the House of Representatives, Sandy was on the Board of Directors, Finance Committee and was an Executive Board Member with Capital Area Realtors (CAR). She has been on the Awards Selection Task Force, a current member of Commercial Real Estate Network (CREN), where she served as President.</p> <p>For more than 30 years Sandy has been a volleyball coach helping young women across central Illinois (high school level) and Parkland Junior College, where the team won the National Championship.</p>

State Senate – District 49 Race

<p>Candidate: Meg Loughran Cappel Office: 49th District Address: 529 Northgate Lane Shorewood, IL 60404</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.senatorloughrancappel.com/ Cash on Hand: \$316,779.63 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, small business owner Education: Biography / Statement: From her website State Senator Meg Loughran Cappel began representing the 49th Senate District in December 2020 following years of shaping lives as a special education teacher and advocate. Loughran Cappel has long been dedicated to fostering inclusive environments for students to learn and thrive. She first entered the professional world as a special education teacher. In 2015, Loughran Cappel became a union representative for her school’s teacher’s union – AFT-IFT Local 604 – to support other educators and help them have meaningful careers. Two years later, she served on the Joliet High School Board, where she worked to improve school safety and technical problems within the district. As a Joliet native, Loughran Cappel had dedicated her life to giving back to the community that helped shape her into the person she is today. In her free time, Loughran Cappel can often be found volunteering at her church or her children’s schools. Her husband and her own a small business located in Shorewood where they reside. Together they have three children.</p>
<p>Candidate: Stacey Keagle Office: 49th District Address: 14063 Front Royal Court Plainfield, IL 60544</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.staceyforstatesenate.com/ Cash on Hand: \$6,051.67 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Nurse Education: University of Illinois – Chicago (MBA) Biography / Statement: From her website The reason I have decided to serve the citizens of Illinois as a lawmaker is because I, like so many others of my fellow Illinoisans, have grown frustrated with how this state is mismanaged. I’ve lost too many of my family members and friends that have fled this state, because of being overtaxed and the loss of jobs. I have volunteered to coach sports teams and served as a referee. I also volunteered for homeless citizens, an animal shelter, provided pageant coaching services to girls in natural beauty pageants, and a Hospice organization. Furthermore, I am ready to perform in another capacity, as a lawmaker. Not only that, but I feel it is my calling to serve this community, the citizens, and their families, to help restore the state of Illinois.</p>

State Senate – District 50

<p>Candidate: Jil Tracy</p> <p>Office: 50th District</p> <p>Address: 1628 Fieldstone Dr. Quincy, IL 62305</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 47th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorjiltracy.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$209,227.08 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Biography/Statement: Senator Jil Tracy was elected to represent the 47th District in the Illinois Senate in November 2016. She had previously served as a member of the Illinois House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014.</p> <p>In her early career, Senator Tracy worked in private law and served as Mt. Sterling City Attorney. Later, Tracy served as an Assistant Illinois Attorney General under Attorney Generals Jim Ryan and Lisa Madigan, where she was Director of the West Central Regional Office for 19 counties.</p> <p>In addition to her legal work and public service, she was a founding Board Member of the Brown County United Way and served for more than 13 years on the Mt. Sterling Park District Board.</p> <p>Senator Tracy and her husband, Jim, live in Quincy and have four grown children and six grandchildren. She currently serves on the John Wood Community College Foundation Board and the WQEC/PBS Board.</p>
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State Senate – District 51

<p>Candidate: Chapin Rose</p> <p>Office: 51st District</p> <p>Address: 201 S. Fox Run Drive Mahomet, IL 61853</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senchapinrose.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$102,946.40 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois, U of I College of Law</p> <p>Biography/Statement: Before being elected to the legislature, Rose served as a Senior Assistant State’s Attorney in Champaign County where he prosecuted felony crimes.</p> <p>Prior to becoming a member of the Illinois Senate in 2013, Rose served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 2003 until 2013. Rose is currently an Assistant Republican Leader in the caucus.</p> <p>Rose was selected to participate in the inaugural class of the 2012 Edgar Fellows Leadership Program. He has also been cited numerous times by the Illinois Farm Bureau and small business groups for his work in supporting pro-job creation and pro-agriculture policies in Springfield.</p> <p>Rose and his wife, Camille, live in Mahomet and have four children. Together their family attends First Christian Church, Champaign, Illinois.</p>
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State Senate – District 52

<p>Candidate: Scott Bennett</p> <p>Office: 52nd Senate</p> <p>Address: 712 W. University Ave. Champaign, IL 61820</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.senatorben nett.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$448,737.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: Illinois State University (B.A.) University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: He is the past President of the Urbana Rotary, Co-Chairperson of the United Way’s 2015 Ready. Set. Grow! Young Children’s Expo, a 2016 Edgar Fellow, a member of the Community Justice Task Force as well as many other civic organizations.</p> <p>As an attorney and prosecutor, Bennett has seen the firsthand dangers that accompany a lack of educational and employment opportunities for community youth. He draws on those experiences to fight for education funding and economic development opportunities for the 52nd State Senate District.</p> <p>Bennett serves as the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Senate Criminal Law Committee. He is also a member of the Higher Education, Labor, State Government, and Appropriations II committees.</p>
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State Senate – District 53

<p>Candidate: Jason Barickman</p> <p>Office: 53rd Senate</p> <p>Address: 3513 Armstrong Dr. Bloomington, IL 61704</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorbarickman.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$792,829.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Partner, Fairlawn Capital</p> <p>Education: Illinois State University (B.A.) University of Illinois (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Jason works every day to make Illinois a better state, where families choose to live. He is the Senate Republican Caucus Chair and serves as the floor leader for the Senate Republican Caucus, Minority Spokesperson on the Executive Committee, and is a member of the Assignments, Energy and Public Utilities, Judiciary, and Labor committees.</p> <p>Jason is a leader of education reform initiatives and played an instrumental role in fixing the education funding disparities across the state, ensuring that all children, regardless of their zip code, have access to a high-quality education.</p> <p>He has a pro-growth mindset, and supports initiatives that attract new economic opportunities in Illinois and/or remove government-imposed constraints on economic growth. He continually advocates for comprehensive ethics reforms and giving people an ability to take control of their government.</p> <p>Jason and his wife, Kristin, live in Bloomington and have three young children.</p>
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State Senate – District 54 Race

<p>Candidate: Steve McClure</p> <p>Office: 54th Senate</p> <p>Address: 1713 Plover Rd. Springfield, IL 62711</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (currently serving the 50th Senate District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatormcclure.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$44,877.97 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Arizona State University (B.A.), University of Illinois Springfield (Masters), Valparaiso University (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>From his website After graduating from law school, Steve accepted a position as an assistant state’s attorney in the Sangamon County Juvenile Division. As a juvenile prosecutor, he was dedicated to protecting children from abusive parents, rehabilitating delinquent youth, and was unwavering on providing assistance to children with chronic absences.</p> <p>From there he went on to serve in the Sangamon County Felony Division. As a felony attorney, Steve prosecuted drug dealers, burglars, violent criminals, gang members, and perpetual thieves. Steve also focused on cases involving those attempting to take financial advantage of senior citizens. He also served as a member of the Lincoln Land Adult Fatality Review Team. The team investigates the abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults that have passed away.</p> <p>Senator McClure has since resigned his position in the state’s attorney’s office in order to better serve the people of the State of Illinois.</p>
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State Senate – District 55 Race

<p>Candidate: Jason Plummer</p> <p>Office: 55th Senate</p> <p>Address: 1516 Oglesby Drive Edwardsville, IL 62025</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 54th Senate District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorjasonplummer.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$78,058.00 - October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Vice President of R.P. Lumber, Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Senator Plummer joined the ranks of Republican lawmakers in 2019, having been elected to serve as the state Senator for the 54th Senate District.</p> <p>The 54th State Senate District encompasses all or portions of Bond, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Madison, Marion, St. Clair, and Washington Counties. It stretches from Edwardsville to Effingham, covering suburbs of St. Louis and historic rural communities, including Vandalia, Illinois' previous capitol city. The 54th District is home to over 200,000 people.</p> <p>Senator Plummer was recently named as Assistant Republican Leader in the Senate Republican Leadership Team for the 102nd General Assembly.</p> <p>He also serves as the Minority Spokesperson for the Senate Financial Institutions Committee as well the Minority Spokesperson for the Executive Appointments Committee. Plummer will also serve as a member of the Commerce, Environment & Conservation, Health, Labor, and Behavioral & Mental Health committees during the current General Assembly.</p>
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State Senate – District 56 Race

<p>Candidate: Erica Harriss</p> <p>Office: 56th Senate</p> <p>Address: 145 Somerset Dr. Glen Carbon, IL 62034</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.ericaforilli.nois.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$761,255.84 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner, Madison County Board</p> <p>Education: Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>From her website Erica Harriss is a proud Metro East native. Born in Highland, Erica grew up, went to school, started her family and founded her own small business right here in Madison County.</p> <p>Erica is an entrepreneur and small business owner, founding her company, which she continues to manage from her home office, in 2014. Since then, her business has been blessed with consistent growth and recognition in its industry.</p> <p>Since 2016, Harriss has represented the 26th District (encompassing Glen Carbon and outlying areas) on the Madison County Board. While on the Board, she has served as the Chairperson of the Personnel Committee and is also a member of the Finance, Government Operations, and Grants committees. Her guiding principle as an elected official has always been to put the taxpayer, the parent, and the resident first.</p> <p>She has been an active member and youth group leader at Metro Community Baptist Church for nearly 25 years, has volunteered with various local charity organizations, and is a regular supporter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Compassion International. Outside of business and public service Erica devotes her time to her family, raising three children in Glen Carbon with her husband Jeff and their two dogs, Penny & Teddy.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Kris Tharp</p> <p>Office: 56th Senate</p> <p>Address: 35 Executive Plaza Court Maryville, IL 62062</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Tharp was appointed to the seat after Rachelle Aud Crow resigned to take a job as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.ilga.gov/senate/Senator.asp?GA=102&MemberID=3017</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$925,669.39 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Captain and Jail Administrator, Madison County Sheriff's Office</p> <p>Education: Lewis and Clark Community College, Lindenwood University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Born and raised in Wood River; life-long resident of the Metro East; Captain and jail administrator for the Madison County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Commander for the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis; Founder of Madison County Triad; Alumna of East Alton - Wood River High School, Lewis and Clark Community College, Lindenwood University in Belleville and the FBI National Academy; Lives in Bethalto with his wife, Jaime, and has two adult sons.</p>
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State Senate – District 57 Race

<p>Candidate: Wavey Lester II</p> <p>Office: 57th Senate</p> <p>Address: 324 Spring Lake Rd. Millstadt, IL 62260</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://lester4senate.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$4,763.44 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Military veteran, small business owner</p> <p>Education: Louisiana State University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website He currently resides in Millstadt with his wife Sara and 2 beautiful kids and has lived in the 57th District since 2002. Since leaving the military in 2006 with an honorable discharge, Wavey became an entrepreneur (real estate investor/business owner) and political enthusiast. Wavey served on a local school board for 3 years. Just prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, he volunteered to serve as as auxiliary police officer.</p> <p>Wavey now hopes he can use his knowledge and life experiences to continue to serve, give back and make a difference in the country he loves. Please vote for Wavey Lester to be your State Senator, District 57.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Christopher Belt</p> <p>Office: 57th Senate</p> <p>Address: 4116 Woodland Park Dr. Swansea, IL 62226</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.senatorbelt.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,035,741.04 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, former law enforcement officer</p> <p>Education: Illinois State University (B.A.) Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (M.P.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website State Senator Christopher Belt grew up in Centreville and is a lifelong resident of Illinois' Metro East area.</p> <p>Prior to serving in the Illinois Senate, Belt enjoyed an 18-year career as a law enforcement officer. He spent 16 years with the St. Clair County Probation and Detention Center and two years as the regional deputy administrator of Aftercare for the central and southern regions of Illinois.</p> <p>Through his experiences as a father and a mentor, Senator Belt recognized that education is vital to the development of young people. To help make a difference, he served four years on the board of Cahokia Unit School District 187, including two years as board president.</p> <p>He resides in Swansea with his wife Stephanie, and his children, Christianna and Stephon.</p>
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State Senate – District 58

<p>Candidate: Terri Bryant</p> <p>Office: 58th Senate</p> <p>Address: 457 Lee Lane Murphysboro, IL 62966</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorbryant.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$174,420.08 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Senator Bryant's commitment to public service began in 1994 at the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). While working in the IDOC, Senator Bryant rose to the rank of Public Service Administrator at the Pinckneyville Correctional Center and the DuQuoin Impact Incarceration Program.</p> <p>In addition to her normal duties over the Dietary Department, Bryant served as a member of the Illinois Department of Corrections Religious Practices Advisory Board, and as both an internal and an external auditor.</p> <p>Senator Bryant serves as the Minority Spokesperson for the Behavioral and Mental Health Committee as well as serving as a member of the Agriculture, Education, Ethics, Executive Appointments, Health, and Hospitality & Tourism committees. Senator Bryant will also serve on the Children & Families and the Long-term Care subcommittees.</p>
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State Senate – District 59

<p>Candidate: Dale Fowler</p> <p>Office: 59th Senate</p> <p>Address: 1356 Rockey Branch Rd. Harrisburg, IL 62946</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://senatorfowler.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$152,160.56 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Senator, business development office for Peoples National Bank</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website As Senator for the 59th Senate District, Dale Fowler is an unwavering advocate for the growth, development and prosperity of the residents, communities and businesses in Southern Illinois.</p> <p>Senator Fowler serves as the Republican Spokesperson for the Senate Higher Education Committee and the Commerce Committee. Senator Fowler is also a member of the Education, Energy & Public Utilities, Revenue and Transportation committees.</p> <p>Senator Fowler is married, and he and his wife, Jill, have two adult children. He is a Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg, a member of Harrisburg Masonic Lodge number 325, and a 35-year member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1058 in Harrisburg.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 1

<p>Candidate: Aaron M. Ortiz</p> <p>Office: 1st Representative</p> <p>Address: 5304 South Artesian Avenue Chicago, IL 60632</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.aaronortiz.org/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$107,882.77 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Former teacher, Legislator</p> <p>Education: Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Aaron Ortiz is an educator and college counselor at Back of the Yards High School. As the first in his family to attend college, he graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor’s degree in Urban Planning. A son of immigrants and a parishioner of St. Clare of Montefalco Church, Aaron is a homeowner and lifelong resident of Gage Park. He is a proud member of the Chicago Teachers Union and high school soccer coach.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 2

<p>Candidate: Elizabeth Hernandez</p> <p>Office: 2nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 3605 S. 59th Ave. Cicero, IL 60804</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (currently representing the 24th district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://ilrep24.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$369,942.01 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: (From her website) Elizabeth “Lisa” Hernandez, a long-time Cicero community activist, is serving in her fourth term as State Representative of the 24th District. Her top legislative priorities have been to crack down on gang violence and crime, create jobs and stimulate the economy, improve educational funding for Cicero and Berwyn schools, increase government openness and transparency, improve childcare, senior and social services, and expand access to quality, affordable health care.</p> <p>Hernandez is the vice-chair of Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and member of the Conference of Women Legislators (COWL). In addition, Lisa is a member of the Education Caucus, Diabetes Caucus and board member for the Children’s Center, Youth Commission, CYTF and Hunger Commission.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 3 Race

<p>Candidate: Eva-Dina Delgado Office: 3rd Representative Address: 2441 N. Saint Louis Ave. Chicago, IL 60647</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.staterep.delgado.com/ Cash on Hand: \$134,615.95 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator Education: Biography / Statement: From her website Representative Eva-Dina Delgado is serving in her second term in the Illinois House of Representatives. She is the Vice Chair of the Public Utilities Committee, and on the following Committees: Appropriations-Public Safety, Consumer Protection, Elementary/Secondary Education-Administration, Licensing, and Charter Schools, Transportation-Vehicle Safety.</p> <p>Eva-Dina has been deeply involved in her community. Her work includes Lawyers Lend-a-Hand to Youth (an organization that supports one-on-one mentorship for youth) and sitting on the Saint Anthony Hospital board, a hospital that serves majority LatinX and African American communities. She currently resides on the Northwest Side of Chicago with her husband and daughter.</p>
<p>Candidate: Jonathan Serrano Office: 3rd Representative Address: 2128 N. Mobile Ave. Chicago, IL 60639</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066545266645 Cash on Hand: \$5,000.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Business operations and sales Education: Biography / Statement: From an Illinois Policy Institute article “My father came here fleeing Cuba in the 1980s. It was during the exit of what’s called the Mariel boatlift. Cubans that left during that time are called, in Spanish, ‘Marialitas.’ He came here, met my mother and they fell in love.”</p> <p>“I have my own financial services practice as well as a niche client whom I do business development for. We help small businesses enter the federal market. We help them to develop business plans, get funding and understand how to market themselves to get in front of the largest customer in the world – the U.S. government.”</p> <p>“What I also want to do is help my community – Belmont Cragin, Riis Park – by helping the state become fiscally responsible. The political environment emerging from 2016, 2020 elections is what drew me to run. The issues. The lack of compromise. The lack of respect. The inability for people to disagree and still work together. We can do better, especially here in Illinois.”</p>

State House of Representatives – District 4 Race

<p>Candidate: JD Sloat Office: 4th Representative Address: 2054 W. Race Ave. Chicago, IL 60612</p>	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: Cash on Hand: \$5,000.00 – October ‘22</p>	<p>Occupation: Education: Biography / Statement:</p>
<p>Candidate: Lilian Jimenez Office: 4th Representative Address: 1450 N. Lawndale Chicago, IL 60651</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.lilianforstaterrep.com/ Cash on Hand: \$72,757.06 – October ‘22</p>	<p>Occupation: Lawyer Education: Biography / Statement: From her website Lilian grew up in the Southeast side and came back to Humboldt Park as an adult. She now lives in West Humboldt Park on Lawndale and LeMoyne with her husband and 3 year old son.</p> <p>When Lilian’s mother was faced with a deportation in 2006, Lilian faced a turning point in her life and decided to attend law school to protect her mother’s rights and dedicate her life to protecting the civil rights of Latinos.</p> <p>Currently Lilian serves as the Director of the Office of Welcoming Centers for Immigrant and Refugee Services at the Illinois Department of Human Services.</p> <p>She previously served as Chief of Staff for former Cook County Commissioner Jesus “Chuy” García where she directed legislative efforts to pass the first-ever county-wide minimum wage and paid sick leave legislation and led the Office’s efforts on criminal justice and bond reform and the expansion of the County’s sanctuary policies.</p> <p>Jiménez is a strong candidate because she has experienced barriers such as poverty, disinvestment and discrimination first hand and has dedicated herself to eliminating those barriers for others. As a mother and member of this community, she is committed to keeping the 4th District affordable, safe and welcoming for working families, immigrants and long-time residents.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 5

<p>Candidate: Lamont J. Robinson, Jr.</p> <p>Office: 5th Representative</p> <p>Address: 3232 S. Prairie Ave. Chicago, IL 60616</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.lamontjobinson.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$163,144.08 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Owner, Robinson and Caban Insurance Group</p> <p>Education: Clark Atlanta University (B.A.) National Louis University (M.B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website A resident of Chicago’s Bronzeville neighborhood, Rep. Robinson was elected in the November 2018 general election to represent the sprawling Illinois 5th House District that runs from Goethe Street on Chicago’s North Side to 80th Street on the South Side.</p> <p>“The 5th District is rich with potential,” Rep. Robinson said. “My work in Springfield and in the district focuses on social justice, community resources, education, and public safety to make sure everyone has the opportunity to live to their full potential.”</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 6

