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Seeking to empower voters to make more informed decisions, CAIR-Chicago has assembled the following scorecard for the 2018 General Election. Our scorecard is a guide that provides listings of key legislation and its corresponding voting records for the 100th General Assembly of Illinois and the 115th Congress of the United States in the 2017-2018 sessions. For the first time we are including a scorecard that recounts the agenda of the current White House presidential actions and the decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

While voters can cast ballots for the legislative branch this elections, the Presidency is not on the ballot this year, and the Supreme Court justices are only appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

For this scorecard guide, CAIR-Chicago chose to focus on legislation and issues related to civil rights and civil liberties that would have significant impact on the Muslim American community. These are issues that CAIR advocated for on behalf of our local and national communities. The biographies provided in this guide are pulled from candidate websites. CAIR-Chicago encourages voters to further research the actions of legislators before supporting any particular candidate.

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For a complete list of candidates running for public office during the 2018 General Elections, visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website.

Please contact the CAIR-Chicago with any questions.
Basic Information

**How do general elections work?**

General elections in the United States are the quadrennial (four-year) elections for the President of the United States. Federal offices that are up for election are members of the United States Congress, including all 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives and, in 2018, the full terms for 34 of the 100 seats (known as Class 3) in the United States Senate.

On the state level, there will be elections for the Comptroller in the executive branch. In addition, all Illinois districts for the state’s House of Representatives, and 40 seats of the state Senate will have elections. However, many races are uncontested so they have only one candidate.

In relationship to the scorecards, voters should gauge the voting records of the incumbents and those not seeking reelection or not continuing for another term. This provides necessary perspective in the laws that govern the jurisdictions, which voters have the right to call on the newly elected office holder to ensure the support of the legislation, or propose new laws to strike down the measure.

**When:** Early voting begins Thursday, September 27, 2018; from Monday, October 22 to Monday, November 5, 2018 additional polling sites open. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The polls are open 6 AM – 7 PM.

**Where:** To find your polling place, contact your county clerk or click here.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years of age by Election Day
- Have been a resident of the precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day

**ID needed for voting**

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

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

- Current and valid photo identification
- Utility bill
- Government check
- Paycheck
- Government document
IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING & REGISTRATION THROUGH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Preceding Election Day, early voting begins Thursday, September 27, 2018, with additional polling sites available from Monday, October 22 to Monday, November 5, 2018.

Voters do not need to provide an excuse or reason why they cannot vote on Election Day. Government-issued photo ID is not required but is helpful if there is a question about the voter’s registration, address or signature. Providing an ID can also speed up the process because we have ID card readers at every check-in station.

Any Chicago voter may use any site in the city for Early Voting & Registration now through November 7 -- regardless of where in the city the voter lives. If you’re a suburban Cook County resident, you can register to vote at ALL Early Vote Sites in the suburbs. NOTE: Any voter who needs to register for the first time or file an address change or name change must present two forms of ID, one of which shows the voter’s current address.

Illinois voters who vote during the early voting period must vote in person. A government-issued photo ID is no longer required but it is recommended if a common name is shared and there needs to be clarification to verify identification.

PROVISIONS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

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

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

TIME OFF TO VOTE

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

PROVISIONAL VOTING

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

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

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

To check your voter registration status, click here and enter your name and address.
For more information, contact your county’s election authorities.

Below is the contact information for election authorities in Illinois:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Voters whose names do not appear on the poll list, or are unable to comply with the identification requirements for mail-in registrants, are entitled to vote by provisional ballot if they declare they are registered to vote in the jurisdiction and eligible to vote in the election.

- Voters who vote by provisional ballot are entitled to written information describing how they may learn, through a free access system, whether their provisional ballot was counted by election officials, and if it was not counted, why not.

- Voters who vote after the established time for polls to close due to a court order requiring the polls to remain open for extended hours will have to vote by provisional ballot (unless those voters were in line at the time polls closed).

- Voters whose voting status has been challenged by an election judge, a pollwatcher, or any legal voter and that challenge has been sustained by a majority of the election judges may vote provisionally.

- Voters who are registered to vote and who have moved within their election authority’s jurisdiction more than 30 days before an election for federal office may vote in that election (for federal offices) under the failsafe procedures set forth in NVRA. Such voters must vote in the polling place for the residence from which the voter most recently registered even if they did not advise the election authority of the move.

- Voters who have submitted to the appropriate election authority (either in-person or by mail) their completed registration application by the close of registration as permitted by state law, and such registration application has been determined to be valid by the election authority, are entitled to be registered and vote in that election.

- Voters are entitled to notice of the disposition of their voter registration application.

- Voters who are otherwise qualified to vote may be entitled to register and vote absentee in an election for if they are in the military or are residing overseas.

- Voters in jurisdictions with a statutorily-specified minimum number of voters who speak a primary language other than English may be entitled to receive a written ballot or other election materials or assistance in a language other than English.

- Voters who require assistance due to blindness, disability or inability to read or write may receive assistance from a person of the voter’s choice other than the voter’s employer or union (or agent thereof).

- Voters who are confined or detained in a jail or prison pending a trial are not disqualified from voting.

- Jurisdictions must not apply standards or practices which deny or abridge the right to vote in violation of the U.S. or Illinois Constitution (denial on the bases of race, religion, gender, etc.).

- Jurisdictions must take steps to make the registration and voting process accessible to the elderly and to individuals with disabilities.

- Persons must not intimidate, threaten or coerce any other person for registering or voting; for urging or aiding persons in registering or voting; for purposes of interfering or influencing how a person chooses to vote; or for purposes of preventing a person from voting.

- Election officials must not unlawfully fail or refuse to permit a person to vote who is entitled to vote and must not refuse to tabulate, count and report such person’s vote.
Prohibited Acts of Fraud and Misrepresentation

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

Violation of Voting Rights

- If you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney’s Office, the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Illinois State Board of Elections complaint hotline at 1-866-513-1121, the Illinois Attorney General’s office or the office of your election authority.

- The administrative complaint procedure applies to alleged violations of Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Any alleged violation(s) of Title III that have occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur may be reported to the IL State Board of Elections. Alleged violations under Title III include, but are not limited to, voting systems standards, accessibility for those persons with disabilities, and voter registration.

- If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at 1-800-253-3931.
HR 36: Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

Summary: This bill would enact criminal penalties for anyone performing an abortion or attempting to perform an abortion on a fetus that is older than 20 weeks old since a fetus develops pain receptors at 20 weeks. There are legal exemptions for rape victims and the saving of the life of the mother.

Bill Status: Passed House on October 3, 2017 and received in the Senate on October 3, 2017

HR 1730: Protecting Religiously Affiliated Institutions Act of 2017

Summary: Broadens the criminalization of damage to religious property to include threats of damage to religious property, resulting in criminal penalties.

Bill Status: Passed House on December 11, 2017 and received in the Senate on December 12, 2017

HB 3030: Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2018

Summary: Reinforces U.S. policy that regards genocide and other such crimes as a primary national security interest and moral responsibility. Instructs the President to establish a “Mass Atrocities Task Force” to assist other agencies with prevention and response of such crimes. The Director of National Intelligence is also encouraged to report on regions at risk of atrocious crimes, along with risk factors and potential perpetrators. The bill also establishes the “Complex Crisis Fund” to support foreign challenges and crisis overseas. Funds may not be used for lethal assistance.

Bill Status: Passed House July 17, 2018 and received in the Senate July 18, 2018

HB 3249: Project Safe Neighborhood Grant Program Authorization Act of 2017

Summary: Establishes the Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program with the Department of Justice to foster and improve joint law enforcement partnerships. The funds would combat crime and gang violence in order to make neighborhoods more safe.

Bill Status: Passed House on June 6, 2018 and became Public Law 115-185 on June 18, 2018

HB 4375: STEM Research & Education Effectiveness & Transparency Act

Summary: Directs the National Science Foundation (NSF) to initiate programs that would give women and other underrepresented individuals career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. A report on the effectiveness of NSF research and education would be made to track participation of men and women. The goal is to increase the positions of women and other misrepresented individuals in science and engineering.

Bill Status: Passed House on December 18, 2017 and received in the Senate on December 20, 2017
HB 4909: Stop School Violence Act of 2018

Summary: Revises and reauthorizes the “Secure Our Schools” grant program to give states, local governments and Indian tribes funding to improve security, including the use of metal detectors.

Bill Status: Passed House on March 14, 2018 and received in the Senate on March 15, 2018

HB 6729: Empowering Financial Institutions to Fight Human Trafficking Act of 2018

Summary: Allows a qualified nonprofit organization to share information with financial institutions and other authorities regarding possible human trafficking or money laundering. Nonprofits sharing information will not be held liable for acting in compliance.

Status: Passed House on September 26, 2018 and received in the Senate on September 27, 2018

H. Amt 185 to H.R. 2810

Summary: This amendment is to require the Secretary of Defense to conduct assessments of the use of violent or unorthodox Islamic religious doctrine to support extremist or terrorist messaging and justification.

Bill Status: Did not pass (July 14, 2017)
# Voting Record of the IL Delegation in the 115th Congress

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SB 0889: Juries-Unlawful Discrimination

Summary: Amends the Jury Act to ensure that no person who is qualified to serve as a juror may be excluded from jury service based on--among other things--race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or sexual orientation.