<p>Candidate: Sonya Marie Harper</p> <p>Office: 6th Representative</p> <p>Address: 6142 S. Wood St. Chicago, IL 60636</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.repsonyaharper.com</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$92,584.61 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Public Relations Consultant, Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Missouri-Columbia (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Sonya Marie Harper has been a community activist on the South Side since she was 16 years old. Her passions include promoting community, economic development, and civic engagement in an effort to create more peaceful and prosperous neighborhoods.</p> <p>An advocate for food access and education, Sonya co-founded the Wood Street Meet & Greet Community Garden and spearheaded the Grow Greater Englewood Coalition, a non-profit organization which advocates for and advances development projects, economic and educational opportunities related to food, urban agriculture and healthy living.</p> <p>Sonya Marie Harper resides in West Englewood, with her 5 year old daughter. She is a member of The Faith Community of Saint Sabina Catholic Church</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 7 Race

<p>Candidate: Emanuel “Chris” Welch</p> <p>Office: 7th Representative</p> <p>Address: 4604 N. Jackson Hillside, IL 60162</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.emanuelchriswelch.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$16,033,959.00 – October ‘22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, Legislator</p> <p>Education: Northwestern University (B.A.), John Marshall Law School (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Emanuel “Chris” Welch has been a State Representative from the 7th District of Illinois since 2013. Welch, serves on several key House Committees including Cities and Villages, Elementary and Secondary Education Appropriations, Higher Education Appropriations, Revenue and Finance. Welch has served as Chair of the House Higher Education Committee since 2017.</p> <p>Welch is married to ShawnTe and has two children, Tyler and Marley.</p> <p>Rep. Welch became Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in January, 2021.</p>
<p>Candidate: Eddie Kornegay, Jr.</p> <p>Office: 7th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1016 Lathrop Ave. Forest Park, IL 60130</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.citizensfor Kornegay.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$4,537.19 – October ‘22</p>	<p>Occupation: CEO, Tech startup</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>From his website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A long-time resident in Forest Park. • Married to a local small business owner • Father of 4 with 2 attending Proviso Schools • Member, Volunteer at Living Word Christian Center, Forest Park, IL • Director of R.I.S.E. Reentry & Community Outreach at Living Word Christian Center • Servant Leader, Scholar, Educator, Entrepreneur • Former Visiting Professor at Triton College, UIC, Chicago Theological Seminary

State House of Representatives – District 8

<p>Candidate: La Shawn K. Ford</p> <p>Office: 8th Representative</p> <p>Address: 912 S. Mayfield Avenue Chicago, IL 60644</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://lshawnkford.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$90,627.19 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Real Estate Broker</p> <p>Education: Loyola University Chicago</p> <p>Biography / Statement: La Shawn K. Ford is a Democratic member of the Illinois House of Representatives, representing the 8th District since 2007. He is currently a real estate entrepreneur, founder of Ford Desired Real Estate.</p> <p>Made law that not less than 10% of state contracts be awarded to small businesses; Established the Small Business Empowerment & Workforce Development Task Force; Established the Violence Prevention Task Force; Established Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act; Established Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act; Sponsored the Smart Phone Theft Protection Act;</p> <p>Note: <u>Representative Ford is unopposed in the Primary Election.</u></p>
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State House of Representatives – District 9

<p>Candidate: Lakesia Collins</p> <p>Office: 9th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1501 N. Clybourn Ave. Unit D Chicago, IL 60610</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Website Address: https://www.lakesia4rep.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$132,538.83 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Organizer in SEIU’s Nursing Home Division</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography: From her website As a nursing home worker, she was overworked and underpaid. As a single mom of three boys, she’s keenly aware of the safety concerns our children face each and every day.</p> <p>That’s why she became a leader in her union, SEIU Healthcare Illinois. She helped to pass a groundbreaking nursing home reform bill in 2010 that raised standards and became a model for the rest of the country to follow.</p> <p>Lakesia is the mother of three boys.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 10

<p>Candidate: Jawaharial “Omar” Williams</p> <p>Office: 10th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1648 W. Warren Blvd. Chicago, IL 60612</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.friends4jawaharial.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$76,052.66 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Laborer, City of Chicago Department of Water Management</p> <p>Education: Northeastern Illinois University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Before serving in the Illinois House of Representatives, Williams served as President of the Young Democrats on both the state and national level. He also worked as a Precinct Captain for Secretary of State Jesse White and 27th Ward Alderman Walter Burnett.</p> <p>Williams is an active member of the Laborers’ International Union of North America and the Plumbers Local 130 UA. He has been endorsed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, Speaker of the Illinois House Michael Madigan, and 27th Ward Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 11

<p>Candidate: Ann M. Williams</p> <p>Office: 11th Representative</p> <p>Address: 2044 W. Warner Ave., #306 Chicago, IL 60618</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.repannwilliams.com</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$181,319.10 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Iowa (B.A.), Drake University (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Ann Williams is currently serving her 6th term as State Representative of the 11th District on Chicago’s North Side.</p> <p>Ann is a leader on issues related to the environment and is working to address the climate crisis. Ann served as chief House sponsor of the Clean Energy Jobs Act, which was integral to the passage of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act in September 2021.</p> <p>Ann currently chairs the Energy and Environment Committee. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Judiciary-Civil Committee.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 12 Race

<p>Candidate: Margaret Croke</p> <p>Office: 12th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1701 N. North Park Ave. Unit 2 Chicago, IL 60614</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.repcroke.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$91,322.20 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Michigan (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography: Previously she served on JB Pritzker and Juliana Stratton’s Transition Team. Prior to winning the election, Margaret was the statewide Women’s Outreach Director for JB Pritzker’s gubernatorial campaign.</p> <p>She started her campaign for the Illinois House of Representatives in 2019 to fight for women, small business, and the LGBTQ community. She’s passionate about jump-starting our economy and helping Illinois attract new industries. Margaret’s previous experience gave her a wealth of knowledge on Illinois’ unique issues; that’s why she’s a strong advocate of sensible gun control measures, governmental ethics reform, and fair taxation.</p>
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<p>Candidate: George Kemper</p> <p>Office: 12th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1250 North LaSalle Dr. Chicago, IL 60610</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Website Address: https://votegeorgekemper.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$6,219.20 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Military veteran</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography:</p> <p>From His website</p> <p>In spring of 2020, George and his wife Clare moved to the Old Town neighborhood in Chicago. As an avid reader and student of history, George immediately returned to school, by utilizing the G.I. Bill, with the goal of attaining a degree in history and the hope of one day teaching history.</p> <p>While George still felt called to teach, he began to realize that the events of 2020, and some that continue to this day, called for strong leadership that would not waver in their values. Having served his country in a military fashion, he decided that his passions and talents would be best utilized as a public servant.</p> <p>Lawmakers must address irresponsible spending which leads to increased taxes. Crime in the Chicago area has gained a national reputation and until both residents, and visitors, feel safe, the city will suffer greatly. Finally, education within Illinois leaves something to be desired and needs immediate attention as well. At the moment, residents of Illinois are overwhelmingly overtaxed in exchange for underwhelming results.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 13 Race

<p>Candidate: Hoan Huynh</p> <p>Office: 13th Representative</p> <p>Address: 4756 N. Malden #3N Chicago, IL 60640</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://votehoan.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$234,428.47 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Investor in Nonprofits, former tech CEO</p> <p>Education: Yale University, Harvard University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Hoan has led work with community leaders to reduce gun violence, helped create job opportunities for young people, and supported work to develop trauma-informed policies with Chicago Public Schools to ensure schools understand student trauma and create safer learning environments.</p> <p>Recently, he led grassroots initiatives to get communities most left behind immediate Covid-19 relief via food and essential products throughout the pandemic. Hoan also worked to get LGBTQ+ youth and individuals experiencing homelessness the resources they need to survive this pandemic, while working alongside community members on mutual aid efforts.</p> <p>“I will fight legislation support the working and middle class by investing in our local businesses and teachers , pass statewide healthcare, create more affordable housing and build new pathways to home ownership, build a green economy with new, good-paying jobs, fight to end gun violence, and protect our children.”</p>
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<p>Candidate: Alper Turan Office: 13th Representative Address: 3257 W. Olive Ave. Apt. 1E Chicago, IL 60659</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Website Address: http://electalperturan.com/ Cash on Hand: \$5,000.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Technician manager, adjunct professor Education: Harry S. Truman College, Northeastern Illinois University (Masters) Biography / Statement: From his website We left Iran in 1998 and moved to Azerbaijan Republic as refugees. My daughters were 1 and 5 years old when we left. After receiving official refugee status from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, we were offered the opportunity to move to Scandinavian countries or Canada. But I rejected all of them.” “I preferred the United States mainly for its Constitution and family values. So, all of these qualities made me think that this was the best place to raise my kids.” “I’m thankful that my family has been able to pursue the American Dream, but our state has been in the wrong hands for many years causing economic and social downfall. I don’t want my state to stay this way for my grandkids. If I can take any steps to correct the path that we’re on, I am in.” “One of our main issues is inequity in the school system. It’s not fair that our children are trapped in failing school districts due to where they live. Parents should have the power and right to choose where they want to send their kids to school.” “Another problem is rising crime. In this state, we’re not punishing criminals. Instead, we are punishing law-abiding citizens. We have all these strict gun laws in Chicago and Illinois, but still we have a rising crime problem. We need to empower our law enforcement by giving them enough and necessary tools to bring down crime.”</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 14

<p>Candidate: Kelly M. Cassidy</p> <p>Office: 14th Representative</p> <p>Address: 7366 N. Ashland Chicago, IL 60626</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.repca Cassidy.com/about</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$31,736.75 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From Her Website</p> <p>Through the years, Cassidy has worked both as an advocate and as a professional on issues such as choice, equality, social justice, access to quality health care and child care.</p> <p>Highlights of her tenure included aiding in efforts to pass the Human Rights and Family and Medical Leave Acts, as well as defeating bill after bill attacking a woman’s right to choose. Locally, she worked to help pass the city and county human rights ordinances and fought to resume abortion services at County (now Stroger) Hospital.</p> <p>Whether fighting for the rights of women and the LGBT community as an activist, working for a smarter criminal justice system within the state’s attorney’s office, or ensuring that her three boys have safe spaces to play in our community, she has devoted the last two decades to making government more accessible, efficient and effective.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 15 Race

<p>Candidate: Mark Albers Office: 15th Representative Address: 6630 Davis St. Morton Grove, IL 60053</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.albersfor15.com/ Cash on Hand: \$6,447.82 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: President, The Mark Albers Company Education: University of Illinois at Chicago Biography / Statement: From Journal and Topics Online Mark Albers is looking to take over the 15th State House seat State Rep. John D’Amico (D-15th) held until late last year when he stepped down. Albers said he is pro-life, pro-property tax reform, and remarked that “Critical race theory in schools is a joke.” He encouraged residents to get involved in local government.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Michael Kelly Office: 15th Representative Address: 4506 N. Kenton Ave. Chicago, IL 60630</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.ilga.gov/house/Rep.asp?GA=102&MemberID=3013 Cash on Hand: \$41,739.54 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Firefighter, Legislator Education: Quincy University Biography / Statement: From his website Representative Michael Kelly was born June 23, 1975. He graduated from Saint Edward Elementary School and Saint Patrick High School in Chicago. Later he graduated from Quincy University with a degree in business management.</p> <p>After returning to Chicago from Quincy University he began coaching basketball, softball, and football for Saint Edward Elementary School in 1999. In 2006, he became the Athletic Director for Saint Edward Elementary School.</p> <p>Rep. Kelly is currently and has been a Firefighter for the Chicago Fire Department and a dedicated Union member in Local 2 for 18 years. In addition to his career as a coach and firefighter, Representative Kelly is a member of the Mayfair Park Advisory Council and Saint Patrick High School Advisory Council.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 16 Race

<p>Candidate: Kevin Olickal</p> <p>Office: 16th Representative</p> <p>Address: 7511 Kenton Ave. Chicago, IL 60645</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Website Address: https://kevinolickal.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$54,906.81 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Executive Director, Indo-American Democratic Organization</p> <p>Education: Ohio State University (B.S.)</p> <p>Biography Statement: (From his website) Kevin is a proud alumnus of Skokie public schools and Niles North High School. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology at The Ohio State University, he returned to Illinois, committing his career to public service to advance and protect the progressive values that allowed his family to succeed in this country.</p> <p>Kevin Olickal is the true progressive we need in the 16th District. He is truly an independent voice for our community who will ensure we all have a seat at the table. Kevin’s experience working with government representatives and his success in growing community engagement make Kevin the leader who will advance the 16th District forward.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Vince Romano</p> <p>Office: 16th Representative</p> <p>Address: 7626 Park Ave. Skokie, IL 60077</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Website Address: https://romanoforrep.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$0.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Financial Advisor, The Romano Group</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois - Chicago</p> <p>Biography Statement: From his website He is committed to keeping families together to make Illinois a top-three state for business climate, by creating jobs and prosperity. His focus is to reduce taxes on families-which is the number one reason people are moving. Also, focused on crime control, making it safe for our citizens. Believes in school choice for families.</p> <p>I, and others like me, maybe our last hope to take back our state and remove the embedded political machine that has created the economic apocalypse that confronts us and our posterity. Our businesses, forced to leave Illinois to domicile in other states, will leave behind tax burdens that those of us who remain will be required to absorb.</p> <p>Rather than just talking about pension reform, Vince will lead on this issue by purposing legislation that moves the state legislature’s pension from the backs and shoulders of taxpayers with the defined benefit programs to a defined contribution program. This will show that the legislature is willing to lead on the issue of taxpayer funded pensions.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 17 Race

<p>Candidate: Bradley Martin</p> <p>Office: 17th Representative</p> <p>Address: 4718 Russett Lane Skokie, IL 60076</p>	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address:</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$0.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>Education: Biography / Statement:</p>
<p>Candidate: Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz</p> <p>Office: 17th Representative</p> <p>Address: 2971 Independence Glenview, IL 60026</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.gonggershowitz.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$332,455.92 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, Legislator</p> <p>Education: Indiana University (B.A.) Loyola University School of Law (J.D.), Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law</p> <p>Biography / Statement: As a mother of three boys, community leader and human rights attorney, Jennifer will bring smart, common sense leadership to Springfield as a tenacious and pragmatic problem-solver who will fight for our community’s needs and values.</p> <p>As a founding member and co-chair of the Illinois Unaccompanied Children’s Task Force, Jennifer brought immigration advocates and law enforcement together to protect vulnerable children.</p> <p>Jennifer is committed to ensuring that the ladders to success are available to every child in Illinois. She served as a board member of the Glenview Education Foundation where she supported investments in STEM projects to promote science and technology learning in Glenview SD #34 public schools.</p> <p>Note: <u>Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz is the daughter of an SUAA member Michael Gong.</u></p>

State House of Representatives – District 18 Race

<p>Candidate: Robyn Gabel Office: 18th Representative Address: 905 Forest Avenue, #1N Evanston, IL 60202</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: http://roblyngabel.com/ Cash on Hand: \$524,352.24 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator Education: Beloit College (B.A.), University of Illinois at Chicago (M.S.P.H.), Loyola University Chicago (M.J.) Biography / Statement: Throughout her career, Robyn Gabel has maintained a strong commitment to serving the people of Illinois as an advocate for women, children and families. She served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, a non profit advocacy organization, from 1988 to 2010 and previously worked as legislative aid to Alderman (now Congressman) Luis Gutierrez. Her legislative priorities include affordable, accessible health care, environment and sustainability issues, education, and economic developmen In 2021 Robyn was appointed an Assistant Majority Leader in the new Speaker of the House’s leadership team.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Charles Hutchinson Office: 18th Representative Address: 607 9th Street Wilmette, IL 60091</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/Hutchinson4IL Cash on Hand: \$5,992.65 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney Education: Biography / Statement: From his website Village of Wilmette Historic Preservation Commission - Chariman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Appointed to a 4 year term • Appointed Chairman 2016 Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 – Present </p>
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State House of Representatives – District 19

<p>Candidate: Lindsey LaPointe</p> <p>Office: 19th Representative</p> <p>Address: 5622 W. Goodman Chicago, IL 60630</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.replapo.inte.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$293,801.50 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time Legislator</p> <p>Education: Grinnell College (B.A.) University of Illinois at Chicago (MSW)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Lindsey’s priorities include making health care, including mental health care, more affordable and accessible; supporting teachers and first responders who strengthen the communities in her district, and ensuring Illinois’ tax system is fair to everyone—not just the very wealthy. Lindsey has been a long-time advocate for protecting critical human services, violence prevention programs, and reforming our criminal justice system to align with evidence-based and humane practices that have proven to make communities safer at a much lower cost to taxpayers.</p> <p>Lindsey has years of experience in the public and private sectors working on behalf of the people of Illinois. She currently sits on the Dean’s Advisory Council for Diversity, Equity and Social Inclusion at the Jane Addams College of Social Work and is the former Vice President of the Board of Directors of Hands to Help Ministries.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 20

<p>Candidate: Brad Stephens</p> <p>Office: 20th Representative</p> <p>Address: 6029 Hawthorne Street. Rosemont, IL 60018</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repstephen.s.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$217,486.63– October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Mayor of Rosemont, Legislator</p> <p>Education: Triton College</p> <p>Biography / Statement: (From his website) Stephens concurrently serves as the CEO of one of the most successful municipalities in the nation, Rosemont, Illinois. Prior to becoming mayor, Brad Stephens served the Village of Rosemont as a member of its Board of Trustees for 18 years.</p> <p>Representative Stephens is a generous supporter of a number of charitable organizations, such as Rosemont Helping Hand (which benefits needy families in Rosemont), veterans’ organizations and children’s medical research groups. He received “The Hope Award” for his work on behalf of Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation. Rep. Stephens is married to his wife Suzie and they have five children.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 21 Race

<p>Candidate: Abdelnasser Rashid Office 21st Representative Address: 8907 W. 83rd St. Justice, IL 60458</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Website Address: https://rashidforillinois.com/ Cash on Hand: \$39,433.16 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Former Deputy Chief of Staff to Cook County Clerk Education: Harvard University Biography/Statement: From his website Abdelnasser grew up helping his mother run a booth at the local flea market and his father operate a small retail business in Chicago.</p> <p>He went on to receive his degree from Harvard University. After graduating, Abdelnasser came back home and joined the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, fighting for immigration reform in Illinois and across the country. He was the field director for Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's mayoral campaign, and served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Cook County Clerk David Orr.</p> <p>Abdelnasser recently led a successful effort to help senior citizens save time and money by passing legislation to automatically renew the senior exemption, instead of forcing seniors to apply for the exemption each year.</p> <p>Abdelnasser is committed to bringing common sense leadership to Springfield. Abdelnasser is married and has three children.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Matthew Schultz Office 21st Representative Address: 4413 Vernon Ave. Brookfield, IL 60513</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Website Address: https://www.electmatthewjschultz.com Cash on Hand: \$13,671.23 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Activist Education: Biography/Statement: From his website Some of his accomplishments include working to defeat several tax increase referenda in the Cook and collar counties. He also worked with teams fighting Pritzker's Graduated Income Tax Increase Amendment, which was defeated in 2020. He was also a part of the team that exposed former Taxpayer Traitors, who voted to increase the Illinois state income tax despite previous pledges not to.</p> <p>Matthew is a proven leader with a consistent track record. Now he is running as a Reform Republican to stabilize Illinois. He will always fight on the side of taxpayers, and will fight to restore Illinois to its spot as one of the greatest states in the Union.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 22

<p>Candidate: Angie Guerrero-Cuellar</p> <p>Office: 22nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 6431 S. Tripp Ave. Chicago, IL 60629</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/angelicaguerroruellar22</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$426,813.57 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Education: Biography / Statement:</p> <p>Guerrero-Cuellar grew up in South Lawndale, Chicago in Little Village and later in West Lawn, Chicago. She is the daughter of immigrant parents who originated from the state of Puebla in Mexico.</p> <p>Guerrero-Cuellar was appointed by the Democratic Party to replace Edward Guerra Kodatt in the Illinois House of Representatives who resigned after three days in office. Kodatt was appointed to the Illinois General Assembly when Michael Madigan resigned from the Illinois General Assembly. Guerrero-Cuellar was sworn into office on February 25, 2021</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 23

<p>Candidate: Edgar Gonzalez</p> <p>Office: 23rd Representative</p> <p>Address: 2514 S. Whipple St. Chicago, IL 60623</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (He is the current state rep. for the 21st district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://ilhousedems.com/project/edgar-gonzalez/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$114,983.04 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Harvard University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>Gonzalez was born and raised in Chicago’s Little Village neighborhood on the Southwest Side and attended Chicago Public Schools, including John Spry Community School and Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy, both in Little Village, as well as Whitney Young Magnet High School.</p> <p>Gonzalez, was a member of Congressman J. Garcia’s in-district constituent services staff, focusing on immigration, social security, veterans’ affairs, criminal justice and education. Gonzalez is the son of immigrants from Monterrey, Mexico. His father is an operating engineer and a member of IUOE Local 399 and his mother is a former member of SEIU Local 73.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 24

<p>Candidate: Theresa Mah</p> <p>Office: 24th Representative</p> <p>Address: 3157 S. Archer Ave. Chicago, IL 60608</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (She currently represents the 2nd district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.reptheresamah.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$98,149.23 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, former professor</p> <p>Education: University of California - Berkeley</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website As a senior advisor in former Governor Pat Quinn’s administration, she worked with legislators, Cabinet members, and co-workers at state agencies on efforts to improve diversity and minority representation in state government. Rep. Mah was instrumental in drafting the first Asian American Employment Plan. She worked with advocacy groups on a variety of issues such as immigrant rights, workers’ rights, voting rights, language access, and health care.</p> <p>In the General Assembly Rep. Mah serves on the Committees on K-12 Education Appropriations, Environmental Justice, and Health Care Licenses, among others. During her first term, Rep. Mah successfully passed legislation in the areas of civil rights, consumer protection, language access, and immigrant rights.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 25 Race

<p>Candidate: Curtis J. Tarver II</p> <p>Office: 25th Representative</p> <p>Address: 4533 S. Oakenwald Avenue Chicago, IL 60653</p>	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://ilhousedems.com/project/rep-curtis-tarver/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$314,337.07 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, Legislator</p> <p>Education: Iowa State University (B.S.), University of Iowa (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: An attorney by trade, the father of a four-year-old daughter by grace, Curtis J. Tarver II is always working to improve the community. After over a decade of running towards problems and finding solutions in the business, legal, and nonprofit world, Curtis is determined to tackle problems in Springfield.</p> <p>After completing law school, he worked in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs as an assistant to Mayor Richard M. Daley. Later, Curtis was appointed by the Mayor to the City of Chicago’s Commission for Human Relations.</p> <p>At 33, he turned his hobby of homebrewing into a thriving business when he co-founded the first African-American owned and licensed brewery in Illinois.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Lori Yokoyama</p> <p>Office: 25th Representative</p> <p>Address: 4800 S. Greenwood Ave. Chicago, IL 60615</p>	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address:</p> <p>Cash on Hand: None listed at time of publishing</p>	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 26

<p>Candidate: Kam Buckner</p> <p>Office: 26th Representative</p> <p>Address: 4511 S. Calumet Ave. Chicago, IL 60653</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://ilhousedems.com/project/kambium-buckner/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$204,865.59 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (B.A.) DePaul University College of Law (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: V.P. of governmental affairs Outfront Media; former executive director of World Sport Chicago, a youth development nonprofit; former manager of neighborhood and government relations for the Chicago Cubs; former aide to United States Senator Richard J. Durbin and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu; former member, Chicago State University Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Kam has served as an adjunct professor in the Undergraduate College of Public Policy at the University of Chicago and has been a contributor for the political newspaper and website the Hill and Crain’s Chicago Business. He formerly served on the Board of Trustees of Chicago State University.</p> <p>On May 12, 2022, Rep. Buckner announced he is running for Mayor of Chicago.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 27

<p>Candidate: Justin Q. Slaughter</p> <p>Office: 27th Representative</p> <p>Address: 9204 S. Elizabeth Street Chicago, IL 60620</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repslaughter27.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$268,005.48 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Chicago (B.A.), Northwestern University (M.P.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website As a college student, Representative Slaughter experienced his first endeavors into public service as an intern for U.S. Congressman Bobby Rush (IL-1st District); and later for then 6th Ward Chicago Alderman Freddrenna Lyle. These experiences provided Rep Slaughter the critical opportunities to better understand our nation’s legislative process, and also experience local government at the community level.</p> <p>Since January 5, 2017, Justin Slaughter has been the Illinois State Representative of the 27th District. Prior to becoming State Representative, Justin developed a successful career as a public servant that included invaluable experience in government and public policy. Throughout his achievements in the public sector, Representative Slaughter has always exemplified a strong commitment to address and empower under-served communities.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 28

<p>Candidate: Robert “Bob” Rita</p> <p>Office: 28th Representative</p> <p>Address: 2030 High Street Blue Island, IL 60406</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://robertbobrita.com</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$305,944.16 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Heavy Equipment Operator, Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Robert Rita is a Democratic member of the Illinois House of Representatives, representing the 28th District since 2002. Rita is also the Calumet Township Democratic committeeman and a trustee on the township board. Rita lists economic redevelopment, equitable school funding and increased health care availability as his top priorities in the state legislature.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 29

<p>Candidate: Thaddeus Jones</p> <p>Office: 29th Representative</p> <p>Address: 289 Paxton Avenue Calumet City, IL 60409</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.repthaddeusjones.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$127,365.41 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Education: Loyola University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Graduate of Bloom Trail High School and holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Loyola University; first African-American alderman of Calumet City’s Third Ward; founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Jones Foundation.</p> <p>Jones worked with his colleagues in the General Assembly to urge the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's policy commission to approve construction of the Illiana Expressway, which would connect Interstate 55 and Interstate 65 to relieve congestion.</p> <p>Jones is married to his wife Saprina and they have two sons.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 30 Race

<p>Candidate: William “Will” Davis</p> <p>Office: 30th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1733 Maple Road, #2a Homewood, IL 60430</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/repwill.davis</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$158,704.10 – October `22</p>	<p>Occupation: Deputy District Administrator</p> <p>Education: Southern Illinois University (B.A.), Governors State University (M.A)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Davis began serving in the Illinois House of Representatives on January 8, 2003. He is the Chair of the Health and Healthcare Disparities committee and Vice-Chairman of the Appropriations Elementary and Secondary Education committee. He also serves on the International Trade and Commerce, Labor, and Railroad Safety committees. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a founding member of the Better Funding for Better Schools Coalition.</p>
<p>Candidate: Patricia Bonk</p> <p>Office: 30th Representative</p> <p>Address: 14912 Knox Ave. Midlothian, IL 60445</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.patty4staterrep.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$4,758.00 – October `22</p>	<p>Occupation: Nurse</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website As a community service trailblazer, Patricia has served as a volunteer firefighter, focused on youth development as a Girl Scout Troop leader, and is currently a library board trustee, bringing attainable education to the forefront.</p> <p>Pat is a natural problem solver that has worked as a registered nurse for over 43 years, 30 of those years in the emergency department where life or death solutions are demanded daily. Patricia is well trained in analyzing problems and producing solutions that change lives for the better. She is your prescription for change in District 30.</p> <p>The public servant pension as it stands now is unsustainable, leaving many retirees' pensions at risk. Patricia will work side-by-side with fellow legislators and labor unions to create a more fiscally responsible pension plan, giving you confidence in your investment.</p> <p>It's imperative that our leaders stand up to stop the violence taking place in our neighborhoods. Pat will work with law enforcement and community leaders to create a plan against violence and bring confidence back to our community.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 31 Race

<p>Candidate: Mary E. Flowers</p> <p>Office: 31st Representative</p> <p>Address: 7712 S. Paulina Street Chicago, IL 60620</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/MaryFlowersIL/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$175,014.13 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full Time Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois-Chicago</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Representative Flowers’ primary legislative focus has been on health and child welfare matters. She has been the Principal Sponsor of legislation related to Medical Patients Rights, Medical Managed Care Reform, Health Insurance Reforms, Hospital and Nursing Home Staffing Standards, Licensure of Lay Midwives, Adverse Health Event Reporting, Health Facility Regulatory Reform, Medical and Dental Practice reforms, and Public Health/Communicable Disease Control. She has also been the primary sponsor of legislation regarding Welfare Reform, Elementary & Secondary School Reforms, and Juvenile Justice Reforms.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Kenneth Yerkes</p> <p>Office: 31st Representative</p> <p>Address: 9247 Lynwood Dr. Oak Lawn, IL 60453</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Website Address: https://yerkesforillinois31.nationbuilder.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$9,775.87 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Dentist</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography/Statement: From his website People ask, "Why are you running?" I am running because I am a fighter. Today, more than any other time in our history, we need people to get involved in government. Our fight is a daunting task. David and Goliath come to mind. I believe "We The People" must not tolerate corruption. Vote corrupt politicians out. Everyone is fair game. The state-of-the State of Illinois is the result of decades of self-dealing.</p> <p>Republican representation power starts this year. Voters have power to challenge corrupt politicians and vote them out of office. I believe this is possible. We do not want law-makers that sell-out to special interests.</p> <p>With your vote we will put Illinois on a different trajectory. I look forward to representing your voice before the Illinois General Assembly.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 32 Race

<p>Candidate: Carl Kunz</p> <p>Office: 32nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 8145 W. 88th St. Hickory Hills, IL 60457</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Website Address: https://carlkunz4il.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$5,440.82 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Retired financial analyst, compliance officer</p> <p>Education: DePaul University (B.S.)</p> <p>Biography/Statement: From his website Oppose raising taxes Support smaller government Oppose legislative inaction regarding Illinois pension crisis Support parents' rights & their involvement in school curriculum Oppose 2021 repeal of Illinois Parental Notification Act Support meritocracy vs diversity Support providing Police Departments with appropriate resources to "serve & protect" residents Oppose decriminalization of retail crimes, leading to increased retail theft & less criminal accountability</p>
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<p>Candidate: Cyril Nichols</p> <p>Office: 32nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 3906 W. 83rd St. Chicago, IL 60652</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Website Address: https://www.repnichols.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$45,971.57 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Colby College, Columbia College in Chicago</p> <p>Biography/Statement: From his website Cyril was appointed as State Representative of the 32nd District, April of 2021 filling the vacancy of the prior State Representative.</p> <p>Representative Nichols has an undeniable record of service. He has worked for the Cabrini Green community base organization (CYCLE), Park District, Chicago Youth Centers, YMCA, Cunningham Children's home, Benedictine University, the University of St. Francis, as well as City Colleges of Chicago.</p> <p>Representative Nichols is married with children and is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma and other social and professional organizations. Representative Nichols motto is simple for the 32nd District: Culture for SERVING all... and We Do the Work!</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 33

<p>Candidate: Marcus C. Evans, Jr. Office: 33rd Representative Address: 8504 S. Blackstone Ave. Chicago, IL 60619</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.repevans.com/ Cash on Hand: \$704,553.49 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Real estate appraiser, Legislator Education: Chicago State University Biography / Statement: Marcus C. Evans, Jr. represents the 33rd District in the Illinois House of Representatives. He is serving his first full term after being appointed to fill the vacancy of former State Rep. Marlow Colvin. As state representative, Marcus is focused on advocating for working adults to continue their education, creating better job opportunities and providing a quality education for our children.</p> <p>Marcus is a cancer survivor and has joined the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Action Network, traveling nationwide to advocate for cancer research funding and healthcare legislation.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 34 Race

<p>Candidate: Nicholas K. Smith Office: 34th Representative Address: 9523 S. Indiana Ave. Chicago, IL 60628</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.repsmith34.com/ Cash on Hand: \$191,042.84 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator Education: Chicago State University (B.S.) Biography / Statement: Previously, Smith served as the Ninth Ward Streets and Sanitation Superintendent and as the Former President of the Roseland Heights Community Association. After being sworn in as the new State Rep., Smith acknowledged all of his colleagues and friends who have continued to support his efforts in the community. “This job is not just representing the people in my community of the 34th District but the decisions we make in Springfield, Illinois effect the entire state,” Smith said. “So, as I look around the room at co-workers, family and friends, I know this is why we do this.”</p>
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<p>Candidate: Frederick Walls</p> <p>Office: 34th Representative</p> <p>Address: 24426 S. Plum Valley Dr. Crete, IL 60417</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://frederick4ilinoisstaterep34.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$730.00 – October `22</p>	<p>Occupation: Carpenter</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Frederick L. Walls is a faithful and caring husband. He is a great provider for his family, and he is a fierce protector as well. He is the dotting, loving father of 4 children.</p> <p>He believes in what he is fighting for. He believes that politicians should both be seen as well as heard; seen doing the work that they were elected to do and heard crying out loud for the voices that are being muffled. He also believes that parents are the protectors, providers, and educators for their own children, and they should be able to do so WITHOUT government interference.</p> <p>As he is a carpenter for 15 years, although a firm conservative, he stands with private unions because he is a direct recipient of the much needed and well deserved benefits it guarantees for its' members. It is part of his mission to show how being both a conservative minded man and a union worker can work out for the benefit of all.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 35 Race

<p>Candidate: Frances Ann Hurley Office: 35th Representative Address: 11311 S. Hamlin Avenue Chicago, IL 60655</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: http://www.franhurley.com/ Cash on Hand: \$328,874.83 – October `22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time Legislator Education: Saint Xavier University Biography / Statement: A full-time legislator, State Representative Fran Hurley is a lifelong resident of the 35th District. Fran has played a major role in her community, working as an aide for Alderman Ginger Rugai and Alderman Matthew O’Shea in the 19th Ward, as well as a being a member of the Mt. Greenwood Civic Association. Fran’s volunteerism activities include serving as a current Board Member for the Illinois Special Olympics; and volunteer for Y-Me Softball Tournament and Ronald McDonald House at Christ Hospital.</p>
<p>Candidate: Herbert Hebein Office: 35th Representative Address: 3727 W 112 PI Chicago, IL 60655</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/herbhebein/ Cash on Hand: None listed at time of publishing.</p>	<p>Occupation: Education: Biography / Statement:</p>

State House of Representatives – District 36 Race

<p>Candidate: Kelly M. Burke Office: 36th Representative Address: 10161 S. Albany Ave. Evergreen Park, IL 60805</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/RepKellyBurke/ Cash on Hand: \$271,616.32 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full Time Legislator Education: University of Illinois (B.A.), John Marshall Law School (J.D.) Biography / Statement: Kelly Burke has lived in the village for 27 years; she and her husband, Terry, have three children. Kelly currently serves as the state Representative of the 36th District. In the legislature, she is an Assistant Majority Leader and is involved with the state budget, higher education, health care, and pension issues.</p> <p>Her legislative efforts include significant legislation regarding Illinois' budget, education funding, pensions, public safety, telecommunications, and family law. Kelly is also a founding member of the House Democratic Women's Caucus. Kelly spends much time locally, meeting with constituents, holding town hall meetings, and sponsoring local events such as basketball tournaments and the popular "Yoga in the Park" at 50 Acre Park in summer.</p>
<p>Candidate: David Sheppard Office: 36th Representative Address: 9249 S. Harding Ave. Evergreen Park, IL 60805</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.sheppardforstaterep.com/ Cash on Hand: \$1,455.76 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Chief of Police, Village of Robbins Education: Biography / Statement: From his website I am working with local departments and the Sheriff's department to utilize new ideas to combat crime and work with prosecutors to put criminals away.</p> <p>Just as I've served in the Navy, the Sheriff's Office and now as Chief of Police, I would like to continue to serve as your next State Representative. I would like to be your voice. Your representation. I have a plan to fix this state. I'm offering solutions, not false promises. You deserve a leader who stands up for the people. To care for the seniors and the veterans. A plan for the youth. To reduce taxes. To fix our pension crisis and economy. Our roads and bridges are crumbling with no plan to fix them. We need to rebuild and restore Illinois.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 37

<p>Candidate: Tim Ozinga</p> <p>Office: 37th Representative</p> <p>Address: 10701 W. La Porte Rd. Mokena, IL 60448</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Website Address: http://ozingaforil.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,595,186.01 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Business owner, Ozinga Brothers.</p> <p>Education: Trinity Christian College (B.A.) Northwestern University (M.A.)</p> <p>Biography/Statement: His belief in an engaged, citizen-led, government came to the fore when Tim served on Mokena’s technology committee and economic development commission before being elected as a commissioner of the Mokena Community Park District, acting as secretary.</p> <p>Tim’s commitment to community is well known and evident by the active role he takes as a member of Calvary Church in Orland Park, and his support of local non-profit’s including the Journey Pregnancy & Life Hub and Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs. Additionally, as a strong supporter of the Second Amendment rights, Tim is a patron member of the Illinois State Rifle Association and a lifetime member of the NRA.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 38 Race

<p>Candidate: Debbie Meyers-Martin</p> <p>Office: 38th Representative</p> <p>Address: 3206 Cumberland Trail Olympia Fields, IL 60461</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.repdebbiemeyersmartin.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$63,693.33 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois – Chicago</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Prior to becoming State Representative of the 38th Legislative District she provided public service as a member of The South/Southwest United Way team, and served on Metropolitan Mayors Caucus-Economic Development Committee.</p> <p>Ms. Meyers-Martin served as Mayor of Olympia Fields from 2010 to 2017. During her Mayoral duration she was President of South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association for the year of 2016.</p> <p>She also actively leads volunteer teams in the Southland territory. At her core, she is a humanitarian and has an immense passion for serving people especially now in her 38th District.</p>
<p>Candidate: Tom Toolis</p> <p>Office: 38th Representative</p> <p>Address: 21813 Morning Dove Ln. Frankfort, IL 60423</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Website Address: https://www.frankfortlawgroup.com/attorney/tom-toolis-thomas-w/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$8,039.77 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois at Chicago, Kent College of Law (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography/Statement: From his website Thomas has also dedicated much of his time over the past seven years supporting the local business community. He has served as the President of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce, which boasts over 650 members due in part to Thomas's leadership.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 39

<p>Candidate: Will Guzzardi</p> <p>Office: 39th Representative</p> <p>Address: 3016 N. Christiana Ave. Chicago, IL 60618</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.willguzzardi.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$63,289.98 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time legislator</p> <p>Education: Brown University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Will ran because he believes that Democrats should stand up for basic decency for everyone. We should stand for quality education for every child in every neighborhood. We should stand for good-paying jobs with decent benefits for every worker in every sector.</p> <p>We should stand for guaranteed healthcare for everyone, a criminal justice system that’s fair to everyone, a planet that’s livable for everyone. And he knows we can accomplish all of these things, but only if we take control of our political system back from the CEOs and corporations who use government as a tool for their own enrichment.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 40