Bill Status: Passed Senate on May 5, 2017 and became Public Law 100-0228 on August 18, 2017

SB 1424: Election Contribution Matching

Summary: Creates a small donor campaign contribution matching system for the several state executive and general assembly office positions. The purpose of this system is to limit the influence of corporations and the wealthy in Illinois races.

Bill Status: Passed Senate on May 16, 2017 and received in the House

SB 1696: Muslim American Advisory Council

Summary: Creates the Illinois Muslim American Advisory Council charged with advising the Governor and General Assembly on policy issues impacting Muslim Americans. The goal of the council is to advance civic participation of Muslim Americans in Illinois, enhance trade between Muslim-majority countries and the state of Illinois, and to build relationships with Muslim American communities. Council members are appointed by the Governor and various members of the General Assembly.

Bill Status: Passed Senate on April 4, 2017 and became Public Law 100-0459 on August 25, 2017

SB 1697: Human Rights-Religion-Hair-Clothing

Summary: Amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to make it a violation for an employer to hold an employee to a condition in which violates a sincerely held practice of his or her religion, including wearing of any attire, clothing or facial hair.

Bill Status: Passed Senate on April 27, 2017 and became Public Law 100-0100 on August 11, 2017

SB 1933: Automatic Voter Registration

Summary: Amends the Election Code. Provides that the State Board of Elections and the Office of the Secretary of State shall establish an automatic voter registration program pursuant to an interagency contract and jointly-adopted rules.

Status: Passed Senate on May 5, 2017 and became Public Law 100-0464 on August 28, 2017
**SB 2273: Electronic Register**

Summary: Amends the Election Code to provide that the Electronic Registration Information Center shall provide the exclusive interstate voter registration program for Illinois. This ensures that minority voters are not stripped of voter registration status.

**Bill Status:** Passed Senate on January 31, 2018 and vetoed by Governor Rauner on July 17, 2018

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**SB 3103: Immigrant Tenant Protection**

Summary: Provides that a landlord shall not require the disclosure or evict a tenant on the basis of a person’s immigration or citizenship status. Also provides that in a civil action involving a tenant’s housing rights, no inquiry shall be made into the tenant’s immigration or citizenship status.

**Bill Status:** Passed Senate on May 31, 2018 and vetoed by Governor Rauner on August 24, 2018

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**SB 3249: LGBT Unit of Instruction**

Summary: Effective July 1, 2019 public elementary and high schools would be required to incorporate in its history curriculum the importance of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members in society. This is to further signify the Illinois Human Rights Act and spread the understanding of a non-discriminatory way of life.

**Bill Status:** Passed Senate on May 2, 2018 and received in the House on May 3, 2018

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**SB 3488: Anti-Registry Program Act**

Summary: Provides that no government agent or agency shall use money or resources to provide support for the creation or maintenance of a registry program. Also provides that no government agent or agency disclose any demographic information to any individual for the purpose of creating a registry program.

**Bill Status:** Passed Senate on May 10, 2018 and became Public Law 100-1088 on August 24, 2018
HB 213: School Choice Act

Summary: Establishes the School Choice Program to provide qualifying students for scholarships to attend participating nonpublic schools. The principals of each public school would be required to notify qualifying students of eligibility for scholarships. Eligible students would have the choice to apply to the State Board of Education and provide documentation of eligibility. Provides that the scholarship may be renewed each year through the 12th grade as long as pupil and custodian remain eligible. Scholarship amount received shall not be considered base income for purposes of Illinois’ income tax. Amends the Illinois Lottery Law and the Illinois Income Tax Act to make available changes.

Bill Status: Passed House on March 14, 2017 and became Public Law 100-0466 on September 8, 2017

HB 270: Investigations of Police

Summary: Requires that allegations of sexual assault by a police officer shall be immediately reported to the officer’s supervisor and an independent law enforcement agency. Provides that the independent law enforcement agency conduct a formal investigation and submit written findings to the State’s Attorney.

Bill Status: Passed House on July 6, 2017 and became Public Law 100-0515 on September 22, 2017

HB 2390: CRIM CD&CD CORR-Hate Crime

Summary: Amends the Hate Crime Statute in the Criminal Code of 2012 to require persons convicted of a hate crime to perform public or community service of no less than 200 hours and to enroll in an in-person education program discouraging hate crimes. Removes intent requirement for hate crime committed in or causing damage to place of worship.

Bill Status: Passed House on April 28, 2017 and became Public Law 100-0260 on August 22, 2017

HB 3142: Criminal History in College Applications Act

Summary:

Bill Status:

HB 3711: Hate Crime- Civil Penalty

Summary: Amends the Hate Crime Statute in the Criminal Code of 2012 to include intimidation, stalking, cyberstalking, or the transmission of obscene messages among the acts that can be regarded as a hate crime. Provides that the court shall impose a civil penalty of $25,000 for each violation of the statute.

Bill Status: Passed House on April 25, 2017 and became Public Law 100-0197 on August 18, 2017
HB 3869: Implicit Bias Training
Summary: Amends the School Code by adding a section on implicit bias training. Requires in-service training for school personnel to include training on the development of cultural competency, including understanding and reducing implicit racial bias. Effective July 1, 2017.

Bill Status: Passed House on April 4, 2017 and became Public Law 100-0014 on June 30, 2017

HB 4469: Jails/Prisons/Voting
Summary: Amends the Election Code by providing that each election authority facilitate voting by mail for eligible voters who are confined or detained in county jail. Also contains a provision to establish a temporary branch polling place in the country jail. Additionally, declares that a county jail shall provide a voter registration application to any person who requests an application and is eligible to vote. Effective January 1, 2020.

Bill Status: Passed House on May 23, 2018 and amendatory vetoed by Governor Rauner on August 17, 2018

HB 5544: Council on Women and Girls
Summary: Creates the Illinois Council on Women and Girls, tasked with advising the Governor and the General Assembly on policy issues impacting women and girls in Illinois. The goals of the Council include advancing civil participation of women and girls in the state, working to end the pay gap, providing improved access to reproductive healthcare, and protecting women from domestic violence and sexual assault.

Bill Status: Passed House on April 24, 2018 and became Public Law 100-0913

HB 5877: Racial Impact Note Act
Summary: Creates the Racial Impact Note Act which provides that every bill that has or could have a disparate impact on racial and ethnic minorities have to include a reliable estimate of the anticipated impact on those racial and ethnic minorities. Amends several acts to prohibit racial discrimination and harassment.

Bill Status: Passed House on May 31, 2018; sent to Senate.
# Voting Record of the Illinois General

**VOTED “YES” = ✔**  
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15-606: Pena-Rodriguez v. Colorado

Summary: Broadens the criminalization of damage to religious property to include threats of damage to religious property, resulting in criminal penalties.

Decision: 5-3 for Pena-Rodriguez

15-680: Bethune-Hill v. Virginia Board of Elections

Can race be a predominant consideration even where it is the most important consideration in drawing a given district unless the use of race results in “actual conflict” with traditional districting criteria?

Decision: Unanimous for Bethune-Hill

15-1204: Jennings v. Rodriguez

Are noncitizens who are subject to mandatory detention under the relevant text of the Immigration and Nationality Act entitled to bond hearings, with the possibility of release, if their detentions last six months? Are the noncitizens entitled to release unless the government proves by clear and convincing evidence that the noncitizens are dangers to their communities and flight risks? Should the length of the noncitizen’s detention be weighed in favor of release, and should new bond hearings be provided automatically every six months?

Decision: 3-2 Decision for Jennings

16-111: Masterpiece Cake Shop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission

Does the application of Colorado’s public accommodations law to compel a cake maker to design and make a cake that violates his sincerely held religious beliefs about same-sex marriage violate the Free Speech or Free Exercise Clauses of the First Amendment?

Decision: 7-2 Decision for Masterpiece Cake Shop

17-965: Trump v. Hawaii

Are the plaintiffs’ claims challenging the president’s authority to issue the Proclamation reviewable (“justiciable”) in federal court? Does the president have the statutory authority to issue the Proclamation? Is the global injunction barring enforcement of parts of the Proclamation impermissibly overbroad? Does the Proclamation violate the Establishment Clause of the Constitution?

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Presidential Actions of the 45th
President of the United States

**Issue Area:** Immigration/Foreign Policy/National Security

**Executive Order 13769:** Protecting the Nation from Foreign terrorist Entry into the United States (Muslim Ban 1.0)

**Issued:** January 27, 2017 | **Type of Executive Action:** Executive Order

**Status:** Halted by 9th Circuit Court on February 3, 2017

Summary: This presidential memorandum finds that illegal drugs, dangerous gang activity, and extensive illegal immigration through the southern border is imperiling the security of the United States and has reached a point of crisis. Therefore, the memo directs the Department of Defense and Department of homeland Security to secure the southern border and take other necessary actions to stop the flow of drugs, gangs, and illegal immigrants into the country.

**Executive Order 13780:** Protecting the Nation from Foreign terrorist Entry into the United States (Muslim Ban 2.0)

**Issued:** March 6, 2017 | **Type of Executive Action:** Executive Order

**Status:** Halted by 4th Circuit Court on May 25, 2017

Summary: Executive Order 13780 replaced the previous “Muslim Ban” on March 6, 2017. This order reiterates a suspension of entry for individuals from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Syria. It removes Iraq from the list of countries under suspension.

**Presidential Proclamation 9645:** Enhancing Vetting Capabilities and Processes for Detecting Attempted Entry into the United States by Terrorists or Other Public-Safety Threats (Muslim Ban 3.0)

**Issued:** September 24, 2017 | **Type of Executive Action:** Proclamation

**Status:** Upheld as Constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 26, 2018

Summary: This presidential memorandum finds that illegal drugs, dangerous gang activity, and extensive illegal immigration through the southern border is imperiling the security of the United States and has reached a point of crisis. Therefore, the memo directs the Department of Defense and Department of homeland Security to secure the southern border and take other necessary actions to stop the flow of drugs, gangs, and illegal immigrants into the country.
Recognizing Jerusalem as the Capital of the State of Israel and Relocating the United States Embassy to Israel to Jerusalem

**Issued:** December 6, 2017 | **Type of Executive Action:** Proclamation

**Summary:** This proclamation officially recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. It also authorizes the relocation of the United States Embassy to Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. According to the proclamation, this move does not constitute the United States taking a position on boundaries or borders.

Protecting America through Lawful Detention of Terrorists

**Issued:** January 30, 2018 | **Type of Executive Action:** Executive Order

**Summary:** The Executive Order finds that detention operations at Guantanamo Bay are legal, safe, humane, and consistent with International Law. Therefore, President Trump revokes Executive Order 13492 of 2009 to close the detention facilities. Guantanamo Bay will be reopened and the United States may transport additional detainees there when necessary to protect our nation.

Ceasing U.S. Participation in the JCPOA and Taking Additional Action to Counter Iran’s Malign Influence & Deny Iran All Paths to a Nuclear Weapon

**Issued:** May 8, 2018 | **Type of Executive Action:** Presidential Memorandum | **Issue Area:** Foreign Policy/National Security

**Summary:** This Executive Order finds that Iran’s behavior threatens that national interest of the United States. It states that the policy of the United States is that Iran be denied a nuclear weapon and ends the United States’ participation in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). JCPOA is known commonly as the Iran nuclear deal or Iran deal. Additionally, the order restores all sanctions that were lifted or waived in connection with the JCPOA.

Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation

**Issued:** June 20, 2018 | **Type of Executive Action:** Executive Order | **Issue Area:** Foreign Policy/National Security

**Summary:** This presidential memorandum finds that illegal drugs, dangerous gang activity, and extensive illegal immigration through the southern border is imperiling the security of the United States and has reached a point of crisis. Therefore, the memo directs the Department of Defense and Department of homeland Security to secure the southern border and take other necessary actions to stop the flow of drugs, gangs, and illegal immigrants into the country.

Securing the Southern Border of the United States

**Issued:** April 4, 2018 | **Type of Executive Action:** Presidential Memorandum

**Summary:** This presidential memorandum finds that illegal drugs, dangerous gang activity, and extensive illegal immigration through the southern border is imperiling the security of the United States and has reached a point of crisis. Therefore, the memo directs the Department of Defense and Department of homeland Security to secure the southern border and take other necessary actions to stop the flow of drugs, gangs, and illegal immigrants into the country.
Establishment of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

Issued: May 11, 2017  |  Type of Executive Action: Executive Order

Summary: This executive order establishes The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity to study the registration and voting processes used in Federal elections. The Commission shall create a report that identifies laws and policies that enhance the American people’s confidence in the integrity of the voting processes and those that undermine the American people’s confidence. Additionally, it shall identify vulnerabilities in the voting system that could lead to improper voter registrations and improper voting. This Commission was created after Trump claimed that three to five million people had fraudulently voted in the 2016 election.

Termination of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

Issued: January 3, 2018  |  Type of Executive Action: Executive Order

Summary: This executive order officially terminates the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, which was created by executive order on May 11, 2017. The Commission was terminated before submitting its official report to the President.

Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty

Issued: May 4, 2017  |  Type of Executive Action: Executive Order

Summary: Steers the executive branch in implementing policy, which upholds religious liberty and protects religious freedom. Faith should be practiced without fear or discrimination, while federal law should protect the entitled freedoms of all Americans in exercising any religion of their choosing.

Military Service by Transgender Individuals

Issued: August 25, 2017  |  Type of Executive Action: Presidential Memorandum

Summary: The memorandum directs the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Security to return to the previous practice of prohibiting openly transgender individuals from accession into the United States military. It also halts the use of department resources to fund sex reassignment surgical procedures for military personnel. Steers the executive branch in implementing policy, which upholds religious liberty and protects religious freedom. Faith should be practiced without fear or discrimination, while federal law should protect the entitled freedoms of all Americans in exercising any religion of their choosing.
Military Service by Transgender Individuals

Issued: March 23, 2018  |  Type of Executive Action: Presidential Memorandum

Summary: This revokes the memo regarding military service by transgender individuals that was passed on August 25, 2017. It authorizes the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Homeland Security to exercise their authority in implementing any appropriate policies concerning military service by transgender individuals.

Issue Area: Economy

Minimizing the Economic Burden of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Pending Repeal

Issued: January 20, 2017  |  Type of Executive Action: Executive Order

Summary: This series of proclamations adjusts tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from most countries. It imposes a 25% ad valorem tariff on steel and a 10% ad valorem tariff on aluminum. As of May 31, 2018, these tariffs apply to all countries except for Australia, Brazil, and Argentina’s steel imports and Australia and Argentina’s aluminum imports.

Withdrawal of the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations and Agreement

Issued: January 23, 2017  |  Type of Executive Action: Presidential Memorandum

Summary: To prepare the repeal the Affordable Care Act and sets the direction of policy to replace it or “ease the financial burden of this law on all these constituencies”.

Adjusting Imports of Steel into the United States AND Adjusting Imports of Aluminum into the United States

Issued: March 8, March 22, April 30, May 31, 2018  |  Type of Executive Action: Presidential Proclamation

Issue Area: Economy

Summary: This series of proclamations adjusts tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from most countries. It imposes a 25% ad valorem tariff on steel and a 10% ad valorem tariff on aluminum. As of May 31, 2018, these tariffs apply to all countries except for Australia, Brazil, and Argentina’s steel imports and Australia and Argentina’s aluminum imports.
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Governor

Bruce Rauner
“A republican who was born and raised in the state of Illinois, Rauner is the incumbent Illinois Governor. Unlike many other conservatives, Bruce is pro choice. He personally wants to improve Illinois’ education system. He wants to create 21st Century jobs, facilitate criminal justice reform, and reform the way politicians treat our governmental structure.”

J.B. Pritzker
“Pritzker is a long time philanthropist and entrepreneur from Illinois. He is a first time democratic gubernatorial candidate who believes in strengthening Illinois’ education system and reforming it to better fit Children’s needs. He is a long time ally for LGBTQ rights. He supports legalization of marijuana and in favor of net neutrality.”

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William Kelly

“Born and raised in the South Side of Chicago, Republican William Kelly is producer, media strategist, columnist and entrepreneur. His campaign is focused on tackling the City of Chicago’s main issues regarding financial crisis, crime and corruption. Along with this, he intends to give the city of Chicago the kind of major it deserves: a local one. Based on this idea, his campaign slogan is: “Let’s make it Chicago Again.””

Kash Jackson

“Originally from Shreveport, Louisiana; Kash Jackson moved to Illinois after 20 years of Service in the US Navy. His affiliation to the Libertarian party has commited him to fight and protect the rights of people within Illinois and the US borders. Kash is running on a platform to reform the corrupt culture in Illinois politics and claims that he will push to return stability to Illinois’ finances and economic environment; he will work to fix the broken education system and towards returning power to local communities.”

William “Sam” McCann

“William “Sam” McCann: Long time Illinois resident, Sam McCann’s campaign is focused on replacing crony capitalism, special tax breaks for the “well-connected”, the protection of life and the second amendment, and to secure Illinois from illegal immigrants. He believes that Illinois is big need of a system that rewards workers’ hard work through which they can show compassion to those who need it most.”
IL Attorney General

Kwame Raoul

“Raoul is a Chicago native who filled the vacancy of former State Senator Barack Obama. He has advanced legal experience, beginning as a prosecutor in the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, and later as a labor and employment attorney for the City Colleges of Chicago. As a state senator, he is working towards criminal justice reform, equal rights and a woman’s right to abortion.”

Erika Harold

“Born and raised in Illinois, Erika’s past legal efforts have gone towards advocating for young people facing violence. She is also on the national board of Prison Fellowship to help facilitate criminal justice reform. As the Republican candidate for IL Attorney General, she seeks to enforce public accountability and fight corruption.”