<p>Candidate: Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.</p> <p>Office: 40th Representative</p> <p>Address: 3910 N. Troy Street Chicago, IL 60618</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.staterep40.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$112,602.01 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time legislator</p> <p>Education: DePaul University (B.S.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Born Oct. 7, 1972 in Chicago; graduate, St. Andrew’s Grade School and Gordon Technical High School; B.S.B. in Accountancy from DePaul University, Driehaus College of Business; post-graduate studies at DePaul University; member, Delta Mu Delta, Eta Chapter, business honor society; founding board member, Cardinal Bernardin Early Childhood Center school; worked on ethics reform legislation as legislative aide for the Chicago City Council’s Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics; married, has two children.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 41 Race

<p>Candidate: Rich Janor</p> <p>Office: 41st Representative</p> <p>Address: 921 Creekside Circle Naperville, IL 60563</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.richjanor.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$90,358.87 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Business owner</p> <p>Education: Biography / Statement: From his website</p> <p>Rich Janor is a dedicated father, civic leader, baseball coach, business owner, author and volunteer. He is a lifelong Republican, running for Illinois State Representative in District 41, which spans both DuPage and Will Counties, and includes portions of Naperville, Warrenville and Bolingbrook.</p> <p>Rich and Rhonda reside in Naperville and have three school-aged children: Archer, Brooklyn and Caiden. Rich’s campaign for Illinois State Representative is dedicated to a safer and more prosperous future for them.</p> <p>Rich’s top priorities for Illinois include keeping neighborhoods, schools and the communities safe, appropriately funding law enforcement, lowering property taxes, and facilitating a greater voice for parents in education.</p>
<p>Candidate: Janet Yang Rohr</p> <p>Office: 41st Representative</p> <p>Address: 909 Watercress Drive Naperville, IL 60565</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.repyangrohr.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,028,921.82 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Northwestern University (B.A.) University of Chicago (M.B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: (From her website)</p> <p>Janet Yang Rohr represents Illinois' 41st House District, serving the Naperville and Warrenville communities. She began her first term in January 2021, joining the 102nd General Assembly.</p> <p>As a professional in the investment industry for most of the last two decades, Janet has been widely quoted and cited for her investment expertise. She's written and researched extensively on retirement and college savings plans, and she holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.</p> <p>She and her husband, Dan, live in Naperville with their three kids.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 42 Race

<p>Candidate: Stefanie Hood</p> <p>Office: 42nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 616 N. Main St. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.hood4house.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$71,549.65– October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois Chicago Law School</p> <p>Biography / Statement (From her website): Believing everyone should have access to a better future, she runs for state representative to reverse the negative direction of our state. Rising crime rates, fleeing residents, increasing taxes, and lowering education standards threaten Illinoisans achieving the American dream as career politicians ask taxpayers to pay more and more without any tangible results. Stefanie believes we require new policies to restore our place as the economic hub of the Midwest and a safe, affordable place to raise a family.</p> <p>Stefanie has always had a passion for being involved in her community, from tutoring and mentoring elementary school students to helping families cope with mental illness. She serves on the Board of Commissioners for the DuPage Housing Authority, the National Alliance on Mental Illness DuPage, and the 708 Community Mental Health Board.</p> <p>Stefanie resides in Glen Ellyn with her husband and two children.</p>
<p>Candidate: Terra Costa Howard</p> <p>Office: 42nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 373 May Ave. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (currently representing the 48th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://reptch48.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$687,814.65 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Lawyer, small business owner</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, DePaul University (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement (From her website): Terra believes that public education is the cornerstone of our communities. When her daughters were attending their neighborhood elementary school, she was active in the PTA and served as a Girl Scout leader. Her experience as an active, involved member of her school community gave her a firsthand look at the positive, lasting impact that Glen Ellyn’s exceptional school system has on children’s lives.</p> <p>Today, Terra’s commitment to education continues in her work as an adjunct professor and intern supervisor at College of DuPage, one of our country’s premier community colleges.</p> <p>Terra Costa Howard was first elected as State Representative in 2018 and was re-elected in 2020. Now she is fighting for the values we all share: Strengthening our schools, defending women and reproductive health care, lowering the tax burden on working families, and making quality health care affordable for everyone.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 43 Race

<p>Candidate: Anna Moeller Office: 43rd Representative Address: 1100 N. Spring St. Elgin, IL 60120</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://annamoeller.org/ Cash on Hand: \$152,926.06 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator Education: Northern Illinois University (MPA) Biography / Statement: Anna Moeller is State Representative for the Illinois 43rd District and has been a member of the Illinois House of Representatives since March 2014. She serves as the Chairwoman of the Human Services Committee, Vice-Chair of the Human Services, Appropriations Committee and is a member of the Insurance, Energy and Environment, Education, K-12 Licensing and Charter School and Healthcare Licensing Committees.</p> <p>Since taking office, Rep. Moeller has championed legislation on pay equity, good-government reforms, environmental protection, increased access to healthcare, care for elderly and developmentally disabled individuals, support for young victims of sexual assault, nursing home reform, pro-choice legislation and bills that advance LGBTQ equality.</p>
<p>Candidate: Angela Nowak Office: 43rd Representative Address: 904 Brook St. Elgin, IL 60120</p>	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: Cash on Hand: None listed at time of publishing</p>	

State House of Representatives – District 44 Race

<p>Candidate: Fred Crespo Office: 44th Representative Address: 780 Alcoa Lane Hoffman Estates, IL 6016</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://crespo4illinois.com/ Cash on Hand: \$161,145.98 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Real Estate Agent, Full-time Legislator Education: Loyola University Biography / Statement: Crespo has been recognized for his ongoing commitment and contributions to mental health concerns with the Legislator of the Year Award from the Illinois Psychological Association, the Illinois Hero Award from the National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) and the Legislator of the Year Award from the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD). Women In Need Growing Stronger (WINGS) recognized Crespo for his efforts to end domestic violence, including his strong support for Civil Order of Protection laws in the State.</p>
<p>Candidate: Patrick Brouillette Office: 44th Representative Address: 275 Payson St. Hoffman Estates, IL 60169</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://patrickthomasforill.com/ Cash on Hand: \$2,820.50 - October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner Education: Biography / Statement: From his website I was a lifelong Democrat, but the Democratic party left me behind. It abandoned its traditional values of freedom, fairness, and equality in favor of destructive policies that are rooted in divisiveness. I am strongly OPPOSED to all government overreach and mandates. No more vaccine passports, no more masks. Vaccines and masks are a PERSONAL choice. We must introduce legislation to ensure that these ineffective and overreaching mandates never happen again. I will push for legislation that offers resources AND incentives for business owners to operate in the State of Illinois. For too long businesses have been leaving Illinois for lower cost states.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 45 Race

<p>Candidate: Jenn Ladisch Douglass Office: 45th Representative Address: 638 S. Fairview Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://votejld.com/ Cash on Hand: \$86,848.21 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney Education: University of Pittsburgh (J.D.) Biography / Statement: From her website Jenn grew up in a rural area outside of Philadelphia and graduated from a public high school. Jenn met her husband, who is originally from Wheaton, during college and they moved to Illinois in 2004.</p> <p>After working at a large law firm in Chicago, Jenn started her own firm in 2011. In her decades of practice, Jenn has worked on cases ranging from commercial litigation and bankruptcy to guardianships and transactional real estate. Jenn has taught real estate law for paralegals as an adjunct and has provided hundreds of hours of pro bono legal assistance over the last twenty years.</p> <p>More recently, Jenn has volunteered time to help draft legislation and advocate for affordable medications and healthcare. She uses her decades of experience living with type 1 diabetes and as a cancer survivor to advocate for more affordable and accessible medications and healthcare for the people of Illinois.</p> <p>Jenn lives in Elmhurst with her family and two cats.</p>
<p>Candidate: Deanne Mazzochi Office: 45th Representative Address: 156 S. Sunnyside Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes (currently representing the 47th district) Website Address: https://repmazzo.chi.com/ Cash on Hand: \$245,869.81 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, attorney Education: Boston University, George Washington University (J.D.) Biography/Statement: Deanne Mazzochi was born and raised in Villa Park and graduated from Willowbrook High School. She and her husband Tim Grant moved to Elmhurst over a decade ago to raise their family.</p> <p>Deanne is a founding partner of Rakoczy Molino Mazzochi Siwik LLP, and represents clients from around the world. The firm specializes in life sciences law, particularly patent litigation in the medical/pharmaceutical arena.</p> <p>She has a passion for science and commonly brings her scientific knowledge and analytical skills to her private sector work. She also brings that expertise to Springfield.</p> <p>Deanne formerly served as the Chairman of the College of DuPage (COD) Board of Trustees. She was elected Chairman in 2016, having been previously elected as Vice-Chairman; she became acting Chairman of the Board in December 2015.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 46 Race

<p>Candidate: Diane Blair-Sherlock</p> <p>Office: 46th Representative</p> <p>Address: 507 S. Summit Ave. Villa Park, IL 60181</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://blairsherlockfor46.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$743,251.38 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: Northern Illinois University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Diane runs her own law practice that focuses on real estate and commercial law. Diane and her husband, a Teamster who works at the airport, decided to raise their family in the Villa Park community. Diane's son recently graduated from college and her daughter is a 5th grade school teacher in Dixon, Illinois.</p> <p>Diane has always had a passion for community and helping others. Her involvement can be seen throughout the district. Her previous and current community service include:</p> <p>Villa Park President's Commission</p> <p>Advisory Council on Education</p> <p>Advisory Council on Women's Issues</p> <p>Illinois State Advisory Council on Education of Children with Disabilities</p>
<p>Candidate: Robert Stevens</p> <p>Office: 46th Representative</p> <p>Address: 700 S. Monterey Villa Park, IL 60181</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.stevensfordupage.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$2,587.70 – October 2022</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website I am a resident of Villa Park and a small business owner. For the past four decades I have worked as a city and a regional truck driver. I've covered nearly every mile of our district and state. Based on what I have observed, particularly over the past decade, taxes, crime, and parental rights are a matter of grave concern to me, and a matter of grave concern to nearly every individual who calls Illinois their home.</p> <p>Our state is being exploited by politicians who view the people of Illinois as subjects rather than citizens. This mindset must come to a stop. At the same time, our current taxes are resulting in residents leaving this state for other states in record numbers. The crime statistics in our state reflect the pure negligence of politicians too busy getting high on taxpayer dollars to do their jobs. This is neither acceptable nor sustainable and it must come to an end immediately.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 47

<p>Candidate: Amy Grant</p> <p>Office: 47th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1023 Wheaton Place Wheaton, IL 60187</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (currently representing the 42nd District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repgrant.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$6,205.76 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Pittsburgh, Northern Illinois University</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>From her website Amy Grant is married with two children and has been a resident of Illinois for most of her adult life. She and her husband Jim have lived in Wheaton for more than 20 years.</p> <p>Her professional experience includes teaching in both parochial and public schools, and management and sales in the private sector.</p> <p>Amy has been involved in numerous charitable causes in the community, which include service on the DuPage County Historical Museum Board, volunteering on the Glen Oaks Hospital Community Partnership Committee, working with Marionjoy Auxiliary, volunteering at the St. Michaels ministry to PADS and the Missionaries of Charity soup kitchen. Amy also teaches religious education classes at St. Michaels.</p>
<p>Candidate: Jackie Williamson</p> <p>Office: 47th Representative</p> <p>Address: 217 S. Gables Blvd. Wheaton, IL 60187</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.jackieforil47.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$0.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Human resources</p> <p>Education: Butler University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Hi! My name is Jackie Williamson, and I am a lifelong resident of Illinois. I grew up in the northwest suburbs and now live in Wheaton with my husband and miniature Dachshund. I graduated from Butler University (go Bulldogs!) with a BA in Music and recently went back to school to receive a certificate in Human Resources Management from College of DuPage.</p> <p>I have worked in Human Resources for the past five years, and believe my experience and passion for this field will benefit everyone in the 47th district. I believe in consistency and fairness, have strong ethics, and know the value of working with all stakeholders to achieve success.</p> <p>I decided to jump into the race after realizing during the primary that there was no democrat running for this seat, and after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. My opponent is anti-choice and has introduced legislation that would disallow insurance to cover emergency contraceptives. I am running to ensure that Illinois remains a progressive state</p>

State House of Representatives – District 48 Race

<p>Candidate: Jennifer Sanalitra</p> <p>Office: 48th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1620 Wildwood Lane Hanover Park, IL 60133</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.sanalitroforillinois.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$108,243.10 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Sales executive</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website</p> <p>Like many working families, Jennifer is concerned with the direction of our state with extreme policies coming out of Springfield. She is running for state representative in the 48th district to advocate for a healthy, safe, and prosperous state by supporting policies to keep tax rates low, communities safe, businesses prospering, and closing the education gap caused by COVID.</p> <p>Jennifer resides in Hanover Park with her husband of twenty years, Bobby, who operates his own business. They have two children, Alyssa and Johnny, and Lucy, their puppy. Jennifer and Bobby attend Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Carol Stream.</p>
<p>Candidate: Azam Nizamuddin</p> <p>Office: 48th Representative</p> <p>Address: 145 Founders Point Bloomington, IL 60108</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/azamforillinois</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$18,749.09 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Lawyer, former college professor</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website</p> <p>In Springfield, I will work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure safe neighborhoods • Support and fund law enforcement • Bring good-paying jobs to Illinois • Provide accessible health insurance • Strengthen our public schools • Improve services to our vulnerable seniors and children

State House of Representatives – District 49 Race

<p>Candidate: Maura Hirschauer Office: 49th Representative Address: 551 Viking Drive Batavia, IL 60510</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Website Address: https://www.maurahirschauer.com/ Cash on Hand: \$1,010,429.67 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator Education: Colby College (B.A.) Biography/Statement: (from her website) Maura is a former educator, community leader, and activist. She is a founding member and legislative lead of the Kane and Kendall County Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Safety in America and a passionate commonsense gun safety advocate. Maura served as the President of a community-based philanthropic organization, The Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation, and currently serves on its executive board. Maura is a former teacher, with comprehensive experience teaching in early childhood, elementary, and adult ESL classrooms.</p>
<p>Candidate: Kevin Wallace Office: 49th Representative Address: 114 Pipers Drive Bartlett, IL 60103</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Website Address: https://www.wallaceforrep.com/ Cash on Hand: \$49,362.49 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Mayor of Bartlett, IL Education: Colby College (B.A.) Biography/Statement: Kevin Wallace is a proud father, an active community member, and an effective business leader. He has an extensive background directing departments for large financial organizations, running two successful mid-size entrepreneurial businesses, and serving as a financial advisor helping individuals and businesses reach their financial goals. As Bartlett's mayor, he has overseen projects of generational impact like the switch to a Lake Michigan water supply and the building of a new, state-of-the-art police facility. His efforts to modernize the use of technology, increase efficiency and transparency of municipal services, and invigorate the development process have been hallmarks of his tenure in office. Kevin understands our state is facing challenging times. He is running for state representative in the 49th district to bring his strong financial background and positive, pro-growth record as mayor to Springfield.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 50

<p>Candidate: Barbara Hernandez</p> <p>Office: 50th Representative</p> <p>Address: 160 S. River St. Unit 308 Aurora, IL 60506</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 83rd district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.staterepresentativebarbarahernandez.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$168,116.53 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Aurora University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Rep. Barbara Hernandez was born and raised in Aurora, Illinois as the daughter of first-generation immigrants.</p> <p>In March of 2014 she was appointed to two commissions—one in Aurora Township and the second in the City of Aurora; she is presently still a member of both. In the fall of 2016, Barbara was elected as the youngest Kane County Board Member for District 8 at 24 years old.</p> <p>In March of 2019, Barbara was appointed as the youngest State Representative in the General Assembly for the 83rd district.</p> <p>Barbara brings her work ethic, energy and dedication to community service to the job as a public servant. She is working to provide a voice in the community for all residents by working towards youth programs, job creation, being fiscally responsible and excellence in education.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 51 Race

<p>Candidate: Chris Bos</p> <p>Office: 51st Representative</p> <p>Address: 17 East Harbor Drive Lake Zurich, IL 60047</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Website Address: https://repbos.com</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$29,125.13 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Northcentral University, Indiana University</p> <p>Biography: From his website Chris’ life has been one dedicated to community service through a career with non-profits and volunteering in his community. He volunteers with the PTO in Lake Zurich, serves as a precinct committee member, has served as a youth soccer coach and is actively involved with the food pantries in the community.</p> <p>Chris previously served as the Director of Development for Reclaim13, a non-profit that works to free children from sexual exploitation by focusing on prevention programs for adolescents and adults, and healing programs for children and young adult victims of human trafficking.</p> <p>Chris and his wife have been married for twenty years and reside in Lake Zurich. They have three children – teenage boy/girl twins, and a daughter who recently began elementary school. Like their parents, the Bos children are active in the community. Chris and his family are active members of the Hope Collective (formerly Alpine Chapel), where he previously served as the children’s and family pastor.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Nabeela Syed</p> <p>Office: 51st Representative</p> <p>Address 2061 Wood St. Inverness, IL 60067</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent No</p> <p>Website Address: https://www.nabeelasyed.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$176,615.46– October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Digital Strategy for a non-profit</p> <p>Education: University of California</p> <p>Biography: From her website A skilled organizer, Nabeela has been an active voice for her community, especially those who are underserved and underrepresented in government institutions. Most recently, she served as the Campaign Manager for current Township High School District 211 School Board Member Tim Mc Gowan — a campaign that emphasized the values of accountability, community, and equity in our schools.</p> <p>Professionally, Nabeela has worked with a variety of progressive organizations, including EMILY’s List, to raise money to elect Democrats to Congress.</p> <p>As State Representative, Nabeela will...</p> <p>Reject proposals that would increase property taxes for our community</p> <p>Advocate for extended tax relief for small businesses to accelerate job creation and economic growth in our state</p> <p>Support closing corporate tax loopholes that allow big businesses to shift the tax burden onto Illinois households</p> <p>Protect workers’ rights and strengthen protections for collective bargaining in Illinois</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 52 Race

<p>Candidate: Martin McLaughlin Office: 52nd Representative Address: 34 Ridge Road Barrington Hills, IL 60010</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://repmclaughlin.com/ Cash on Hand: \$85,047.45 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Former owner of an investment advisory firm Education: Illinois Wesleyan (B.A.) Biography / Statement: (From his website) State Representative Martin McLaughlin is a small businessman and a financial expert specializing in pension management. As Village President of Barrington Hills since 2013, he has reduced the size of government in his local community and reformed out-of-control spending. He has lowered the village’s tax levy for seven out of his eight years in office, for a total reduction of 24%. He is also an active member of the community, having served as chairman of the Barrington Area Council of Governments, and as a member of the Executive Board of the Barrington Lions Club McLaughlin has overseen the investment of pension assets, both public and private, through some of the most turbulent financial times in history. As a named fiduciary on pension plans, he has a unique background and experience working with leaders entrusted with public assets. He understands the State’s pension problem and property tax issues and is willing to address them head on.</p>
<p>Candidate: Mary Morgan Office: 52nd Representative Address: 708 N. Carriage Hill Rd. Island Lake, IL 60042</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.marymorganfor52.com/ Cash on Hand: \$82,968.13– October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Curriculum and Instruction Office, Wauconda School District Education: Northern Illinois University Biography / Statement: (From her website) Life-long Illinois resident Mary Morgan was raised in far western Cook County and attended Northern Illinois University. She and her husband moved to Lake County and settled in Island Lake to raise their family. Mary worked in the wireless industry for 25 years, 15 at Motorola, and is now an employee of the Wauconda School District in the Curriculum & Instruction Office. On Education: Candidates are saying they support "Parent's Choice" related to education. Those are the people pushing banning books. That's not my choice. I want my children to have access to books with experiences and lifestyles different from their upbringing. Curriculum information is available online for the school districts in our area. It's not a secret. You can see what's being taught to your kids</p>