Bubba Harsy

“A lawyer from Southern Illinois, Bubba is the Libertarian candidate for Illinois Attorney General. He believes that the political corruption in Illinois has gotten out of control and wants to hold those in power accountable so that residents are no longer harmed. He aims to make Illinois more business oriented and less reliant on undeserving pensions and other benefits.”
IL Secretary of State

Jesse White
“Democratic candidate Jesse White, is on the run for his 6th term as Secretary of State. Since his first election in 1998 he has improved consumer services, has made teen driving safety a priority and as a result the state has seen a sharp decline in teenager driving deaths.”

Jason Helland
“Conservative candidate Helland is running for Secretary of State focused on protecting public safety and making Illinois a safer place to live and work. He believes that, if elected, he will bring experience, integrity, honesty and impartiality to decision making.”

Steve Dutner
“Lifelong Illinois resident Steve Dutner is a Libertarian candidate who believes Illinois deserves a better government that works for the citizens. The main objective of his platform is to privatize Illinois Driver Services, reduce the cost of drivers’ license and to gradually shut down government operated Driving Services to allow the Illinois Department of Transportation to absorb some of its functions. He is also looking into reducing the cost of living in Illinois and strengthening civil liberties -especially privacy- for Illinois citizens.”

IL Treasurer

Mike Frerichs
“As a Democratic candidate for Illinois Treasurer, Mike Frerichs seeks to use state tax dollars for smart investments. As a public finance officer, he has previously cut fees made by Wall Street and reformed Illinois’ College Savings Program. He wants to provide Illinois workers with more opportunities to save for retirement.”

Jim Dodge
“Running on the Republican platform, Dodge wants to represent taxpayers to cut spending so that it could be saved for hard working families. His focus is on streamlining inefficient spending tactics, cutting waste and transparency.”

Mike Leheney
“A Libertarian with much experience in business and finance, Leheney wishes to improve business opportunities for Illinois residents, in order to provide a greater reward to their hard earned tax dollars.”
Susana Mendoza

“Susana Mendoza was elected as Illinois Comptroller in 2016 and became the first Hispanic independently elected state officer in Illinois. During her time as Comptroller, she has focused on funding nursing homes, hospice centers, schools and the most vulnerable populations of the State. Through Debt Transparency Act she made it possible to require State agencies to report monthly the number of unpaid State bills they hold. On her campaign she prioritizes the Fiscal and Moral Health of the State, strengthening diversity and “doing more with less.””

Darlene Senger

“As a candidate for Illinois Comptroller, Senger seeks to end high interest payouts and end practices that put politics at the front of important financial decisions. She believes innovation and transparency is at the center of reform, and agrees with the consolidation of treasurer and comptroller.”

Claire Bell

“Claire Ball also finds consolidation of treasurer and comptroller beneficial in terms of resource efficiency. She wants to cut spending to allow more business opportunities, and increase fiscal efficiency through transparency. According to her, spending must be “cleaned up” in areas that inhibit growth for the state of Illinois overall.”
Bobby Rush* (D)

“Bobby Rush is the current U.S. Representative for the first congressional district of Illinois, serving since 1993. Congressman Rush serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he fights efforts to reduce funding for the Environmental Protection Agency as well as efforts to overturn any environmental protection laws. Rush is also focused on combating youth unemployment and aiding the development of minority businesses. Noting that gun violence is an epidemic in this country, Bobby supports the regulation of the purchase of firearms.”

Jimmy Lee Tilmann II

“Jimmy Lee Tillman II is a political strategist and hip hop political talk show host who founded the Martin Luther King Republicans organization. Jimmy, an independent Republican, is focused on reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, demilitarizing the police, making it easier for low level drug felons to reenter society, and advocating for greater state control over school curriculum. Jimmy previously sought election to the same seat in 2016, 2014, and 2012.”
2nd Congressional District
Includes all or parts of Bradley, Bourbonnais, Calumet City, Chicago, Chicago Heights, Country Club Hills, Dolton, Harvey, Hazel Crest, Homewood, Kankakee, Lansing, Markham, Matteson, Park Forest, Richton Park, Riverdale, Sauk Village and Steger

Robin Kelly
“Robin Kelly is the current U.S. Representative for the second congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2013. As a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Congresswoman Kelly is focused on increasing trade, promoting economic growth, and advancing the democratic principles of the United States. Robin has also worked on addressing health inequality, keeping health care costs affordable, and protecting Medicare and Medicaid. She has sponsored multiple pieces of legislation aimed at ensuring that veterans find civilian jobs and have access to quality healthcare.”

David Merkle
“David Merkle is a photographer from Bourbonnais, Illinois who has served on the Kankakee County board for eight years. David believes that Congress should be run like a business and that representatives “need to roll up their sleeves, go to work and not worry so much about getting re-elected.””
Daniel Lipinski

“Daniel Lipinski is the current U.S. Representative for the third congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2005. As a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Congressman Lipinski is a leader on transportation issues. He is also focused on the promotion of American manufacturing, job creation through research and technological innovation, strengthening Buy American laws, restoring fiscal responsibility, and honoring America’s veterans and seniors. Daniel is known as one of the most conservative Democrats in Congress.”

Arthur Jones

“Arthur Jones is a Vietnam veteran and commission sales representative for some of the largest insurance companies in America. He is focused on bringing our troops home, ending illegal immigration, and is against sanctuary cities. Arthur is also working to repeal the income tax and Obamacare. He has been denounced by the Illinois Republican Party.” He has been described as a neo-Nazi by several sources.
Jesus Garcia

“Jesus “Chuy” Garcia is the Commissioner for the 7th District on the Cook County Board and former Illinois State Senator. His priorities include comprehensive immigration reform, the passage of a transportation and infrastructure bill, and improving the public education system by securing funding that doesn’t discriminate against minority communities and making college more affordable. He also supports the preservation of the Affordable Care Act and will work to expand it to true Medicare for all.”

Mark Wayne Lorch

“Mark Lorch works for the financial firm Duff and Phelps, where he advises companies and shareholders on business valuation and mergers and acquisitions. Although he has declined to go into much detail about his political views, Mark has said that he is running because he can no longer sit on the sidelines and witness the actions of our current president and members of Congress.”
Mike Quigley

“Mike Quigley is the current U.S. Representative for the fifth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2009. In Washington, he has advocated for first amendment rights, women’s reproductive rights, and LGBTQ equality. He supports the Affordable Care Act and fights to protect Medicare for seniors. One of his top priorities as a representative is working to address the realities of climate change and developing strategies to combat the threats facing our environment.”

Tom Hanson

“Tom Hanson is the principal of Hanson Commercial Real Estate. His top priorities include limiting the excessive taxation in Cook County, developing qualified day care and after school centers, and reducing prescription medication prices.”
6th Congressional District
Includes All or parts of Algonquin, Barrington, Cary, Downers Grove, Glen Ellyn, Lake in the Hills, Lake Zurich, Palatine, South Elgin, West Chicago, Westmont and Wheaton

Peter Roskam
“Peter Roskam is the current U.S. Representative for the sixth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2007. Congressman Roskam serves as a member of the Ways and Means Tax Policy Chairman and is expected to play a leading role in overhauling the U.S. tax code. Roskam also serves as the co-chair of the House Republican Israel Caucus and is dedicated to strengthening the U.S.-Israeli relationship.”

Sean Casten
“Sean Casten is a scientist, clean-energy entrepreneur, and author from Downers Grove. He is focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating jobs by investing in infrastructure and job training programs. Casten will fight for affordable healthcare, women’s reproductive rights, and immigration reform.”
Danny Davis*

“Danny Davis is the current U.S. Representative for the seventh congressional district of Illinois, serving since 1996. His priorities include expanding and improving the Affordable Care Act, protecting voter rights, and renewing the Environmental Protection Agency. His plan for economic development includes focusing on infrastructure, encouraging community development, and ensuring free college or job training.”

Craig Cameron

“Craig Cameron is a construction project manager running to represent the seventh congressional district of Illinois. Craig’s number one priority is job creation and initiatives to put American citizens back to work. If elected, he will work to reform the healthcare system, increase tax breaks for domestic companies and individuals, and protect each American’s second amendment right.”
8th Congressional District
Includes all or parts of Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Elgin, Elk Grove Village, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Lombard, Roselle, Schaumburg, Streamwood, Villa Park and Wood Dale

Raja Krishnamoorthi
“Raja Krishnamoorthi is the current U.S. Representative for the eighth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2016. Congressman Krishnamoorthi is focused on growing and strengthening the middle class by supporting small businesses, rebuilding our infrastructure, and protecting Social Security and Medicare. As a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, he is fighting to make college more affordable, expand access to paid sick and parental leave, and guarantee equal pay for equal work.”

Jitendra Diganvker
“Jitendra “JD” Diganvker is a small businessman running for Illinois eighth congressional district. JD is focused on improving the economy by lowering taxes on families and businesses and reducing regulations on businesses. He supports the repeal and replacement of Obamacare and is an advocate for reduced government spending.”

Andrew Straw
“Andrew Straw is a lawyer and civil rights advocate representing the Disability Party. As a veteran, Private Straw prioritizes disability, veteran, and parental rights. He will fight for immigration reform, education reform, and job creation.”
Jan Schakowsky

“Jan Schakowsky is the current U.S. Representative of the ninth congressional district, serving since 1999. Congresswoman Schakowsky serves the House Democratic Party as the Chief Deputy Whip. In Congress, she focuses on healthcare and senior issues, playing an instrumental role in passing the Affordable Care Act. Schakowsky is also focused on creating jobs, protecting women’s reproductive freedom, and helping Israel reach a negotiated two-state solution with the Palestinians.”

John Elleson

“John Elleson is a small business owner running for the ninth congressional district of Illinois. He believes in lowering taxes, improving healthcare, and helping our veterans. During his campaign, he has focused on bringing jobs and businesses to the Chicago-land area and cutting unnecessary regulations on businesses.”
Brad Schneider

“Brad Schneider is the current U.S. Representative for the tenth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2017 and previously holding the position from 2013 to 2015. As a member of the House Committee on Small Businesses, Congressman Schneider is focused on building a thriving economy where small businesses can invest and grow. Brad’s priorities include protecting Medicare and Social Security, improving rather than repealing the Affordable Care Act, and passing sensible gun safety legislation.”

Doug Bennett

“Doug Bennett is a historian and mathematician running for Illinois tenth congressional district. Doug supports lowering taxes on hard-working families and businesses, repealing and replacing Obamacare with more affordable options, cutting government waste and spending while supporting common sense education reform.”
“Bill Foster is the current U.S. Representative for the eleventh congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2012. As the only PhD scientist in Congress, Congressman Foster supports policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect our environment. His priorities include strengthening the Affordable Care Act, addressing issues faced by our veterans, and supporting efforts to end the opioid epidemic. He is a proponent of comprehensive immigration reform that fosters inclusiveness for everyone.”

“Dominick Stella is Board Certified in Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology and is running for the eleventh congressional district of Illinois. He supports reducing regulations on businesses, repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act, and simplifying the tax code. Dominick believes that comprehensive immigration reform begins with securing the border.”
12th Congressional District
Includes all or parts of Belleville, Cahokia, Carbondale, Collinsville, Granite City, Herrin, Marion, Mt. Vernon, O’Fallon, Shiloh and Swansea

Brendan Kelly

“Brendan Kelly is a veteran of the United States Navy and former State’s Attorney running for the twelfth congressional district of Illinois. Kelly’s top priority is public investment in Southern Illinois to rebuild infrastructure and create jobs. He vows to fight the powerful few in Washington D.C. and hold big pharma in check.”

Mike Bost

“Mike Bost is the current U.S. Representative for the twelfth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2015. As a co-chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus, Congressman Bost has assisted in introducing legislation to support the domestic steel community. As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Bost is committed to making our transportation system safer and more efficient, thereby growing our economy. His other priorities include simplifying the tax code, supporting the efficient use of coal, and repealing and replacing Obamacare.”

Randy Auxier

“Randy Auxier is a professor of Philosophy and Communication Studies at Southern Illinois University Carbondale representing the Green Party. He supports infrastructure investment to revive mass transportation across the country. Auxier favors a heavily incentivized national service program, the reduction of the defence budget, and single-payer universal healthcare. He also supports single-payer universal education to replace the unequal property tax systems.”
**13th Congressional District**
Includes parts of Bond, Champaign, Madison, McLean and Sangamon counties, and all of Calhoun, Calhoun, De Witt, Greene, Jersey, Macon, Macoupin, Montgomery and Piatt counties

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**Betsy Londrigan**

“Betsy Londrigan is a self-employed entrepreneur, former Senator Dick Durbin staffer, and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation staffer running for the thirteenth congressional district of Illinois. Betsy’s top priorities include health care reform, protecting women’s reproductive rights, and creating jobs. As a former school teacher, she vows to make public colleges and universities more affordable.”

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**Rodney Davis**

“Rodney Davis is the current U.S. Representative of the thirteenth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2013. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure committee, Congressman Davis has been a leader on issues essential to commerce. Rodney’s work on the Farm Bill helped Congress produce a five-year bill that provides certainty to our farmers, strengthens crop insurance and cuts $23 billion in spending. His top priorities are creating jobs, limiting the federal government’s role in education, and opposing the President’s war on coal.”
14th Congressional District
includes all or parts of Batavia, Campton Hills, Crystal Lake, Geneva, Huntley, McHenry, North Aurora, Oswego, Plainfield, Plano, Sycamore, Warrenville, Wauconda, Woodstock, and Yorkville

Lauren Underwood

“Lauren Underwood is registered nurse and former Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services running for the fourteenth congressional district of Illinois. She supports increased gun regulations, increased investment in the public school system, and a fully funded Environmental Protection Agency. Lauren wants to pass comprehensive immigration reform and ensure that women have access to a full range of reproductive health services. She believes in quality, affordable health care for working families and their children.”

Randall Hultgren

“Randy Hultgren is the current U.S. Representative for the fourteenth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2011. Congressman Hultgren is committed to working for fiscal sanity, healthcare reform, and pro-growth policies to put Americans back to work. To that end, he favors cutting taxes, reducing government spending, and replacing Obamacare. He believes that a strong national defense is vital to the security of the United States and is working to ensure that our military is well-equipped.”
15th Congressional District
Includes parts of Bond, Champaign, Madison, McLean and Sangamon counties, and all of Calhoun, Calhoun, De Witt, Greene, Jersey, Macon, Macoupin, Montgomery and Piatt counties

Kevin Gaither
“Kevin Gaither is a self-employed tutor running for the fifteenth congressional district of Illinois. His priorities include fixing the Affordable Care Act, student loan reform, and expanding successful education programs. Kevin wants to expand services and protections for seniors and working families by expanding Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security.”

John Shimkus*
“John Shimkus is the current U.S. Representative for the fifteenth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 1997. As a senior member of the House Energy and commerce Committee, Congressman Shimkus has worked to enhance our nation’s energy security and public safety. He is opposed to government funding of Planned Parenthood and public safety. He supports protecting second amendment rights, repealing Obamacare, and securing the border to prevent illegal immigration.”
16th Congressional District
Includes all or parts of Belvidere, Channahon, DeKalb, Dixon, Loves Park, Machesney Park, Ottawa, Morris, Pontiac, Rockford and Streator

Adam Kinzinger

“Adam Kinzinger is the current U.S. Representative for the sixteenth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2011. As a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Congressman Kinzinger’s top priorities include strengthening U.S. energy policy and bolstering the strength of our national security. He believes in protecting our second amendment rights and securing our borders.”

Sara Dady

“Sara Dady is running for the sixteenth congressional district of Illinois. Her top priority is job creation by bringing back industry and federal dollars. She believes in affordable college education, universal healthcare, equal rights for all.”
17th Congressional District

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

Cheri Bustos

“Cheri Bustos is the current U.S. Representative for the seventeenth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2013. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, Congresswoman Bustos is committed to passing a truly bipartisan Farm Bill. She is working to creating an economic environment where businesses can succeed. She supports legislation that makes quality health care more affordable and advocates for women’s rights.”

Bill Fawell

“Bill Fawell is an independent real estate broker and author running for the seventeenth congressional district of Illinois. He believes in the removal and replacement of the federal reserve bank, the repeal of Obamacare, and balancing the federal budget. He will fight to defend the second amendment and is pro-life.”
18th Congressional District

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

Junius Rodriguez

“Junius Rodriguez is an educator at Eureka College running for the eighteenth congressional district of Illinois. He advocates for tax reform, balancing the federal budget, and infrastructure development. Junius also believes that the rising costs of higher education must be curtailed.”

Darin LaHood

“Darin LaHood is the current U.S. Representative for the eighteenth congressional district of Illinois, serving since 2015. Congressman LaHood’s top priorities include creating jobs, slashing federal spending, and creating an efficient transportation network. He supports common sense reforms to healthcare that restore individual choice and control. He will also fight to defend the second amendment and the right to life.”
9th Senate District

**Laura Fine**

“Laura Fine has served as the representative for the 17th district in the Illinois House of Representatives since 2013. During her time as a legislator, Representative Fine led the fight to block President Trump’s health care law in Illinois and passed legislation the requires insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions. Laura has a 100% pro-choice voting record, is a passionate supporter of public education, and supports keeping the Great Lakes clean.”

**McCarthy Lasonde**

“Joan McCarthy Lasonde is a former marketing director currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Crime Commission. If elected, Joan will fight to freeze property taxes and will work to roll back Illinois’ 32% income tax hike. Her priorities include passing a balanced state budget, defeating corruption in Illinois, and holding leaders accountable to claims of discrimination and harassment.”

21st Senate District

**Laura Ellman**

“Laura Ellman has over 25 years of experience working in manufacturing and engineering. Her priorities include passing common-sense gun law reforms, creating a balanced budget, and rebuilding our economy. Laura has a lifelong passion for learning and is committed to building a strong private school system and investing in the Illinois higher education system.”

**Michael Connelly**

“Michael Connelly is the current representative for the 9th senate district of Illinois, serving since 2013. Senator Connelly has sponsored bills to allow concealed carry in Illinois, reduce the income tax rate, and create an Illinois Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. For his support of private sector business, he received the Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business.”
23rd Senate District

Thomas Cullerton

“Tom Cullerton is the current representative for the 23rd senate district of Illinois, serving since 2013. Tom’s priorities include creating sound fiscal policies, streamlined government and protecting working families. He has worked on legislation to consolidate local and state government, streamline services, fight misuse of taxpayer dollars and promote voter participation in local and state elections.”