State House of Representatives – District 53 Race

<p>Candidate: Mark L. Walker</p> <p>Office: 53rd Representative</p> <p>Address: 645 S. Burton Place Arlington Heights, IL 60005</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.staterepwalker.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,074,425.23– October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Biography / Statement: from his website</p> <p>State Representative Mark Walker serves the 53rd District as a full-time legislator after a successful career as a financial industry executive, entrepreneur, and management consultant. A Vietnam veteran, Mark is a strong supporter and advocate for veterans, and has volunteered much of his civic life to advocating for the homeless.</p> <p>With his successful business background, Mark has focused on small business reforms and legislation improving and expanding Illinois' diverse and innovative economy. He believes that Illinois truly is a strong state and is fighting for a stronger 53rd District and a stronger Illinois.</p>
<p>Candidate: Jack Vrett</p> <p>Office: 53rd Representative</p> <p>Address: 519 South Pine Ave. Arlington Heights, IL 60005</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.jackvrett.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$108,576.32 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: Northwestern University Marquette University (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: from his website</p> <p>Jack Vrett strongly believes in service to others. From 2009-2014, he served in the U.S. Army J.A.G. Corps, including nearly four years with the storied 101st Airborne Division.</p> <p>Following his return from Afghanistan in May of 2011, Jack served as adjunct faculty to the U.S. Defense Institute for International Legal Studies.</p> <p>In 2015, he accepted a position as Deputy General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. Jack left public service in 2017 and joined the Arlington Heights-based law firm, Hodges Loizzi. Jack is now a Partner at Honigman LLP.</p> <p>Believing Illinois is on the wrong track, Jack runs for state representative to restore sensible policies and push back against the extreme policies that have led to rising crime, closed schools, and higher taxes.</p> <p>Jack resides in Arlington Heights with his wife Rose Marie and their rescue puppy Coco</p>

State House of Representatives – District 54 Race

<p>Candidate: Michele Hunter Office: 54th Representative Address: 915 N. Pine Ave. Arlington Heights, IL 60004</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: http://hunterforillinois.com/ Cash on Hand: \$60,825.93 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Lawyer, entrepreneur Education: University of Iowa Biography / Statement: From her website Michele grew up in a small town in Iowa spending her formative years working at the family gift shop and coffee café. She learned what it was like to run a small business and the obstacles that government can sometimes place on new businesses. As a lawyer was trained to be an advocate for her client and as a state representative she will advocate for her constituents.</p> <p>Michele graduated near the top of her class at the University of Iowa in both her undergrad and law school programs. Out of law school, she embarked on a decade and a half law clerk position with the Second District Appellate Court where attention to detail and analysis are critical skills. Michele plans to bring her experiences in the legal field, and specifically her background in reading and analyzing legislation, to work as a legislator.</p> <p>In addition to her job as a lawyer, Michele is a published author in her field and has worked for a marketing firm in Chicago. She is a licensed Foster Caregiver and Adoptive Parent approved by the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services.</p>
<p>Candidate: Mary Beth Canty Office: 54th Representative Address: 612 E. Euclid Ave. Arlington Heights, IL 60004</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://marybethcanty.org/ Cash on Hand: \$802,900.05 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney, Arlington Heights Village Board Education: The College of William and Mary (B.A.), University of Arizona (J.D.) Biography / Statement: In 2019, I made the decision to run for the Arlington Heights Village Board because I wanted to be a voice for our residents and businesses, and to help make decisions for the betterment of Arlington Heights. Since being elected, I've helped the Village develop an affordable housing ordinance, improve our diversity, equity, and inclusion policies, and helped our businesses navigate the pandemic through creative initiatives such as Arlington Alfresco.</p> <p>I have been fortunate to play many roles in my career: attorney, strategist, and consultant for companies both large and small. I love being a part of the Northwest suburbs and I've been active in a lot of different ways – schools, businesses, nonprofits, and religious communities. By getting to know our neighbors and the things they care about, we can work together to do the most good for the most people.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 55 Race

<p>Candidate: Martin J. Moylan Office: 55th Representative Address: 1405 Oakwood Avenue Des Plaines, IL 60016</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: http://www.staterpmoylan55.com/ Cash on Hand: \$365,566.90 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-Time Legislator Education: University of Illinois Biography / Statement: From his website Having lived in Des Plaines for over 25 years, State Representative Marty Moylan has always been involved in making the 55th District a strong and vibrant community centered on working class family values. Moylan was elected to serve the Illinois Legislature in 2012. Prior, Representative Moylan served as the Mayor of Des Plaines from 2009-2012.</p> <p>Representative Marty Moylan is married to Lisa and is the proud father of Colt -- who graduated from Maine West Township High School and is following in his father's footsteps as an apprentice electrician.</p>
<p>Candidate: Michael Lupo Office: 55th Representative Address: 1516 Brophy Ave. Park Ridge, IL 60068</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: www.MichaelMLupo.com Cash on Hand: \$50,465.98 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Owner of Food and Beverage corporation Education: Illinois Wesleyan University Biography / Statement: From his website Michael’s motivation to run for state representative is that he feels now, more than ever, is the time for our elected officials to know and listen to the constituents they represent. The outdated and out-of-touch policies are making our communities less safe, are making our education standards decline, and are making our taxes entirely too high. Middle-class families face increasingly challenging conditions yet go unheard by those in Springfield who only listen to the politically connected.</p> <p>Despite his family facing many difficulties over the last ten years with his child’s significant health issues, Michael understands that many other families in Illinois have similar experiences and lack a true advocate in Springfield.</p> <p>He’s ready to put people, not politicians, first as a state representative.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 56 Race

<p>Candidate: Michelle Mussman Office: 56th Representative Address: 217 Tudor Lane Schaumburg, IL 60193</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.votemichelle.org/ Cash on Hand: \$525,230.14 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full Time Legislator Education: University of Cincinnati (B.S.) Biography / Statement: From her website Just a few years ago, Michelle Mussman was a mom and PTA member who, like many area residents, was frustrated with state government’s debt and dysfunction.</p> <p>I believe average citizens should step up and serve their community, and that’s why I ran for State Representative. I want to make government more efficient and transparent for all of us and help my community members better understand the complex issues and options facing Illinois right now.</p> <p>Her husband, George, is a high school teacher at Fenton High School in Bensenville, where he teaches US History and is a theater director. Michelle and George have three children: Matt, Justin, and Nicholas.</p>
<p>Candidate: E. Dale Litney Office: 56th Representative Address: 120 Branchwood Dr. Schaumburg, IL 60193</p>	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: Cash on Hand: \$12,118.05 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Education: Biography / Statement:</p>

State House of Representatives – District 57 Race

<p>Candidate: Jonathan Carroll</p> <p>Office: 57th Representative</p> <p>Address: 3236 Prestwick Lane Northbrook, IL 60062</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repjonathancarr.ill.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$266,233.45 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Special Education Teacher, Legislator</p> <p>Education: DePaul University (B.A.), Northeastern Illinois University (M.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website In addition to his work as a state representative, Jonathan helps individuals with various cognitive challenges meet personal, professional and educational goals. The issues most important to Jonathan closely align with the issues important to local residents: creating jobs, reducing Illinois’ massive property tax burden, ensuring great schools, sensible gun control and protecting a woman’s right to choose.</p> <p>Jonathan Carroll is serving his third term as the state representative for Illinois’ 57th House District.</p>
<p>Candidate: Rory Welch</p> <p>Office: 57th Representative</p> <p>Address: 235 Sunset Dr. Northfield, IL 60093</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.welchforillinois.org/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$6,270.23 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Consultant, supply chain and operations management</p> <p>Education: Furman University (B.A.), Indiana University (M.B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Early in his career, Rory's mentor taught him that if you're unhappy in a situation, you have three choices: accept it, change it, or get out of it. Taxpayers have plenty to be dissatisfied with as crime rates, taxes, and corruption soar and our children fall behind in their education. Maintaining the status quo isn't acceptable, nor is leaving Illinois for more tax-friendly states. Home is worth fighting for, so Rory decided to change Illinois' destructive path by running for state representative.</p> <p>Rory is an avid cyclist and enjoys staying active in the community he calls home. He's been a den leader in the local cub scouts, worked with foster children as a CASA volunteer, and was elected to the Sunset Ridge School District 29 board in 2019.</p> <p>He and his wife Katy reside in Northfield with their four children. They are active members of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 58

<p>Candidate: Bob Morgan</p> <p>Office: 58th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1110 Lampton Lane Deerfield, IL 60015</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.repbobmorgan.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$212,825.30 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: B.A. Political Science, University of Illinois-Champaign. J.D. Northern Illinois University College of Law</p> <p>Biography / Statement: An attorney at the law firm of Much Shelist, Bob previously worked for the State of Illinois where he served as the lead attorney for implementation of the Affordable Care Act and as director of the Illinois Medical Cannabis Program. Bob’s work on state legislation supporting the ACA helped ensure over 650,000 Illinois residents were covered under ACA’s Medicaid expansion.</p> <p>He is an active Board Member of the Anti-Defamation League and serves on the Board of Trustees of Equip for Equality. He serves as the Chair of the West Deerfield Township Democrats.</p> <p>Bob lives in Deerfield with his wife Sonya, and two children. As a father and attorney, Bob will advocate for fiscally and morally responsible state budgets that ensure Illinois remains a state with opportunities for future generations.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 59

<p>Candidate: Daniel Didech</p> <p>Office: 59th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1808 Brandwyn Lane Buffalo Grove, IL 60089</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.repdidech.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$334,764.48 – October `22</p>	<p>Occupation: Township Board Member, Attorney</p> <p>Education: Valparaiso Univeristy (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement</p> <p>From his website</p> <p>When he turned 16, Daniel’s first job was selling hot dogs as a union seat vendor at Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox games. As a teenager taking the Skokie Swift and the red line every day to work in the service industry, Daniel learned early the value of a strong work ethic, respect and equality, and the belief that every worker deserves the right to earn middle-class wages.</p> <p>During law school, Daniel worked at Jewish Child & Family Services where he advocated for children with special needs and their families. Currently, Daniel works as a local government attorney, where he provides legal counsel to suburban villages, school districts, park districts and community colleges.</p> <p>Daniel is married to his wife, Jen, who is a 6th grade math teacher at Twin Groves Middle School.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 60

<p>Candidate: Rita Mayfield</p> <p>Office: 60th Representative</p> <p>Address: 229 Suda Drive Gurnee, IL 60031</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.ritamayfield60.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$137,587.91 – October `22</p>	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>Education: Columbia College (B.S.), Benedictine University (M.S.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Rita has over 15 years of management experience and has garnered regional and national recognition for her accomplishments in change management.</p> <p>Rita’s public service career started in high school where she volunteered as a reader at the VA Medical Center, North Chicago. Rita then completed a summer of service at St. Therese Medical Center where she volunteered as a Candy Striper. Rita continued her public service career mentoring youths with the Northeastern Illinois Junior Golf Association which later became the First Tee of North Chicago.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 61 Race

<p>Candidate: Peter Pettorini Office: 61st Representative Address: 466 Nuthatch Way Lindenhurst, IL</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://peterpettorini.com/ Cash on Hand: \$14,694.57 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: English teacher, Round Lake High School Education: Western Illinois University (B.A.) Loyola Chicago (Masters in Education) Biography / Statement: From his website Since 2013, Pettorini has taught English at Round Lake High School and is the Round Lake National Honor Society Advisor. His passion for teaching comes from a desire to serve others and help the next generation. He’s committed to helping students reach their goals and providing them with the tools to achieve success.</p> <p>When an opportunity arose in 2021 to serve on his local school board, Pettorini jumped at the chance. He initially filled a mid-term vacancy on the Millburn District 24 Board of Education, but then successfully ran for the position in the subsequent election.</p> <p>Working with parents throughout the district to strengthen their local schools, Pettorini saw firsthand many of the challenges facing Illinois families today: rising crime, skyrocketing property taxes, and working families struggling to pay bills. This inspired him to run to represent his community in the Illinois House of Representatives</p> <p>Pettorini and his wife, Beth, have been married since 2006 and have a 9-year-old son, Dominic.</p>
<p>Candidate: Joyce Mason Office: 61st Representative Address: 1149 Sumner Circle Gurnee, IL 60031</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.rejoycemason.com/ Cash on Hand: \$631,415.49 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time State Legislator Education: University of Illinois at Chicago (B.A.), Keller Graduate School (M.B.A.) Biography / Statement: (from her website) Joyce Mason and her family are life-long residents of Illinois. They have lived in Gurnee for the past twenty years and have been actively involved in the community for decades. Joyce has been a small business owner, a community leader, and a teacher in the district.</p> <p>Joyce served as Vice President of the Woodland District 50 Board of Education for two years. Her community activities including volunteering for the American Cancer Society, Woodland School District, and Gurnee Park District.</p> <p>She currently serves on seven legislative committees, including Higher Education: Appropriations.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 62 Race

<p>Candidate: Laura Dias Office: 62nd Representative Address: 781 West Trail North Grayslake, IL 60030</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://laurafaverdi.as.com/ Cash on Hand: \$480,308.95 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Grayslake Village Trustee, former teacher Education: Social Studies Education (B.A.), Bicultural Education (Masters) Biography / Statement: I am an award-winning teacher with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies Education and a Master of Arts in Bicultural Education. Although I am not currently in the classroom, I often still find myself wearing the hat of an educator. Whether it's teaching citizenship classes at HACES, a nonprofit organization that offers resources and instructional support to people who have recently immigrated to the United States, or teaching membership classes at my church, I am passionate about teaching and learning with others.</p> <p>As your state representative, I will be a powerful advocate for everyone in our community. From fighting for better education for children to demanding better resources for older adults, I will stand up for the needs of residents in every corner of the 62nd District</p>
<p>Candidate: Adam Shores Office: 62nd Representative Address: 340 Station Park Circle Grayslake, IL 60030</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.shores4illinois.com/ Cash on Hand: \$33,541.11 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Grayslake Village Board Education: Troy University, George Washington University Biography / Statement: From his website He has built a career of more than 20 years in public affairs, advocacy, and communication. In his career, he has fought for stronger teen driving laws across the country, programs to help small businesses grow, and quality education for K-12 students.</p> <p>In 2016, he joined the Grayslake Village Board, where he's built a record of accomplishment by keeping the village's share of property taxes low, enhancing property values, and adding to the quality of life for residents. Through his work on the Economic Development Commission, he helped attract new businesses to the area, and his authorship of the Community Involvement Grant Program aided local non-profits for the betterment of the community.</p> <p>Adam is running for state representative to put families first, grow our economy, and strengthen our communities.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 63 Race

<p>Candidate: Steven Reick Office: 63rd Representative Address: 740 Serene Trail Woodstock, IL 60098</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: RepStevenReick.com Cash on Hand: \$72,791.71 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Tax Attorney Education: University of Illinois (B.S.), University of Georgia (J.D.) Biography / Statement: While Illinois is plagued by more problems than we often care to think about, property taxes are the most important issue facing voters in McHenry County. The biggest driver of higher property taxes is education and pensions, which comprise on average 60% of the typical property tax bill in the county His goal is to take his life experiences and 35 years of representing clients in front of state and federal agencies and put them to use for the people of the 63rd District.</p>
<p>Candidate: Brian Dean Meyers Office: 63rd Representative Address: 8312 W. Hillside Rd. Crystal Lake, IL 60012</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Website Address: https://www.facebook.com/BrianMeyersILStateRep Cash on Hand: \$766.25 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Retired teacher Education: University of Indiana Biography/Statement: From a Shaw News Network questionnaire What are the top issues facing your district and what would you like to do to address those issues? People are understandably and rightfully concerned about crime and taxes, and Democrats have a distinct approach to both. We need transparent disclosure of specific crime statistics and enforcement initiatives rather than scaremongering and a harmonious, all of the above approach that lets police work with the community and all public and mental health agencies to serve and protect everyone; We need to govern in a fiscally responsible way instead of playing chicken with tax policy; more progressivity instead of the overreliance on property taxes that burdens and defunds landowners and the middle and working class. I have a strong personal interest in policies that support public education, protect our local and global environment, stand up for voter rights, and continuing to deal with crisis situations in public health</p>

State House of Representatives – District 64

<p>Candidate: Tom Weber</p> <p>Office: 64th Representative</p> <p>Address: 37597 N. Douglas Lane Lake Villa, IL 60046</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repweber.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$15,405.79 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: State Legislator, farmer</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website State Representative Tom Weber, who was elected to represent the 64th House District in November 2018, has spent most of his life working on his family farm and as a carpenter. Before joining the Illinois General Assembly, Tom served on the Lake County Board and Forest Preserve Board since 2012.</p> <p>Tom has worked in construction for over 30 years and started his own remodeling business in 1996 and an Inspection service in 2006.</p> <p>He grew up on his family’s farm in Lake Villa and still lives there today with his wife Becki. They have been married for more than 30 years and have two adult sons.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 65

<p>Candidate: Dan Ugaste</p> <p>Office: 65th Representative</p> <p>Address: 399 Southampton Drive Geneva, IL 60134</p>	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repugaste.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$42,675.46 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: Lake Forest College (B.A.) DePaul University (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>From his website An attorney by trade, and business owner himself, Dan works every day to protect the rights of business owners in the court system and against a system of regulations and red tape that hamper their efforts to create a good product, deliver a valuable service, and provide a comfortable life for their families.</p> <p>As a committed fiscal conservative, Dan will use his experience in law and business to help get Illinois back on the right track. As a committed cultural conservative, Dan will represent our shared values in the General Assembly while protecting our basic freedoms.</p> <p>Dan and his wife Denise are the proud parents of three married daughters and have 6 grandchildren. Dan regularly attends church at the United Methodist Church in Geneva.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 66 Race

<p>Candidate: Connie Cain Office: 66th Representative Address: 509 Towne Court Gilberts, IL 60136</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://cainforstaterrep.com/ Cash on Hand: \$63,738.84 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: CPA Education: North Central College (B.A.) Biography / Statement: From her website Connie is a 30-year resident of the Village of Gilberts and a lifelong resident of Illinois.</p> <p>She has been happily married to Richard Cain for 30 years. They were engaged shortly after Connie completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. She proudly served in the United States Army Reserves for 8 years and was honorably discharged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow People to Vote on Fixing the Pension Clause. The people who must pay for public pensions should decide whether to grant the state legislature the ability to change future benefits. • End Illinois State tax gouging through Property Tax Relief and Reform. Illinois property owners pay the second-highest property tax in the nation. Through measures aimed at efficiency, property owners will realize tax savings on their bills.
<p>Candidate: Suzanne Ness Office: 66th Representative Address: 1056 Bennington Dr. Crystal Lake, IL 60014</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Website Address: https://repsnessil66.com/ Cash on Hand: \$802,532.07 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, small business owner Education: Arizona State University (B.S.), University of Phoenix (M.A.) Biography/Statement from her website: Suzanne’s professional and personal experience has prepared her well for a life in public service. As a small business owner, she worked with companies to develop employee skills, improve morale, strategically plan for the future, and build value driven organizations. She has helped build local business networking groups, and started a non-profit 10 years ago that brought leadership development, coaching, and mentorship skills to local teens.</p> <p>Prior to joining the Illinois General Assembly Suzanne served as a McHenry County Board Member for District 2 from 2018-2020. In her role as State Representative, Suzanne has brought in over 3 million dollars to the district, successfully sponsored and passed 4 bills that were signed into law, and consistently advocated for the needs of her constituents.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 67 Race