Seth Lewis

“Seth Lewis is a small business owner running for the 23rd senate district of Illinois. His priorities include fighting corruption and revitalizing Illinois’ economy. Seth values education and believes in expanding education opportunities in his community, including investment in vocational training. He also believes there is a need for significant property tax reform.”

24th Senate District

Suzanne “Suzy” Glowiak

“Suzanne “Suzy” Glowiak has served as a member of the Western Springs Village board running for the 24th senate district of Illinois. Suzy’s priorities include providing tax relief for working and middle class families, lowering property taxes, and preventing gun violence. She is a supporter of the Affordable Care Act and supports increasing state support for programs that expand access to renewable energy.”

Chris Nybo

“Chris Nybo is the current representative for the 24th senate district of Illinois, serving since 2014. He believes in encouraging job growth by developing a state government with less regulation and lower taxes. During his time in the state senate, Chris has led efforts to reform Illinois’ workers’ compensation and pension laws.”
26th Senate District

Tom Gorges

“Tom Gorges is a small business owner and former captain in the Army Reserve running for the 26th senate district of Illinois. Tom is endorsed by Planned Parenthood, Moms Demand Action, and Citizen Action Illinois.”

Dan McConchie

“Dan McConchie is the current representative for the 26th senate district of Illinois, serving since 2016. Dan’s number one priority is reforming the state pension system. He supports creating a balanced budget by reducing spending, cutting the existing tax burden, and freezing property taxes. Dan also supports the expansion of charter schools, concealed carry rights, and is pro-life.”

27th Senate District

Ann Gillespie

“Ann Gillespie has worked in nearly every area of health care as an attorney, consultant, and executive. Her priorities include investing in quality public education, bringing Illinois’ infrastructure into the 21st century, and ensuring access to comprehensive and affordable healthcare. Ann supports tax reform and implementing a graduated income tax system. She also believes in the need for tighter regulation of firearm transfers and sales.”

Tom Rooney

“Tom Rooney is the current representative for the 27th senate district of Illinois, serving since 2016. As a history and economics teacher, Tom’s main focus is on economics. He has voted against increasing taxes to fund the state budget and against establishing an age limit for the purchase of assault-style weapons.”

29th Senate District

Julie Morrison

“Julie Morrison is the current representative for the 29th senate district of Illinois, serving since 2013. One of Julie’s top priorities is protecting Illinois’ most vulnerable including people with disabilities, domestic violence victims, and children. During her time as state senator, she has worked to reduce the number of children who remain in inadequate settings for long periods of time and has made it easier for county boards to remove appointed officials who act unethically.”

Barrett Davie

“Barrett Davie is an entrepreneur and co-founder of sports marketing firm, InStadium. Barrett’s priorities include fixing the public pension system, regaining our position as the nation’s transportation hub, and ending the opioid epidemic. He will work to grow our economy by balancing the state budget, lowering in-state college tuition, and supporting startups.”
30th Senate District

Terry Link

“Terry Link is the current representative for the 30th senate district of Illinois, serving since 1997. During his time in the Senate, Terry has been a champion of legislation for the environment, economic development, tax fairness, health care, "Smoke Free Illinois" and human and veteran services.”

Soojae Lee

No information could be found on this candidate.

32nd Senate District

Mary Mahady

“Mary Mahady is a former real estate realtor running for the 32nd senate district. Mary’s priorities include reviewing property taxes, protecting organized labor, and supporting a woman’s right to make her own health care decisions. She also supports the legalization of marijuana and the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.”

Coronel Craig Wilcox

“Colonel Craig Wilcox served 24 years of active duty in the Air Force and is running for the 32nd senate district of Illinois. His priorities include creating a cap for property taxes and reforming the pension system. Craig is committed to reducing Illinois’ population loss and encouraging transparency in government.”
33rd Senate District

Nancy Zettler

“Nancy Zettler is an attorney and activist running for the 33rd senate district. Her priorities include reining in property tax hikes, changing the way campaigns are financed in Illinois, fighting to protect access to women’s health care.”

Karen McConnaughay

“Karen McConnaughay is the current representative for the 33rd senate district of Illinois, serving since 2013. Karen’s priorities include tackling the state’s pension problems, striving for equitable education, and improving transit systems through infrastructure enhancements.”

36th Senate District

Gregg Johnson

“Gregg Johnson is a former officer at the Illinois Department of Corrections and the president of his local AFSCME running for the 36th senate district of Illinois. Gregg’s priorities include creating access to affordable healthcare by protecting Medicaid and Medicare, implementing a graduated income tax, and ending gerrymandering. He will also fight for seniors, veterans, and our local public school systems.”

Neil Anderson

“Neil Anderson is the current representative for the 36th senate district of Illinois, serving since 2015. Neil’s top priorities include passing a balanced budget, repealing the personal income tax hike, and creating new jobs for the economy. He is pro-life and pledges to support the right to bear arms.”
38th Senate District

**Heidi Henry**

“Heidi Henry operates a commercial horse farm and is running for the 38th senate district of Illinois. Her priorities include fair and equal funding for all Illinois schools, supporting strong unions, and fighting wage imbalance. She supports the Affordable Care Act.”

**Sue Rezin**

“Sue Rezin is the current representative for the 38th senate district of Illinois, serving since 2010. Her priorities include energy advancement and independence, obtaining equitable education funding reform, and improving statewide economic growth.”

41st Senate District

**Bridget Fitzgerald**

“Bridget Fitzgerald serves as the Village Clerk for Western Springs and is running for the 41st senate district of Illinois. Bridget will advocate for common-sense gun laws, affordable and accessible healthcare, tax reform and raising the minimum wage, and innovation in infrastructure.”

**John Curran**

“John Curran is the current representative for the 41st senate district of Illinois, serving since 2017. John’s priorities include passing job-creating reforms and legislation that will improve economic growth, business climate and fiscal stability.”
45th Senate District

David Simpson
“David Simpson is a real estate agent running for the 45th senate district of Illinois. David’s top priority is job creation and fighting for a minimum wage that provides a living wage. His other priorities include creating a progressive tax structure, increasing education funding, and taking care of our natural resources. He will fight for women and people with disabilities.”

Brian Stewart
“Brian Stewart is a former law enforcement officer and small business owner running for the 45th senate district of Illinois. As the current representative for the 89th district of Illinois, Brian has worked on creating good paying agricultural, manufacturing and middle class jobs. His top priority is addressing the pension crisis.”

48th Senate District

Andy Manar
“Andy Manar is the current representative for the 48th senate district of Illinois, serving since 2013. Senator Manar has been focused on school funding reform, driving the initiative to overhaul Illinois’ education funding formula. In addition to this, Andy prioritizes expanding voter access, creating jobs, supporting small businesses, and ending the opioid crisis.”

Seth McMillan
“Seth McMillan is the owner of one of the largest independent landscaping businesses in central Illinois and is running for the 48th senate district of Illinois. Seth’s priorities include freezing property taxes, fair funding for local schools, legislative term limits and independent redistricting. He will also fight for conservative family values.”

57th Senate District

Christopher Belt
“Christopher Belt is a former law enforcement officer running for the 57th senate district of Illinois. Christopher’s priorities include fairly funded quality education, safe neighborhoods and communities, dependable family-sustaining jobs, and access to affordable healthcare. He plans on creating a more vigorous local economy that will create a stronger Illinois.”

Tanya Hildenbrand
“Tanya Hildenbrand is running for the 57th senate district of Illinois after serving 29 years in the United States military. She believes that the inefficient and corrupt government is the most important issue facing the state. Her priorities include eliminating unnecessary layers of government, budget prioritization, and pension reform to ultimately lower Illinois state taxes.”
15th State Representative District

**John C. D’Amico**

“John C D’Amico is currently serving as the Illinois state representative of the 15th district. D’Amico successfully passed legislation prohibiting drivers from using hand-held electronic devices, including cell phones. D’Amico is a member of the Plumber’s Union Local #130, City Club of Chicago, Queen of All Saints Men’s Club, Mayfair Athletic Club, Mayfair Lions Club, St. Edward’s Athletic Advisory Board, Edgebrook Community Organization, and Edgebrook Sauganash Athletic Association.”

**Amanda Biela**

“Amanda Biela is a former teacher currently pursuing a career in social services. She supports placing a cap on property taxes, lowering income taxes, and implementing spending reform. Amanda will fight for quality public education and to impose term limits for all elected offices in Illinois.”

17th State Representative District

**Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz**

“Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz is an immigration attorney running for State Representative for the 17th district of Illinois. She is interested in protecting women’s rights, improving the quality of education at every level, stricter gun laws. She also advocates for a healthier environment, immigration reform, and making the legislative redistricting a transparent process.”

**Peter Lee**

No information could be found on this candidate.
18th State Representative District

Robyn Gabel

Robyn Gabel, former Executive Director of the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, running for State Representative for the 18th district of Illinois. She supports women rights, stricter gun policies, policies that favor a more inclusive government, and bills that promote the health of the environment.

Julie Cho

No information could be found on this candidate.