<p>Candidate: Maurice A. West II Office: 67th Representative Address: 842 Ridgewood Road Rockford, IL 61107</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.mauricewest.com/ Cash on Hand: \$134,621.70 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Director of Career Development Education: Illinois College (B.S.), Chicago School of Professional Psychology (M.S.) Biography / Statement: As a proud resident of Rockford and the 67th district, I strongly believe that it is so important that WE come together in so many ways. Four years ago I stepped out of my comfort zone, and fear, to advocate for my community.</p> <p>He is a minister and an active member of his church. He encourages those that are homeless on a bi-weekly basis at a local homeless shelter.</p> <p>He served as a community member for the Education Committee for the Rockford Public School Board and the Rockford Park District Foundation.</p>
<p>Candidate: Glen Oland Office: 67th Representative Address: 711 Cambridge Ave. Rockford, IL 61114</p>	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: Cash on Hand: \$0.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Education: Biography / Statement:</p>

State House of Representatives – District 68 Race

<p>Candidate: Jonathan Ojeda</p> <p>Office: 68th Representative</p> <p>Address: 618 Van Buren Street Belvidere, IL 61008</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address:</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$25,864.00 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From the Rockford Sun https://rockfordsun.com/stories/632570519-ojeda-i-will-make-restoring-public-safety-a-top-priority</p> <p>Candidate for the 68th District in the Illinois House of Representatives Jonathan Ojeda is decrying election opponent Rep. Dave Vella (D-Rockford) for voting for legislation that opponents are saying will further empower criminals and make Illinois less safe.</p> <p>Ojeda said despite the fact that 41 people had died from a fentanyl overdose in Winnebago County last year, "Rep. Vella's party's response was to release many accused of supplying these deadly narcotics back onto the streets."</p> <p>"Rep. Vella needs to immediately explain why he has not worked to repeal this legislation that is posing an immediate danger to Illinois families," Ojeda said in a statement. "I will make restoring public safety a top priority and will not be afraid to put a stop to these soft-on-crime policies plaguing our communities and forcing families to flee. His lack of action has made it clear that Rep. Vella will continue to prioritize partisan politics over the people of our district."</p>
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<p>Candidate: Dave Vella Office: 68th Representative Address: 3235 Windsong Court Rockford, IL 61114</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.stater.epdavevella.com/ Cash on Hand: \$1,567,849.84 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney Education: Augustana College (B.A.) Northern Illinois University (J.D.) Biography / Statement: From his website</p> <p>I started my career as a Public Defender in Winnebago County. I worked there for three years, representing people who weren't able to afford an attorney. In that spirit, my law firm offers pro bono representation to low income clients. Being an attorney has allowed me to work with people from many different backgrounds.</p> <p>My work in our community has focused on helping the most vulnerable, and our children. I'm a former board member at the Rockford Literacy Council, which helps people who didn't finish high school get jobs. While on the board I focused my work on developing programs for adults.</p> <p>Whether your kids are in public or private school, education is important. I want kids in our community to be as prepared as possible to go to college or enter the workforce, whichever is best for them.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 69 Race

<p>Candidate: Joe Sosnowski Office: 69th Representative Address: 6153 Muirfield Lane Rockford, IL 61114</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: http://www.joesosnowski.org/ Cash on Hand: \$24,106.64 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Director, Rockford Christian Schools Education: Northern Illinois University (B.A.) Biography / Statement: Currently serving his fifth term in the Illinois General Assembly, Joe continues to advocate for the residents of the Rock River Valley, with an eye on strengthening education, creating economic opportunities, and protecting the hard earned taxpayers of Illinois.</p> <p>Prior to joining the Illinois House of Representatives in 2011, Joe Sosnowski was elected to the DeKalb City Council after graduating from Northern Illinois University.</p> <p>Joe is a member of Stateline Community Church and lives in Rockford with his wife Roxanne and their three children Aidan, Roman and Ellie.</p>
<p>Candidate: Peter Janko Office: 69th Representative Address: 18719 River Road Marengo, IL 60152</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: Pete4Illinois.com Cash on Hand: None listed at time of publishing</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner, Democratic State Central Committeeman for the 14th Congressional District Education: Northern Illinois University (B.A.) Biography / Statement: A war refugee from Germany, Peter was brought to the United States at the age of 4 on a converted troop ship; an arduous journey that taught him valuable lessons about what being an American really means, from the start.</p> <p>Peter has lived in Marengo since 1989. He is married and has two grown children. Peter has a business background in Small Business Ownership, Engineering, and Restorative Architecture. He also sits on the Board of Directors of Preservation Trades Network, a national non-profit organization founded to provide education, networking and outreach for the traditional building trades.</p> <p>Peter has a proven track record of being able to work across the aisle successfully. His goals when he takes office are to stabilize and lower property taxes, Providing more interconnectivity with the state’s major economic engine, Chicago, and thereby increasing higher paying job opportunities, and fighting the “Dollar Store Economy” that has been stagnant in this district for far too long.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 70

<p>Candidate: Jeff Keicher</p> <p>Office: 70th Representative</p> <p>Address: 821 Somonauk Street Sycamore, IL 60178</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repkeicher.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$196,277.36 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Business Owner</p> <p>Education: Northern Illinois University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: He has built his community relationships based on trust and personal commitment and seeks to carry that solid reputation for thoughtful consideration to Springfield.</p> <p>Today, Jeff runs a very successful insurance agency and feels strongly that his blessings in his community need to be paid back.</p> <p>He has also spent many years serving on boards for the DeKalb Chapter of the American Red Cross, NAIFA Fox Valley and the Kishwaukee YMCA.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 71 Race

<p>Candidate: Dan Swanson</p> <p>Office: 71st Representative</p> <p>Address: 4282 IL Route 17 Alpha, IL 61413</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (currently representing the 74th district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repswanson.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$105,918.85 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Retired Lieutenant Colonel</p> <p>Education: Western Illinois University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Dan served over 17 years on the AlWood (Alpha and Woodhull) Board of Education and served two years on the Henry County Board, but was required to resign when called back to Active Duty.</p> <p>He is involved with the 6th generation Swanson family farm where he works with his dad, Ron; brother, Steve; son Matthew and nephew Josh near Andover, Illinois. They raise corn, beans, oats, wheat, hay crops and a cow/calf operation, cattle feedlots and hogs.</p> <p>Dan is married to the former Tammy Snider of Kewanee. Dan and Tammy live near Alpha, Illinois and attend Alpha Baptist Church. They have two married sons; Mark is employed by Wyffels Seed and Abbi is employed by Helzburg Diamonds. They live in Marion, Iowa. Matthew is employed by Barman Seed and Sarah teaches Pre-K special needs children. Matt and Sarah have a daughter, Sadie Marie. They live near Andover, Illinois.</p>
<p>Candidate: Christopher Demink</p> <p>Office: 71st Representative</p> <p>Address: 1417 300th St. Sherrard, IL 61281</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address:</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$0 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation:</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website</p>

State House of Representatives – District 72 Race

<p>Candidate: Gregg Johnson</p> <p>Office: 72nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 217 32nd Ave. East Moline, IL 61244</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://gregg4illinois.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$19,836.60 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Supervisor of Corrections Officers, President of local AFSCME</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Gregg lives in East Moline with his wife, Celia, and their youngest daughter, Gabby. As a father, a grandfather, and a husband, Gregg is committed to creating the kind of economic opportunities that our families need to thrive and the kind of education system that our kids need to succeed in the 21st century economy.</p> <p>Gregg is fighting to keep our community and our way of life alive for families like ours with innovative economic proposals to create good-paying jobs in growing industries like advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, and medical care.</p> <p>I want to represent you because I believe in protecting freedom, fairness, families, and the future. I want to be your State Representative so I can continue the fight for truth, equality and justice for all.</p>
<p>Candidate: Tom Martens</p> <p>Office: 72nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 4611 26th Ave. Rock Island, IL 61201</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.tommartensforillinois.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: None reported at time of publishing.</p>	<p>Occupation: Electric motor repair</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Why I'm running for office: I am running for State Representative because the 2020 election was stolen and I know that State legislators are the only ones that have the Constitutional authority to ban the Smartmatic and Dominion voting machines that were a big part in the fraud in 2020. We also can stop the mass mail-in voting scams that happened and add voter ID. I am also Pro-Life, Pro Police and want to help Veterans gain purpose.</p> <p>The Democratic Party has adopted the Socialist platform, but don't be fooled....Socialism is Communism with lipstick on it. We have CRT in our Schools, Intersectionism and the 1619 project indoctrinating our children to hate themselves, hate others and hate America. They even have pornographic children's books, which is disgusting. It all has to go!</p>

State House of Representatives – District 73

<p>Candidate: Ryan Spain</p> <p>Office: 73rd Representative</p> <p>Address: 100 W. Ravinwoods Road Peoria, IL 61615</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://ryanspain.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$367,127.36 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: V.P. of Economic Development, OSF Healthcare System</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois, Bradley University (M.B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: He has always had a passion for helping young people get on the right path in life, which led to his involvement in creating an inner city basketball league and a City Youth Commission.</p> <p>Since Spain and his wife, Ashley, had their two year old daughter, Vivienne, Spain's perspective has deepened further to focus on issues affecting our region's future, like creating an environment for good jobs, good schools, and strong and safe neighborhoods.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 74

<p>Candidate: Bradley Fritts</p> <p>Office: 74th District</p> <p>Address: 1006 Franklin Grove Rd. Dixon, IL 61021</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://fritts4rep.com</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$7.55 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Farmer</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Brad is a farmer and a substitute teacher in the off-season. He is an active member of St. Patrick's Church in Dixon, and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He also volunteers in the community with Meals on Wheels and Buddy bags. Brad currently serves as an appointed precinct committeeman on the Lee County Republican Central Committee.</p> <p>He will advocate for better schools and infrastructure, lower taxes, better fiscal responsibility, and support for law enforcement and first responders who keep us safe. Brad will hold accountable politicians and all areas of government to ensure tax dollars are being used efficiently and effectively.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 75

<p>Candidate: Jed Davis</p> <p>Office: 75th Representative</p> <p>Address: 302 Meadow Ln. Newark, IL 60541</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://jedforfreedom.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$32,233.28 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Civil Engineer, Board President of Parkview Christian Academy</p> <p>Education: Valparaiso University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Jed is a 5th generation resident of Kendall County. He married his high school sweetheart, Melissa, over 21 years ago and together they have four children with one being adopted from foster care. They currently live in Newark. He graduated from Lisbon Grade School, Newark High School, and ultimately Valparaiso University with a degree in civil engineering.</p> <p>Jed is a firm believer in local government and the freedom of local boards to direct the institutions they represent without overreach from state agencies or officials. This belief is far from our current reality and it's time we the people reclaim our communities and schools.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 76 Race

<p>Candidate: Jason Haskell</p> <p>Office: 76th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1420 Sycamore St. Peru, IL 61354</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://votejasonhaskell.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,515.82 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Construction Project Manager</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website</p> <p>I am the proud father of three amazing and caring children, a loving and loyal companion to the love of my life, and an active member of the LaSalle County Republican Party, serving as Precinct Committeeman for Peru 07.</p> <p>I am a successful Construction Project Manager, where I love what I do everyday. One of the most important responsibilities I have is creating accurate budgets for construction projects. My budgets have to be ACCURATE and COMPETITIVE, as it is extremely hard to get additional money from a client due to negligence.</p> <p>The same should be true for Springfield! Springfield is BROKEN and I want to help FIX IT! I am the Conservative 'FIREBRAND' Republican our District needs in Springfield.</p>
<p>Candidate: Lance Yednock</p> <p>Office: 76th Representative</p> <p>Address: 2441 Circle Drive Ottawa, IL 61350</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://ilhousedems.com/project/rep-lance-yednock/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$862,682.55 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Operating Engineer</p> <p>Education: Northern Illinois University (B.A)</p> <p>Biography / Statement:</p> <p>“I have spent my adult life building and cultivating relationships across our communities,” said Yednock. “I was driven to run for office by my passion to serve the working people of the Illinois Valley. I want to ensure that working families get a fair shake, something Jerry Long has failed to do since he took office.”</p> <p>Lance Yednock is a business agent with Operating Engineers Local 150, where he has spent his career fighting for the rights of working men and women. Lance felt compelled to run for office after seeing the attacks on working families and the lack of local representation in Springfield.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 77 Race

<p>Candidate: Norma Hernandez Office: 77th Representative Address: 1740 N. 19th St. Melrose Park, IL 60160</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.normaforstaterrep.com/ Cash on Hand: \$63,956.75 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Community Development Planner, Great Cities Institute Education: Triton College (A.A.) University of Illinois-Chicago (B.A.), (Masters in Urban Planning) Biography / Statement: As an Urban Planner my work has one goal, and that's to improve our way of life. One area of focus deals with civic empowerment through an initiative called participatory budgeting. Through this work, I work closely with elected officials, agencies in all levels of government, various community stakeholders, community residents, and develop a process for members of the community to decide how public funds are used. Members of my community urged me to run for office, and last year I was elected as Trustee for Triton College after earning over 12,000 votes. I am now running for State Representative because we deserve leadership that shares our experiences, background and commitment to advocate for our communities.</p>
<p>Candidate: Anthony Airdo Office: 77th Representative Address: 1611 N. 18th Ave. Melrose Park, IL 60160</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: Cash on Hand: \$15,576.09 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Education: Biography / Statement:</p>

State House of Representatives – District 78

<p>Candidate: Camille Lilly</p> <p>Office: 78th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1945 N. Newcastle Avenue Chicago, IL 60707</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://state-representative-camille-y-lilly.webflow.io/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$196,208.28 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Hospital Administrator</p> <p>Education: Drake University (B.S.), University of Oklahoma (M.H.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Camille Y. Lilly was born and raised in the 78th Illinois House District and has spent her professional career advocating for and working diligently toward economic opportunity, community development, health and wellness, and educational advancement for district residents. Camille is known for her inclusive and transparent leadership style and her ability to build coalitions and develop creative, sustainable solutions to improve people’s lives and communities.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 79 Race

<p>Candidate: Jackie Haas Office: 79th Representative Address: 162 Meadows Rd. S. Bourbonnais, IL 60914</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes Website Address: https://rephaas.com/ Cash on Hand: \$92,394.61 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: President and CEO of the Helen Wheeler Center for Community Mental Health. Education: Valparaiso University (B.A.) University of Illinois at Chicago (M.A.) Biography/Statement: For 30 years, Jackie has served her community as a social worker, focused on helping underserved populations, and advocating for those who cannot speak for themselves. In 1994, Jackie joined the Helen Wheeler Center for Community Mental Health and became the organizations CEO in 2000, pushing to expand health care, economic opportunity, and early childhood development throughout her community. Jackie served on the Kankakee County Board from 2018 to 2020. As CEO and county board member, Jackie has experience on both sides of government.</p> <p>Jackie has deep roots in the community. She and Bill, her husband of 27 years live in Bourbonnais where they raised their two children. She continues to serve at the Helen Wheeler Center today and is actively involved in several community-based coalitions, local board of directors, and community collaborations.</p> <p>As State Representative, Jackie is committed to good government reforms, a balanced budget, thriving schools, more opportunity, and expanding mental health to underserved areas.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 80

<p>Candidate: Anthony DeLuca</p> <p>Office: 80th Representative</p> <p>Address: 852 MacKler Drive Chicago Heights, IL 60411</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://anthonydeluca.org/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$920,783.57 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Consultant, Republic Services</p> <p>Education: Elmhurst College</p> <p>Biography / Statement: (From his website) DeLuca is a reformer. He supports term-limits and fair redistricting to make state government more accountable to those it serves. DeLuca also sponsored legislation to stop politicians from announcing tax-payer funded projects within 60 days of an election for personal political gain. He has voted repeatedly to cut his own pay and that of other elected officials.</p> <p>Prior to serving as Mayor of Chicago Heights for 6 years, DeLuca worked to improve local schools for 8 years as a member and president of the Bloom Township High School District 206 Board of Education.</p> <p>As mayor, DeLuca cut wasteful spending, reduced payroll, balanced the City budget, and improved public safety in Chicago Heights.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 81 Race

<p>Candidate: Paul Leong Office: 81st Representative Address: 1840 Vassar Drive Naperville, IL 60565</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: Cash on Hand: \$5,627.75 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Naperville City Councilman Education: Biography / Statement: Prior to becoming a member of the Naperville City Council in 2021, Leong served as a Naperville District 203 board member for four years. Leong’s councilman term ends in 2025, meaning that he would have to leave his position early if he was to be elected in November.</p> <p>While Leong said he can “do good work on the city council,” he chose to run for the 81st district because Illinois is “not in great shape.”</p> <p>The Republican Party “[felt] the pendulum had swung” and predicted a “conservative wave coming,” Leong said. Whereas he thought he would’ve “gotten killed” in the last two elections, this change in politics pushed him to run.</p>
<p>Candidate: Anne M. Stava-Murray Office: 81st Representative Address: 2136 Primrose Lane Naperville, IL 60565</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.teamstavamurray.com/ Cash on Hand: \$864,184.39 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator Education: Dartmouth College Biography / Statement: From her Website In her first two terms as State Representative, Anne has voted to work towards the goals many of our district share:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure Illinois takes a dramatic turn towards long-term financial stability via comprehensive reforms, which has resulted in the first credit ratings increase in over 20 years. 2. To secure our future, serving families and residents across all life-stages: on everything from pandemic recovery to serving as the Vice Chair on the Immigration and Human Rights committee. <p>Anne formerly served as a Commissioner on the Naperville Board of Fire & Police, which oversees hiring and promotions for the Fire & Police departments. A co-founder of the Naperville WMA (Women’s March Action), she organized several events focused on increasing kindness & respect in our community and accountability & transparency for politicians.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 82

<p>Candidate: Jim Durkin</p> <p>Office: 82nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 4719 Grand Avenue Western Springs, IL 60558</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.ilhousegop.org/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$2,118,387.15 – October `22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: John Marshall Law School, Illinois State University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: House Republican Leader - He served as an assistant Illinois Attorney General and an assistant Cook County State's Attorney where he served as a felony prosecutor and a special prosecutor in the narcotics unit. Durkin is on the board of trustees at the John Marshall Law School, and on the board of trustees for Misericordia Home in Chicago. Durkin lives in Western Springs, Illinois with his wife Celeste, daughter and three step-daughters.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 83 Race

<p>Candidate: Keith Wheeler</p> <p>Office: 83rd Representative</p> <p>Address: 206 Wolverine Drive Oswego, IL 60543</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 50th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repkeithwheeler.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$563,146.56 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner, Legislator</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</p> <p>Biography / Statement: I am a sixth-generation resident of Kendall County and I live in Oswego with my wife, Lisa, my two stepsons, Matthew and Chad and my daughter, Ava. I grew up in Oswego, graduated from Oswego High School and am a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.</p> <p>For almost 30 years, I have been a successful small business owner with offices in Oswego and Chicago. I have also served our communities as the chairman of the National Federation of Independent Business Fox Valley Area Action Council for small business. In addition, I am a former treasurer of the Oswego Bears Youth Football and Cheer Pop Warner program.</p> <p>I am a pro-constitution, fiscal conservative who believes that the role of government has become too expensive and too intrusive and that our government has given our children too much debt.</p>
<p>Candidate: Matt Hanson</p> <p>Office: 83rd Representative</p> <p>Address: 535 Palace Street Aurora, IL 60506</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Website Address: https://www.facebook.com/Matt4illinois</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$425,866.68 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Engineer, BNSF Railway</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</p> <p>Biography/Statement: From an interview with the Daily Herald Pension challenges in our state were created over decades by politicians skipping payments and not living up to their word. What must be done at the outset is stop making it worse. The mess cannot be cleaned up with political sound bites or fantasy land proposals. The real work is having the discipline to make full pension payments every year while exploring smart solutions that fulfill promises to workers and keeps Illinois moving forward financially.</p> <p>Any conversation about pensions needs to have everyone at the table. Full stop. I am committed to having real conversations about our state's financial health, making sure obligations to working families are met, and how we can arrive at smarter financial decisions than our predecessors.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 84 Race