19th State Representative District

Rob Martwick

“Rob Martwick, an attorney and former criminal prosecutor, running for State Representative in the 19th district of Illinois. Martwick supports regulated gun laws, an elected school board for the city of Chicago that adequately represents the interests of the constituents, and transparent conditions from life insurance companies.”

Ammie Kessem

“Ammie Kessem is a Chicago Police Officer running for State Representative for the 19th district of Illinois. She supports lowering taxes, imposing term limits on politicians, and cutting wasteful government spending. Ammie is pro-union and opposes “Right to Work” laws as interfering with the free exchange of private contracts between two groups.”
20th State Representative District

Merry Marwig

“Merry Marwig is a small business owner running for State Representative in the 20th district of Illinois. Her top priorities include lowering taxes, providing quality funding for public schools, and affordable college tuition. Merry is also focused on creating good jobs with fair wages.”

Michael P. McAuliffe

“Michael P. McAuliffe is Illinois state representative of the 20th district, and is serving his 11th term in the General Assembly in other districts. As a full-time legislator, he is the spokesperson on both the Healthcare Licenses and Veterans Affairs Committees. Additionally, Michael is a member of Appropriations on Public Safety, Healthcare Availability Access, Museums & Cultural Enhancement, Public Utilities, and the Tourism & Conventions House Committees. He was chosen by Secretary of State Jesse White to serve on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. Michael has led to pass legislation to support public safety, military and veterans, education and economic development.”

35th State Representative District

Frances Ann Hurley

“Frances Ann Hurley is serving her for Illinois state representative of the 35th district. Hurley is a member of the Mt. Greenwood Civic Association.”

Herbert Hebein

No information could be found on this candidate.
37th State Representative District

Mathew Hunt
“Matthew Hunt is a Board Member of the Illinois State Fire Marshall Elevator Safety Division and a Trustee of the Palos Heights Police Pension Board. He is a businessman who lives in Frankfort and wants to use his elected seat to make decisions where the people come first. He does not believe in career politicians and “party first” policies. He advocates for property tax reform, education reform and mental healthcare.”

Margo McDermed
“Margo McDermed wishes to keep her seat in order to fight corruption, provide funding for low income school districts and job innovation (such as workers compensation reform). She also strictly supports government transparency and lowering property taxes.”

41st State Representative District

Val Montgomery
“A life-long corporate professional, Montgomery seeks to change her district through property tax reform, lower income taxes, a balanced budget and government transparency so the public is more aware of scandals.”

Grant Wehrli
“A councilman from Naperville, Wehrli seeks to use bipartisanship in Springfield to halt income taxes and entitlement programs. He also advocates for better public safety and education.”
42nd State Representative District

Kathleen Carrier

“Kathleen Carrier, always active in local politics, is running for State Representative of the 42nd district of Illinois. She is running on a platform of fighting for senior citizens, working families, and veterans. Her priorities include investment in public education, access to affordable healthcare, and balancing the budget.”

Amy Grant

“Amy Grant is a member of the DuPage County Board running for State Representative of the 42nd district of Illinois. Her top priorities include reform Illinois fiscal decision making, restoring the full faith and credit of the state of Illinois, and continuing to invest in education.”

43rd State Representative District

Anna Moeller

“Former Elgin councilwoman member, Moeller does not want to raise taxes for middle and lower income families. She believes she is the one to advocate for them in terms of better budgeting and education reform, along with making mental healthcare more accessible.”

Andrew Cuming

“Andrew Cuming is a business owner running for State Representative of the 43rd district of Illinois. Cuming supports eliminating wasteful government spending, lowering taxes, and creating new jobs.”
Fred Crespo
“Fred Crespo is a state legislator running for State Representative of the 44th district of Illinois. He advocates for government transparency legislation, funding for local schools, and access to health care for at-risk children and seniors.”

Katy Dolan Baumer
“Katy Dolan Baumer is currently the board director of Township Officials of Illinois and the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division Secretary/Treasurer. She wants to use her seat in the Illinois House to vote against a graduated income tax, a balanced budget and reform pensions. She believes Illinois residents have been moving away due to high property taxes and would like to see that reversed.”

Cynthia Borbas
“Cynthia Borbas is the owner of a small IT Consulting Firm, running for State Representative of the 45th district of Illinois. She will fight for economic justice, civil rights, and protecting our environment. Cynthia previously ran for State Representative for the same district in 2016.”

Christine Winger
“Christine Jennifer Winger is currently the State Representative of the 45th District in 2014. Christine is focused on creating a better job climate in Illinois, improving the quality of life for families and ensuring a quality education for children.”
46th State Representative District

Deborah Conroy
“Conroy is an artist from Elmhurst who sees economic recovery for the state in creating innovative jobs. She wants to reform the budget to do away with inefficient spending and provide more funding for schools.”

Jay Kinzler
“Jay Kinzler is a surgeon running for State Representative of the 46th district of Illinois. Jay’s priorities include lowering property taxes, lowering income taxes, and supporting services that help those most in need. He supports securing the border, the second amendment, and is pro-life.”

47th State Representative District

Jim Caffrey
“Jim Caffrey is a businessman running for State Representative of the 47th district of Illinois. His priorities include pension reform, government reform, increasing the minimum wage, and investment in higher education. In regards to social issues, Jim is pro-choice and supports the legalization of marijuana and gun regulation.”

Deanne Mazzochi
“Deanne Mazzochi is a lawyer running for State Representative of the 47th district of Illinois. Her priorities include resolving spending allegations and lowering taxes.”
48th State Representative District

Terra Costa Howard
“Terra Howard is a lawyer, a teacher and a small business owner from DuPage who wants to create economic innovation in the state through new jobs, and protect the Affordable Care Act for Illinois residents. She is also against any limitations on a woman’s right to choose in terms of reproductive health.”

Peter Breen
“Peter Breen wishes to continue to use his seat in the 48th District to advocate for pension reform, lower taxes and better economic incentives for residents to remain living in the state. Providing businesses with more opportunities serves as the answer to getting people to stay and thrive.”

49th State Representative District

Tonia Khouri
“Tonia Khouri is a small business owner running for State Representative of the 49th district of Illinois. Her priorities include property tax relief, balancing the Illinois budget, and creating a business friendly environment to grow the private sector.”

Karina Villa
“Karina Villa is a school social worker running for State Representative of the 49th district of Illinois. Her priorities include strengthening Illinois’ public education system, fighting for a public option for healthcare, and creating a progressive income tax.”
50th State Representative District

James Leslie

“As a veteran from Aurora, Leslie wants to peel back on breaks to special interests, lower taxes for working families and help balance the state budget. He believes that fiscal responsibility is the key to a flourishing state. Creating jobs and closing the gender gap are top priorities for Leslie.”

Keith R. Wheeler

“A businessman and current state representative, Wheeler finds property taxes of one of the most important issues facing him to solve if he is re-elected the 50th District seat in the House. He also wants to make it easier for businesses to grow and offer employment.”

53th State Representative District

Mark Walker

“Running for re-election, Walker seeks to continue to bring in new businesses to his district. He wants to lower property taxes to make owning a home more affordable, improve infrastructure and utility costs.”

Eddie Corrigan

“Eddie Corrigan is an Outreach Coordinator for Congressman Peter Roskam running for State Representative of the 53rd district of Illinois. Eddie’s priorities include reducing income taxes, restoring a balanced budget to the state, and freezing property taxes.”
54th State Representative District

Maggie Trevor

“Maggie Trevor is a former academic and business researcher running for State Representative of the 54th district of Illinois. Maggie’s priorities include ensuring access to affordable healthcare, supporting women’s reproductive rights, and establishing a graduated income tax. She will also fight for quality education, improving the environment, and to reduce gun violence.”

55th State Representative District

Martin J. Moylan

“Martin Moylan has served as Illinois state representative of the 55th district from January 2013 up until today. Moylan has served on a number of committee assignments that include Cities & Villages; Intermodal Infrastructure (Vice-Chairperson); Tollway Oversight; Veterans’ Affairs; Youth & Young Adults; Transportation: Vehicles & Safety; Transportation, Regulation, Roads. Moylan has been the former Des Plaines mayor and alderman.”

Thomas R. Morrison

A lifelong resident of the northwest suburbs of Chicago, Morrison wishes to use his seat to fight against taxes. He wants to provide better and more opportunities to residents, along with pension reform. He also believes in protecting the Second Amendment and holding to traditional family values like education first.

Marilyn Smolenski

“Martin Moylan has served as Illinois state representative of the 55th district from January 2013 up until today. Moylan has served on a number of committee assignments that include Cities & Villages; Intermodal Infrastructure (Vice-Chairperson); Tollway Oversight; Veterans’ Affairs; Youth & Young Adults; Transportation: Vehicles & Safety; Transportation, Regulation, Roads. Moylan has been the former Des Plaines mayor and alderman.”
56th State Representative District

Michelle Mussman
“Michelle Mussman is the Illinois state representative of the 56th district. She voted to cut her own pay and then gave 10 percent of her salary to local organizations working to benefit her neighbors. She also voted to cut $3 billion out of the state budget and sent billions towards the state’s mounting pile of unpaid bills. Mussman plans to focus on funding for home care programs that help senior citizens remain in their own homes, provide support for families with special needs children, protecting children from criminal predators, and ensuring that returning veterans get the care they deserve.”