<p>Candidate: Stephanie A. Kifowit Office: 84th Representative Address: 701 Millersburg Street Oswego, IL 60543</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: http://www.stephaniekifowit.org/ Cash on Hand: \$119,850.49 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time Legislator Education: Northern Illinois University Biography / Statement: (From her website) Stephanie Kifowit proudly served her country in the United States Marine Corps, the city of Aurora as Alderman for over 9 years, and now as state Representative of the 84th District. As a former financial adviser, Kifowit helped families make the best long-term decisions for their futures and she brings that experience to the State of Illinois.</p> <p>As she entered her third term, she has passed legislation to lower veteran suicide, reduce property taxes, and provide services for the elderly, disabled, and children during the budget impasse.</p> <p>She is a member of the Higher Education Appropriations Committee.</p> <p><u>Note: Rep. Kifowit is running unopposed in the Primary Election.</u></p>
<p>Candidate: Joe West Office: 84th Representative Address: 304 Stoneleigh Lane Oswego, IL 60543</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: Cash on Hand: \$7,423.20 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Oswego Township Supervisor Education: East Aurora High School Biography / Statement: Frow a Shaw Local News questionnaire: I think the top issues are the increasingly high taxes our residents are facing. Our high taxes are making it difficult for many to make ends meet and causing many to leave our State. I will work to control spending.</p> <p>If there was one bill that you could get through the legislature next year, what would it be? I would support a bill that is focused on giving parents back control to what's taught to their children in their schools. The state and its public schools cannot be allowed to infringe on the fundamental rights of parents</p> <p>If there was one recently passed law you could repeal, what would it be? I would repeal the SAFE-T Act and the cash bail prohibition. This bill creates a danger to our public safety and makes our streets less safe by protecting criminals at the expense of law enforcement officers and victims.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 85

<p>Candidate: Dagmara “Dee” Avelar Office: 85th Representative Address: 154 Tracy Way Bolingbrook, IL 60440</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.repdagmara.org/ Cash on Hand: \$156,328.05 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, non-profit management professional Education: Northeastern Illinois University (B.A.) Biography / Statement: Representative Dagmara Avelar is a community organizer and non-profit management professional elected in 2020 to the Illinois General Assembly, and is the first Latina to represent the 85th District. Prior to her role as a legislator, Representative Avelar worked as the Director of Programs at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, leading the work of the largest naturalization and language access efforts in the state of Illinois: the New Americans Initiative and Immigrant Family Resource Program.</p> <p>She was born in Ecuador and lived in the United States for more than 13 years as an undocumented American. She credits youth leadership development and civic engagement as her catalyst to fight for social, racial, and economic justice.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 86 Race

<p>Candidate: Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, Jr. Office: 86th Representative Address: 21447 Wooded Cove Drive Elwood, IL 60421</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: http://ilhousedems.com/project/rep-lawrence-walsh-jr/ Cash on Hand: \$611,784.84 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Machinist Education: Biography / Statement: Born and raised in Elwood, IL; former trustee, Jackson Township; member of the International Machinist and Aerospace Workers Union; member of St. Rose’s Parish in Wilmington; married (wife, Theresa) and proud father of three children.</p>
<p>Candidate: Scott Greene Office: 86th Representative Address: 19659 W. Manhattan Rd. Elwood, IL 60421</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.scottgreeneforil.com/ Cash on Hand: \$2,124.10 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Education: Biography / Statement: I am a conservative. I believe in fiscal responsibility. I believe in balanced budgets. I believe in cutting taxes. No doubt, this state needs a lot of tax cuts. I am pro-family. I am pro-life. The past few years I have watched this country on a decline. Even with great leadership like our 45th President, I still saw this country and even the great state of Illinois heading in a direction that was not favorable. I moved back here about 5 years ago and never once did I think I would enter a political race. It's for the elites, right? But as I looked around, I noticed I was not being represented. I certainly was not being represented by democrats and sadly the Republicans in office seemed compromised. I asked, who is going to represent me? Who is caring for the generations to come? The best answer I could come up with is...ME.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 87

<p>Candidate: Bill Hauter</p> <p>Office: 87th Representative</p> <p>Address: 105 Forestview Rd. Morton, IL 61550</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/HauterforStateRep?rdr</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$34,548.61 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Anesthesiologist, Tazewell County Board</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois School of Medicine</p> <p>Biography / Statement: When asked about his priorities in the Statehouse, Hauter said he would like to focus on the state's COVID response, public pension reform and reproductive issues.</p> <p>Hauter said he would advocate for a defined contribution-plan, similar to a 401(k) as opposed to the state's current system, which is a defined-benefit pension.</p> <p>"I will never take a pension from the General Assembly if I went," said Hauter.</p> <p>Hauter describes himself as pro-life and said his family supports "adoption ministries" among other alternatives to abortion.</p> <p>"We're trying not to focus on changing laws," said Hauter, referring to regulations surrounding abortions. "That feels like a pipe dream."</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 88

<p>Candidate: Dan Caulkins</p> <p>Office: 88th Representative</p> <p>Address: 57 South Side Country Club Decatur, IL 62521</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (currently of the 101st District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repcaulkins.com</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$73,623.30 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Retired US Army Major, small business owner</p> <p>Education: Eastern Illinois University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Dan Caulkins has been married for 44 years to his wife, Jo. He has more than two decades of military experience, retiring as a US Army Major. Caulkins worked for Decatur manufacturing giant ADM and several local companies, as well as running his own businesses focused on providing long-term care and assisted living for disabled adults.</p> <p>Dan is a graduate of Decatur public schools and Eastern Illinois University. He previously served on the Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees and was a member of the Decatur City Council from 2005-2009.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 89

<p>Candidate: Tony McCombie</p> <p>Office: 89th Representative</p> <p>Address: 318 N. 4th St. Savanna, IL 61074</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (formerly of the 71st District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repmccombie.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$303,707.05 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Realtor, Legislator</p> <p>Education: Western Illinois University (B.A.) University of Illinois – Chicago (M.P.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Representative Tony McCombie (R-Savanna) was sworn into her third term of office on January 13, 2021.</p> <p>She is a small business owner. She owns and operates Blue Appraisals and is self-employed as a realtor with Mel Foster Company.</p> <p>She has been married to her husband Curt since 2006. He is a lab technician at DuPont in Thomson, IL. As a family they enjoy all types of outdoor activities with their friends and their families.</p> <p>Formerly served as the Mayor of Savanna, IL and as a Savanna Councilwoman.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 90

<p>Candidate: John Cabello</p> <p>Office: 90th Representative</p> <p>Address: 324 N. Pier Drive Machesney Park, IL 61115</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No (Former State Rep. of the 68th District from 2012-2021)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://johncabello.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$50,529.19 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Police Detective, Former State Rep.</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website John began serving his community after graduation from the police academy by becoming a police officer for South Beloit. He later worked for the Rockford Police Department and in a short period of time he became a detective. John has served over 20 years as a police officer and is currently on the roster of the Rockford Police Department.</p> <p>John Cabello previously served on Appropriations-Capital; Appropriations-Public Safety (Republican Spokesperson); Transportation: Regulation, Roads; Labor & Commerce; Judiciary – Criminal committees. His expertise in law enforcement was utilized during his terms in office was especially needed during the riots and the rise of the anti-police movement that has fueled a resurgence in violent crime.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 91 Race

<p>Candidate: Scott Preston</p> <p>Office: 91st Representative</p> <p>Address: 405 Northridge Estates Normal, IL 61761</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.prestonforillinois.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$143,416.30 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Owner, Preston Property Group</p> <p>Education: Illinois State University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website. Scott Preston was first elected to the Normal Council in 2013, becoming the youngest councilman in Normal, Illinois history. His commitment to economic growth, keeping taxes low, and promoting policies to ensure a high quality of life led to his re-election in 2017 and 2021.</p> <p>As a lifelong Illinois resident and entrepreneur, he's tired of the politicians in Springfield letting families and businesses down.</p> <p>With his record as a councilman showing how a functioning government can solve real community issues and his background as a small business owner, Scott is best equipped to bring a pragmatic, no-nonsense approach to the problems facing Illinois businesses, workers, families, and taxpayers.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Sharon Chung</p> <p>Office: 91st Representative</p> <p>Address: 3 Dawes Place Bloomington, IL 61701</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.chun.gforillinois.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$779,597.84 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Teacher</p> <p>Education: Illinois Wesleyan</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website. Sharon Chung is a mother, county board member, dedicated teacher and musician, and lifelong Illinoisan.</p> <p>The daughter of Korean immigrants, Sharon was born and raised in the Chicago suburbs, and moved to Bloomington to attend college at Illinois Wesleyan University. She and her husband Jeremy were drawn back to the community as a place to start their family. Together with their daughters, Sophie (9) and Mia (7), Sharon and Jeremy have been proud to call Bloomington home since 2009.</p> <p>Sharon was elected to the McLean County Board in 2018, representing the residents of District 7. She has served on the Land Use and Development, Health, and Justice Committees, and together with her colleagues, has brought increased transparency and accessibility to the board and county government.</p> <p>As state representative, Sharon will be a dedicated advocate for working families, a compassionate ally for the marginalized, and a tireless fighter for the residents of the 91st District.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 92 Race

<p>Candidate: Jehan Gordon-Booth Office: 92nd Representative Address: 2614 N. Wilson Drive Peoria, IL 61604</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: http://repgordonbooth.com/ Cash on Hand: \$320,132.96 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time State Legislator Education: University of Illinois (B.A.) Biography / Statement: Before she ever served in the House, Rep. Gordon-Booth lived out her platform of making quality education real and accessible through her work. After graduating from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, she served as one of District 69's youngest school board members. Currently, pushing for a state budget and reforming and revitalizing our state's outdated criminal justice system is Rep. Gordon-Booth's primary focus. It is her commitment, as a legislator, to preserving people's dignity and their ability to contribute to their communities which have kept her motivated and pushing for reform in areas of: education, tax code, sentencing regulation, re-entry programming, and economic opportunity</p>
<p>Candidate: Benjamin Watt Office: 92nd Representative Address: 3132 N. Elmcroft Terrace Peoria, IL 61604</p>	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: Cash on Hand: None reported at the time of this guide's publication</p>	<p>Occupation: Education: Biography / Statement:</p>

State House of Representatives – District 93

<p>Candidate: Travis Weaver</p> <p>Office: 93rd Representative</p> <p>Address: 6221 W. Route 150 Edwards, IL 61528</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://travisweaver.org/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$38,100.73 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Small-business owner</p> <p>Education: Son of former State Senator Chuck Weaver.</p> <p>Biography / Statement: I think Central Illinois Republicans are hungry for men and women who are willing to jump in the fight and bring solutions. For me, I'm a small-business owner who grew up on a farm, earned an MBA, and spent seven years at Caterpillar. I've got the toolbox of skills to come in and be successful."</p> <p>"We've got to do a better job at fighting for life. We've got to do a better job for our kids and students. We've got to do a better job fighting inflation and growing the economy. I think that Illinois deserves better."</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 94

<p>Candidate: Norine Hammond</p> <p>Office: 94th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1919 S. Madison St. Macomb, IL 61455</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (previously of the 93rd district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://norinehammond.org/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$272,103.90 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Western Illinois University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Representative Hammond focuses on fiscal accountability. She is an advocate for preserving Amtrak services across the state, as well as supporting our Veterans, and ensuring state agencies work best for Illinoisans. As a member of the Higher Education Committee, she works for increased funding for universities and community colleges throughout Illinois.</p> <p>Hammond continually sponsors legislation to grow business, providing good paying, full-time jobs that are desperately needed in our state. She has successfully passed legislation to address the teacher shortage; keep Illinois students attending Illinois colleges and universities; fairly fund public K-12 education; and fight the opioid epidemic that has devastated our communities.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 95

<p>Candidate: Tim Butler</p> <p>Office: 95th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1638 N. 5th St. Springfield, IL 62702</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Previously of the 87th district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://reptimbutler.org</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$141,636.48 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time legislator</p> <p>Education: Eastern Illinois University (B.A)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Butler brings to the House more than 20 years of public service working for the people of Central Illinois. He has served as District Chief of Staff for both Congressman Rodney Davis and former Congressman Ray LaHood. He also served as the director of marketing for St. John’s Hospital in Springfield. He began his professional career working on Capitol Hill for over three years.</p> <p>Butler currently serves in a leadership role as the Illinois House Assistant Republican Leader and is the Republican Spokesperson on the Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee and the Redistricting Committee.</p> <p>Butler has been an active community volunteer for many years, including service on the boards of Downtown Springfield, Inc., the Dirksen Congressional Center, and the Springfield Road Runners Club.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 96 Race

<p>Candidate: Sue Scherer</p> <p>Office: 96th Representative</p> <p>Address: 711 E. Stella Drive Decatur, IL 62526</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.sueschererforstaterrep.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$266,021.01 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time legislator</p> <p>Education: Illinois State University (B.A.), Eastern Illinois University (M.Ed.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Sue is not a politician. She is a teacher and a mother who is frustrated with the lack of action from our state government. Sue is committed to working with both sides of the aisle - Democrats, Republicans, and Independents – to get results instead of the constant bickering we see today. She wants to bring common sense to the Legislature at a time when it is needed most.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Lisa Smith</p> <p>Office: 96th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1550 E. 2500 North Rd. Blue Mound, IL 62513</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Website Address: https://smithforillinois.ouse.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$8,915.21 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Doctor</p> <p>Education: University of Illinois-Chicago (M.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: I was born and raised in a middle-class family on a small farm in Brownstown, Illinois. My parents taught me to always do my best and to love this great state we all call home. As long as I can remember my personal goal was to be a doctor and help children.</p> <p>After many years of hard work, dedication, and the support from my family I graduated from UIC with a doctoral degree in nursing practice. I have been in healthcare for 34 years and enjoy working with the children in Illinois.</p> <p>My husband and I live in Mt. Auburn where we raised 10 children, 3 biological and 7 adopted. In addition to our children, we opened the doors to our home fostering many others. We are a faith-based family and firmly believe the best foundation for a family is to believe in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>I can serve the 96th District by being a strong advocate for safety in our community. I believe our rights as United States citizens are important. I will stand to protect those rights! I will also continue to stand up to protect your constitutional rights; your right to bear arms, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech are just a few that are under attack right now. I want to lower taxes and have less regulation. I want to fight to protect the innocent, the children, and the unborn of Illinois. I believe every child deserves a great education at a school of their choice and I want to see your tax dollars go to that school.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 97 Race

<p>Candidate: Michelle Smith Office: 97th Representative Address: 24837 W. Pine Cone Lane Plainfield, IL 60586</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.smithforrep.com/ Cash on Hand: \$235,077.43 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner, BSPI general contracting Education: Biography / Statement: In 2019, Michelle was appointed Clerk for Plainfield Township, and she was elected to her own term in 2021. Previously, she spent eight years on the Board of Education for Plainfield District 202, serving as its president from 2015 – 2017.</p> <p>Michelle has donated her time to several professional and charity endeavors, too, from her work as chair of Friends for Charitable Giving to her memberships with the Plainfield Lions Club and 100 Women Who Care of Will County.</p> <p>She is running for state representative in the 97th district to restore public safety, support parental rights in the classroom, and get our economy back on track.</p> <p>Michelle has been married to her husband for over thirty years, and together they are the proud parents of four adult children.</p>
<p>Candidate: Harry Benton Office: 97th Representative Address: 13250 Sunderlin Road Plainfield, IL 60585</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/BentonforRep/ Cash on Hand: \$496,411.38 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Iron worker Education: Biography / Statement: I married my wife, Erin Benton, in 2011 and we bought a home in Plainfield in 2012, where we planned to raise our family. I then became part of the community, becoming a board member of my HOA, and helping with solutions for problems within the community.</p> <p>I have heard an outcry of residents for changes for the future of our district and the disconnect of extreme politics, not in line with the true needs of the community</p> <p>As state representative, I will stand with local families, children, seniors, and veterans who deserve care, not the big insurance companies who continually put profit over people.</p> <p>I wanted to do more for my community and saw a need for responsible change to our village. I decided to run for the Plainfield Village Board. I wanted to be a champion and outspoken voice for government transparency, supporting local small businesses, meaningful economic development, holding the line on taxes, and improving local infrastructure. I won my election and am currently a Trustee in the Village of Plainfield.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 98

<p>Candidate: Natalie A. Manley</p> <p>Office: 98th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1927 Timbers Edge Circle Joliet, IL 60431</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/natalie.manley.5/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$744,796.90 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Certified Public Accountant</p> <p>Education: Joliet Junior College (A.A.), University of St. Francis (B.A.), Lewis University (M.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Active community volunteer, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Will and Grundy Counties; HUGS of Shorewood; former board member, CASA of Will County; job shadow host, Plainfield High School and Joliet Junior College; local radio show co-host; married and has one daughter. Representative since 2013.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 99

<p>Candidate: Randy Frese</p> <p>Office: 99th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1824 E. 1635th Street Paloma, IL 62359</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (previously of the 94th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repfrese.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$59,723.07 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, small business owner</p> <p>Education: Western Illinois University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Randy was raised on his family’s farm in rural Illinois. After graduating from WIU, Randy learned about business traveling West Central Illinois.</p> <p>Based out of Macomb, he was first a sales and service representative for White Farm Equipment, and then he worked as an industrial minerals salesman.</p> <p>Randy has been married to his high school sweetheart, Ronda, for 31 years. Randy and Ronda have raised three daughters – Laura, Jana, and Sara – not far from where they both grew up.</p> <p>Randy made it his priority to properly utilize his budget in the most effective way possible, while constantly increasing constituent service standards.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 100

<p>Candidate: Christopher "C.D." Davidsmeyer</p> <p>Office: 100th Representative</p> <p>Address: 28 Elizabeth Place Jacksonville, IL 62650</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.cddavidsmeyer.org/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$221,024.64 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time Legislator</p> <p>Education: Miami University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Representative Davidsmeyer returned to his hometown of Jacksonville in 2006 to become Operations Manager of IRC Inc., a subsidiary of Illinois Road Contractors, Inc. In 2009, he became Vice President of IRC where he continued his duties of Operations Manager adding all budget responsibilities and financial decisions of the company.</p> <p>Representative Davidsmeyer joined the Jacksonville City Council in 2008. He served as the Chairman of the Public Protection Committee and most recently served as Chair of the Finance Committee.</p> <p>Representative Davidsmeyer and his wife Kristen along with their two boys reside in Jacksonville.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 101

<p>Candidate: Chris Miller</p> <p>Office: 101st Representative</p> <p>Address: 23326 E. CR 1960 N Oakland, IL 61943</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 110th district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repcmiller.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$107,067.47 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Farmer</p> <p>Education: Eureka College, Lakeland College</p> <p>Biography / Statement: (From his website) Chris Miller lives in Oakland, Illinois, where he was born and raised. After graduating from Oakland High School, Chris attended Eureka College and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in education. Later, Chris attended Lakeland College and received an Associate's Degree in agriculture. He is a third generation farmer and raises Angus cattle. Chris and his wife, Mary, have been married for thirty-seven years. They have seven children and fourteen grandchildren.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 102

<p>Candidate: Adam Niemerg</p> <p>Office: 102nd Representative</p> <p>Address: 10411 N. 2000th St. Dieterich, IL 62424</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 109th district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repniemerg.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$34,985.03 - October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Senior Claims Adjustor, Country Financial</p> <p>Education: Eastern Illinois University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Elected in 2020, Illinois State Representative Adam Niemerg is a Teutopolis native and resides in rural Dieterich in Effingham County with his wife, Trina, and two small children. They are members of the St. Isidore Catholic Parish and they attend St. Aloysius church.</p> <p>Adam is a fiscal conservative focused on reducing taxes and fighting for limited government and pension reform to spur the growth of business and jobs in his district and all of Illinois. Adam Niemerg is pro-life and he will protect Second Amendment rights.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 103

<p>Candidate: Carol Ammons</p> <p>Office: 103rd Representative</p> <p>Address: 405 N. Abbey Road Urbana, IL 61802</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.staterepcarolammons.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$61,117.44 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-time Legislator</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: State Representative Carol Ammons is serving her fourth term representing the 103rd District. A former Champaign County Board Member and Urbana City Council Member, Rep. Ammons works to expand economic opportunities for working families, reform the criminal justice system, defend union members and protect the environment.</p> <p>Rep. Ammons has a combined nearly fifteen years of service in elected office at the county, city, and state levels. Carol is currently the Chairwoman for the Small Business, Tech Innovation, and Entrepreneurship committee.</p> <p>She is currently a member of the following committees: Appropriations-Higher Education, Campaign Finance Subcommittee, Counties & Townships, Economic Opportunity & Equity, Energy & Environment, and Higher Education.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 104 Race

<p>Candidate: Mike Marron Office: 104th Representative Address: 22239 N 100 E Road Fithian, IL 61844</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: http://electmarron.com Cash on Hand: \$160,553.75 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Farmer, small business owner Education: Biography / Statement: He served as the Chairman of the Vermilion County Board, where he was responsible for managing and administering the daily operations of Vermilion County’s \$40 million annual budget. Previously, he represented District 2, and then served as Vice Chair of the Vermilion County Board. He also previously served as Supervisor of Pilot Township.</p> <p>He was a five-time representative of Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Soybean Association to Capitol Hill in Washington. He has also served as an ISA ambassador to Brazil, and China and has also participated in multiple trade missions, including to Haiti, Colombia, Mexico, and Ghana.</p> <p>He is married to his wife Brandy and they have one daughter.</p>
<p>Candidate: Cynthia E. Cunningham Office: 104th Representative Address: 2641 County Road 2050 N Saint Joseph, IL 61873</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.electcindy.cunningham.com/ Cash on Hand: \$172,182.12 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Senior Service Director Education: University of Illinois Biography / Statement: In announcing her candidacy, Cunningham says she would be an advocate for seniors in the Illinois House.</p> <p>Working for the University of Illinois, Cindy participated in a literature review on ways to improve functioning of persons with early stage dementia, without the use of prescription drugs, a project contracted by the Alzheimer’s Association.</p> <p>Cindy’s goals for office include developing a strategy for addressing the growing needs of seniors in Illinois, the fair treatment of labor unions by the state, reaffirming our commitment to education and higher education through equitable, stable funding of our schools.</p> <p>In her free time, Cindy enjoys spending time with her family—husband Keith, daughters Katie and Andrea, and son Ben.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 105

<p>Candidate: Dennis Tipsword</p> <p>Office: 105th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1520 Grove Lane Metamora, IL 61548</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Website Address: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100078120785919</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$23,282.75 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Woodford County Chief Deputy Sheriff, small business owner</p> <p>Education: Illinois Central College, Illinois Valley Community College</p> <p>Biography/Statement: From CentralIllinoisProud.com With a 27 year career in law enforcement and 8 years as the Chief Deputy, Tipsword is hoping to use his voice to fight the SAFE-T Act passed last January by Gov. Pritzker.</p> <p>Tipsword said the bill has been the “singular worst piece of legislation for law enforcement, at least in my 27-year career.”</p> <p>Other than the criminal justice reform bill and small business regulations, Tipsword said: “government overreach” is another reason he decided to run for office.</p> <p>Dennis Tipsword is born-and-raised in Woodford County. He and his wife live in rural Metamora and have been married for 27 years. They have three adult children and three grandchildren.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 106

<p>Candidate: Thomas M. Bennett</p> <p>Office: 106th Representative</p> <p>Address: 540 Clover Court Gibson City, IL 60936</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.repbennett.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$237,594.65 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Former IT Manager</p> <p>Education: Eastern Illinois University (BS), Illinois State University (BS, MBA), Nova Southeastern University (D.B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Today, Tom is retired from his job as an IT manager for a national insurance company. Prior to that he was a high school science teacher and a corporate computer software developer and trainer.</p> <p>He values education, supports economic development and business growth, and supports the 2nd Amendment.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 107

<p>Candidate: Brad Halbrook</p> <p>Office: 107th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1968 E. 1150 North Rd. Shelbyville, IL 62565</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 102nd District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://rephalbrook.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$25,262.45 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Business Owner, Legislator</p> <p>Education: Lake Land College</p> <p>Biography / Statement: A diversified farmer and small business owner of a company that makes fences, Brad E. Halbrook was born in Pana, Illinois and attended Lake Land College. Halbrook is a former member of the Illinois Beef Association Board. Representative Halbrook is both socially and fiscally conservative.</p> <p>He supports lowering taxes at the state and local levels and increasing the number of Illinois jobs. He supports property tax caps and opposes income tax increases.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 108

<p>Candidate: Wayne Rosethnal</p> <p>Office: 108th Representative</p> <p>Address: 209 S. Monroe St. Morrisonville, IL 62546</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No (He previously served in the House from 2011-2015)</p> <p>Web Site Address:</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$5,035.01 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Former Legislator, Former Director of IL Dept. of Natural Resources</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From the State Journal Register "My family and I are excited to announce I'm running for state representative in the new 108th District," said Rosenthal in a Tuesday statement. "I know this area well and have served the citizens of our communities in many roles for many years."</p> <p>The Morrisonville resident has previous government experience, having served in the House of Representatives from 2011 to 2015 representing the 98th district before switching over to the 95th district in 2013.</p> <p>He is also a retired brigadier general in the Illinois Air National Guard.</p> <p>"This will be the year the people of Illinois take back our state from out-of-touch Democrats like JB Pritzker and his allies in Springfield, and I look forward to being a part of that movement," Rosenthal said.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 109

<p>Candidate: Charles Meier</p> <p>Office: 109th Representative</p> <p>Address: 13597 Railroad Road Okawville, IL 62271</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (currently representing the 108th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: www.charliemeier.net</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$84,035.75 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator, Farmer</p> <p>Education:</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Charlie is a lifelong resident of Washington County, residing on his family’s Centennial Farm. In 2009 Charlie was awarded the State of Illinois Conservation Farm Family of the Year, which recognizes leaders in land conservation that uphold the responsibility to restore its natural productive beauty for future generations.</p> <p>Charlie served six years on the Washington County Board, and was assigned to the Legislative, Sheriff, Highway, Assessment, and Animal Control Committees.</p> <p>Charlie is also the Vice- Chairman of B.C.M.W. serving Bond, Clinton, Marion, and Washington counties with Social Services, including Head Start, senior meals, weatherization, handicap rehab, and LIHEAP.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 110

<p>Candidate: Blain Wilhour</p> <p>Office: 110th Representative</p> <p>Address: 2195 E. 2500 Ave. Beecher City, IL 62414</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 107th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repwilhour.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$33,557.90 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Business Owner</p> <p>Education: Biography / Statement: In 1999, during his junior year in high school, Blaine enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard. He served in the Illinois Guard from 1999-2005 as an Intelligence Analyst. In 2002, he deployed to Europe in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.</p> <p>Blaine partners with his dad and brothers on their family farm, and is one of 2 managing partners with Longhorn Buildings LLC, their family owned construction business.</p> <p>He is married to his wife Amber and they have three sons.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 111 Race

<p>Candidate: Joe Silkwood Office: 111th Representative Address: 256 W. Airline East Alton, IL 62024</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/joesilkwoodil?rdr Cash on Hand: \$240,493.52 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Former Mayor of East Alton Education: Biography / Statement: From TheTelegraph.com Silkwood, the former mayor East Alton, said he is ready to build a stronger Illinois and will stand with working class families against right-to-work efforts. The Democrat also said he will work to expand job training opportunities and bring new economic development to the district currently represented by state Rep. Amy Elik, R-Fosterburg. During his time as East Alton mayor, Silkwood said he was most proud of the area’s economic growth, the Eastgate Plaza renovations and paying off the East Alton Ice Arena, a process 25 years in the making. He said he also is proud of the Veteran Memorial Park established in 2017 and the East Alton History Museum opened that same year.</p>
<p>Candidate: Amy Elik Office: 111th Representative Address: 3429 Elik Lane Alton, IL 62002</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://repelik.com/ Cash on Hand: \$145,450.42 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: CPA Education: Biography / Statement: (From her website) Amy Elik is serving her first term as State Representative. Rep. Elik previously served as a Foster Township Trustee and as a school board member with St. Mary’s Catholic School in Alton. She’s been a member of the Rotary Club of the Riverbend and involved in the Fosterburg AG 4H Club as a co-leader. Elik served as a volunteer and teacher with SCORE – the nation’s largest network of volunteer business mentors. She taught financial projection classes and consulted with entrepreneurs to start businesses. Amy and her husband of twenty-four years, Don, live in Fosterburg, where they are raising their two children. They attend St. Mary’s Parish in Alton.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 112 Race

<p>Candidate: Katie Stuart</p> <p>Office: 112th Representative</p> <p>Address: 7 Brookshire Lane Edwardsville, IL 62025</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repstuart.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,367,964.90 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Full-Time Legislator</p> <p>Education: Rutgers University (B.A.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website Before becoming an Illinois state representative in 2017, I taught mathematics to middle school and high school students in Highland and Edwardsville. I also taught mathematics to college students at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. It is my background in education that motivated me to become a State Representative; I saw the impact a lack of investment in education has on students and teachers. I wanted to bring the problem-solving skills I have developed as an educator to Springfield.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Jennifer Korte</p> <p>Office: 112th Representative</p> <p>Address: 7121 Lost Oak Dr. Edwardsville, IL 62025</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://jenniferkorte.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$105,006.50 - October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Social worker</p> <p>Education: Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, St. Louis University</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website “With my experience as a social worker and heart for advocacy, I will be a voice for the people in District 112.” said Jennifer. “I am simply a mom, trying to move Illinois in a positive direction. The people of Illinois are frustrated with career politicians who have infiltrated our schools and taken away parental rights.</p> <p>We need more checks and balances in our state to prevent government overreach and wasteful spending. I know too many people who have left Illinois or are planning to leave. I want to make Illinois a place where small businesses thrive and families want to raise their children here.”</p> <p>Her experience at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, along with her extensive volunteer experiences have provided her with leadership skills, integrity and critical problem solving skills. Jennifer supports protecting Second Amendment Rights, backs law enforcement, and supports the protection of the unborn. She is a common sense conservative who will listen to the citizens of this district.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 113 Race

<p>Candidate: Jay Hoffman</p> <p>Office: 113th Representative</p> <p>Address: 27 Wolf Creek Drive Swansea, IL 62226</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes</p> <p>Web Site Address: http://www.jayhoffman.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$1,968,464.13 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: Illinois State University (B.S.), St. Louis University School of Law (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website Jay has fought hard for capital construction projects, bringing back much needed state funding to build new roads, schools and the new McKinley and Mississippi River Bridges in the past.</p> <p>Jay recently worked with fellow legislators and Fairmount Race Track to expand the sunset date on Advance Deposit Wagering which will garner much needed revenue and secure numerous jobs for the track. Jay worked with business and labor, as the chief negotiator, to address various issues with unemployment insurance.</p> <p>Jay and his wife Laurie have two daughters.</p>
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<p>Candidate: Ashley Hunsaker</p> <p>Office: 113th Representative</p> <p>Address: 121 Wild Rose Drive Belleville, IL 62221</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: No</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://www.ashleyforrep.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$15,981.75 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: CEO, HTS Coatings LLC</p> <p>Education: Pensacola Christian College</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From her website With her record running one of the fastest-growing privately held companies in the U.S., Ashley is ready to take her business experiences to make Illinois a tax-friendly and safe state for businesses and families. It's time to put Illinois on a pathway of reform and deliver results for future generations.</p> <p>Alongside her primary career responsibilities, Ashley has contributed her skills to several professional and civic endeavors, including the C12 Group, an organization for Christian business leaders, and the Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Centers as a board member and treasurer. She is also a member of the Illinois Manufacturing Association and Remanufacturing Industries Council.</p> <p>Ashley has been married to her husband, Jason, for eighteen happy years, and together they are the proud parents of four children.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 114 Race

<p>Candidate: LaToya N. Greenwood Office: 114th Representative Address: 2708 McCasland Avenue East St. Louis, IL 62207</p> 	<p>Party: Democratic Incumbent: Yes Web Site Address: https://www.facebook.com/staterepgreenwood Cash On Hand: \$184,977.34 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Director of Human Resources, East St. Louis City Education: Michigan State University (B.A.), Southern Illinois University (M.P.A.) Biography / Statement: As an education administrator and public servant, LaToya Greenwood understands the challenges faced by parents, students, teachers and taxpayers. Born and raised in East St. Louis, LaToya is working to be an advocate in the State Capitol, for the many issues faced by residents of the metro east area.</p> <p>Seeing a need to improve the education system in school district 189, Greenwood went on to work as an administrator for the school district where she is currently the director of human resources.</p>
<p>Candidate: Kevin Schmidt Office: 114th Representative Address: 225 E. Washington St. Millstadt, IL 62260</p> 	<p>Party: Republican Incumbent: No Web Site Address: https://schmidtfori.com/ Cash On Hand: \$36,667.21 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Board Certified Chiropractor Education: Logan University College of Chiropractic, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville Biography/Statement: (From his website) Dr. Schmidt has been serving the Freeburg and Millstadt community as a chiropractor for the last 16 years.</p> <p>Over the past several years, he implemented a cost saving, fiscally conservative, streamlined, and consolidated business plan to allow him to offer the most affordable services he could. As a one-man owner and operator, he was able to make significant cuts to business expenses so he could pass on saving to his patients. Dr. Schmidt finds every possible way to lower and maintain affordable costs that can be shared with his patients, and he will do the same in Springfield.</p> <p>Dr. Schmidt likes to be very involved in the community either by volunteering his time in local organizations or by donating money to local causes. He is the past president of the Millstadt Jaycees and Optimist Club. He is a past board member of the Millstadt Chamber of Commerce and a current member of the NRA.</p> <p>Dr. Kevin Schmidt lives in Millstadt with his wife of 13 years, Laura, and their two sons, Luke and Dean.</p>

State House of Representatives – District 115

<p>Candidate: David Friess</p> <p>Office: 115th Representative</p> <p>Address: 408 Willow Run Dr. Red Bud, IL 62278</p>	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 116th district)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repfriess.com/</p> <p>Cash On Hand: \$23,913.69 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Legislator</p> <p>Education: Mercer University, John Marshall Law School (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: Rep. Friess was born and raised in Southern Illinois. He and his wife of 32 years, Miki, grew up in Randolph County and graduated from Chester High School. They now reside in Red Bud, where they raise their two children, and Miki teaches at Red Bud Elementary School.</p> <p>After graduating high school, Rep. Friess enlisted in the Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. He completed his active duty obligation and joined the Air Force Reserves as a Flight Engineer on the C-141, during which time he was stationed in Charleston, South Carolina. Desert Storm began and he found himself on numerous support missions flying into the theater to support the war effort. After Desert Storm, Rep. Friess worked for a Delta Airlines in Atlanta, Georgia as an aircraft mechanic before returning to school.</p> <p>David and Miki returned to Southern Illinois to raise and instill Southern Illinois values in their two children. He is a member of Ebenezer Church in Rockwood, Illinois, a member of the Red Bud VFW, the Chester American Legion, the Randolph County Bar Association, and he enjoyed coaching his son and daughter in youth sports.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 116

<p>Candidate: Dave Severin</p> <p>Office: 116th District</p> <p>Address: 405 Mitchell St. Benton, IL 62812</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 117ths District)</p> <p>Website Address: https://repseverin.com/</p> <p>Cash on Hand: \$140,222.25 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Small business owner, Legislator</p> <p>Education: John A. Logan College</p> <p>Biography/Statement: He and his wife of 38 years, Penny, have lived in the same small ranch house on Mitchell St., for the last three decades where they raised their son. Dave and Penny, who is a school teacher, have two grandchildren and are members of Whittington Church.</p> <p>In a little more than 20 years, he took his small business from operating out of his garage, to a storefront on the Benton town square, to their current facility built in 2004. Dave proudly employs 12 hardworking Southern Illinoisans and does business all over Southern Illinois as a custom embroidery and promotional products manufacturer.</p> <p>Community service is a part of Dave’s life. He is a member of his local Lion’s Club, ran Special Olympics in Southern Illinois for 10 years, spent time as a Youth Pastor at his church, sits on the board of a not-for-profit that helps the developmentally disabled, and is President of the Benton Elementary School Board.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 117

<p>Candidate: Patrick Windhorst</p> <p>Office: 117th Representative</p> <p>Address: 610 Metropolist St. Metropolis, IL 62960</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (Currently representing the 118th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://repwindhors.com/</p> <p>Cash On Hand: \$145,887.23 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Attorney</p> <p>Education: Shawnee Community College, University of Illinois, SIUC Law School</p> <p>Biography / Statement: From his website In 2004, Patrick was elected as State’s Attorney for Massac County where he served until being elected State Representative in November 2018. As State’s Attorney, Patrick worked to reduce violent crime and to protect his community from the scourge of drug addiction.</p> <p>Patrick is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, the Metropolis Rotary Club, the Shawnee College Foundation Board, the Metropolis Chamber of Commerce, and the Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition. Patrick was sworn in as 118th district State Representative on January 9, 2019.</p>
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State House of Representatives – District 118

<p>Candidate: Paul Jacobs</p> <p>Office: 118th Representative</p> <p>Address: 1309 Sadler Rod. Pomona, IL 62975</p> 	<p>Party: Republican</p> <p>Incumbent: Yes (currently representing the 115th District)</p> <p>Web Site Address: https://reppauljacobs.com/</p> <p>Cash On Hand: \$232,593.59 – October '22</p>	<p>Occupation: Optometrist, small business owner, legislator</p> <p>Education: Shawnee Community College, University of Illinois (B.A.), Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (J.D.)</p> <p>Biography / Statement: 115th District State Representative Dr. Paul Jacobs is probably best known for operating a successful optometry practice throughout Southern Illinois for the last 41 years. Dr. Jacobs and his wife Rhoda have four grown children and ten grandchildren.</p> <p>Rep. Jacobs served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1971. Dr. Jacobs has practiced optometry throughout Southern Illinois communities including Anna, Carbondale, Herrin, and Marion. Paul and Rhoda also built the highly successful and widely-known Von Jakob Winery in Alto Pass from the ground up 24 years ago.</p> <p>Dr. Jacobs was elected 115th District State Representative in November 2020. He was sworn-in on January 13, 2020. Rep. Jacobs has pledged to work with both Republicans and Democrats to effectively represent Southern Illinois’ best interests. Paul is a lifelong Christian conservative who seeks to bring fiscal responsibility and ethical reform to Springfield.</p>
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