Jillian Bernas
“Jillian Bernas runs against incumbent Mussman with an approach to helping families and allocating resources towards necessities like infrastructure and education. A former teacher, she wants to make children a top priority and lower property taxes to make it easier on parents. If businesses could operate more efficiently, Bernas believes Illinois can flourish.”

57th State Representative District

Johnathan Carroll
“Jonathan Carroll seeks re-election to strengthen the middle class and the economy as a whole. He advocates for equal funding for all schools districts, freezing property taxes, protecting a woman’s right to choose, stricter gun control (specifically on military grade assault rifles), will vote down any healthcare decision that reduces accessibility, and prioritizes finding jobs for service members.”

Mary Battinus
“Mary Battinus is a bilingual special education teacher and small business owner who wants to see more business promotion in the state of Illinois, term limits on politicians and reducing taxes.”
58th State Representative District

Bob Morgan
“Bob Morgan is a healthcare attorney for the state of Illinois who is pledging to advocate for immigrant rights, worker rights, disability rights, LGBT rights and form a balanced budget to improve the economy of the state. He supports “common sense” gun control and environmental protection.”

Rick Lesser
“Attorney and former Lake Bluff Trustee, Rick Lesser is running for state representative to balance the budget, set term limits on politicians and reform pensions.”

59th State Representative District

Daniel Didech
“Didech is a government attorney who has provided legal counsel to suburban villages and school districts. He understands that property taxes are too high of a burden on Illinois families and seeks the 59th District seat for reform on taxes, gun regulation, woman’s rights and healthcare accessibility for everyone in the state.”

Karen Feldman
“A Lincolnshire Village Trustee, Feldman wants to place term limits on politicians using a constitutional amendment. She also seeks to balance the state budget and defined contribution plans in terms of pension reform. She does not believe recreational marijuana should be legalized.”
61st State Representative District

Joyce Mason
“A business professional and educator, Joyce Mason seeks to provide the 61st District with representation that will defend schools and hard earned taxes. She supports term limits and reproductive healthcare choices for women. She believes the solution to gun violence is finding a middle ground between Second Amendment protection and regulation. The environment is also an important subject when it comes to clean air and water for ensuring our future.”

Sheri Jesiel
“A business advocate from Winthrop Harbor, Sheri Jesiel wants to protect middle and lower income families from high taxes, especially property taxes. She also seeks to provide incentives for companies to come to Illinois and stay in Illinois, along with establishing term limits for politicians.”

62nd State Representative District

Sam Yingling
“Sam Yingling is incumbent 62nd District state representative. He created a state heroin task force to keep drugs off our streets and make our neighborhoods safer. He sponsored legislation that would prohibit local government from raising property taxes when property values in the community go down. He is also in favor of consolidating government agencies for better efficiency. Yingling was elected Avon Township Supervisor.”

Ken Idstein
“Ken Idstein is a mortgage banker from Grayslake who runs for the 62nd District to give fair representation to residents. He sees the Illinois population decline as a result of bad leadership and believes he can bring people back by lowering property taxes. Idstein also believes term limits should be set.”
65th State Representative District

Richard Johnson

Johnson is a high school teacher in Bartlett and first time candidate. If elected, his top priority in Springfield would be education opportunities for students. He opposes unfunded mandates that come from property tax increases and wants to lower Illinois debt as much as possible. He is also in favor of “common sense” gun regulation.

Dan Ugaste

Ugaste is an attorney from Geneva who has previously been a board member to the Illinois Workers Comp Medical Fee Advisory. He seeks the 65th District seat in order to lower taxes and state debt, along with making government sectors more efficient to create jobs. Workers’ compensation and pension reform is also very important to Ugaste.

68th State Representative District

Jake Castanza

“Castanza is a leader of Project First Rate in Rockford. If elected, he will push for job innovation to generate economic growth. Attracting new employers to the region is also essential. He believes more money should be put towards education and safety precautions.”

John M. Cabello

“Cabello is the incumbent 68th District representative. He has assumed the role of Chairman of the Board for the House Republican Organization. Rep. Cabello currently serves on seven committees that include two posts as the Republican Spokesperson: the Appropriations-Public Safety and Judiciary-Criminal.”
69th State Representative District

Angeliqre Bodine

“An emergency response team member from Great Bend, Kansas, Bodine seeks to fight corruption (such as voting district mapping). She supports a graduated income tax, term limits and bringing new agricultural and industrial opportunities to Rockford to create jobs.”

Joe Sosnowski

Sosnowski is serving his third term in the 69th legislative district. He continues to work on issues like education, creating economic opportunities and protecting the people of Illinois. He is also a member of several house committees including the Education Appropriations Committee as well as the Appropriations-Higher Education Committee. Prior to being elected to the House of Representatives, he was elected to the DeKalb City Council.

70th State Representative District

Paul Stoddard

“Stoddart is a former professor of geology and environmental geosciences at Northern Illinois University. He is a current DeKalb county board member. If elected, he will put efforts towards balancing the budget through restructuring the revenue system in Illinois. He would reduce property taxes and institute a graduated income tax, institute taxes on non-essentials and tax financial transactions. He also wants to reform pensions and promote laws that would let businesses grow.”

Jeff Keicher

“Keicher is a small business owner from Sycamore. He studied political science at Northern Illinois University. He seeks to “give back to the community” and represent the 70th District to balance the state budget by cutting unnecessary spending. He does not support a graduated income tax. He would incentivize businesses with tax reductions in order to create jobs. He would also prioritize infrastructure and education.”
71st State Representative District

Joan Padilla

“Joan Padilla is the executive director of Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Center in Dixon. If elected, she will fight for pension reform, a graduated income tax and fair business competition.”

Tony McCombie

“Tony McCombie is the Mayor of Savanna, Illinois running for State Representative of the 54th district of Illinois. McCombie opposes the regulation of gun laws. She advocates for farmers’ rights, instilling term limits, funding schools, creating jobs, and balancing budgets.”

72nd State Representative District

Michael Halpin

“Halpin is the incumbent for the 72nd house district. He is a former staffer for the current Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. His primary areas of practice are Labor and Municipal Law. He serves on the board of directors for Bridging the Gap as well as Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. His main issues are raising the minimum wage and believes middle-class families, elderly residents and veterans need to be heard.”

Glen Evans Sr.

“Glen Evans, Sr. is a minister from Rock Island who supports Second Amendment rights, protecting the agricultural industry and better education funding. He also believes there should be more accountable for corruption.”
76th State Representative District

**Lance Yednock**
“Yednock is a lifelong Ottawa resident. He seeks the 76th District seat to advocate for the Second Amendment, labor unions and a graduated income tax. He supports legalizing marijuana to generate income for the state budget.”

**Jerry Long**
“Long is the 76th district incumbent. A union truck driver as well as a constitutional conservative, supports economic growth through the reduction of taxes and is also a strong supporter of the agricultural industry. He believes in the constitution as the supreme authority and is pro-life. He is a strong supporter of the second amendment and believes term limits in Illinois would be an improvement in the government. Finally, he hopes to help create a balanced budget and specifically focus on funding education.”

77th State Representative District

**Kathleen Willis**
“Willis is the 77th state representative. Her main priorities are improving access to education, preventing unfair property tax increases on families as well as making neighborhoods safer by keeping weapons off the street and working to improve the state government and economy. Prior to being elected as state representative she worked as the Coordinator of Access Services at the Elmhurst College library, a part time teacher of children’s and adolescent literature, and served as a member of the Addison Elementary District Board.”

**Anthony Airdo**
No information could be found on this candidate.
79th State Representative District

Lisa Dugan
“Dugan previously represented the 79th District from 2003 to 2013. She has a history of bipartisan voting. She wants to return to Springfield to advocate for Second Amendment rights and make the state budget more efficient.”

Lindsay Parkhurst
“Parkhurst is the incumbent representative of the 70th district. She is strongly in support of instituting term limits for lawmakers as well as fair, unbiased districting and a balanced budget. She has 27 years of experience in litigation and trial practice, with additional service as a public defender in cases involving children.”

81st State Representative District

Anne Stava-Murray
“A professional consumer researcher, Stava-Murray believes she can bring long term economic stability to Illinois. She wants to reform campaign finance laws and get more Illinois residents signed up for healthcare, along with reducing gun related deaths. She currently serves as a Commissioner on the Naperville Board of Fire & Police.”

David Olsen
“Olsen currently serves at the 81st district representative. He works as an Ethics & Compliance officer at an energy trading company. He served as a commissioner in Downers Grove and has since advocated strongly for taxpayers. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of College of DuPage and he is on the Board of Directors at the District 58 Education Foundation and remains committed to providing accessible education.”
82nd State Representative District

Tom Chlystek

“Currently a 4th Ward Alderman of Darien, Chlystek seeks the 82nd District seat to fight for clean air, advocate for gun safety, close pension loopholes, reduce healthcare costs and protect experienced workers from outsourcing.”

Jim Durkin

“From Western Springs, Durkin has a concentrated history with law enforcement experience. He is in support of gun rights and against abortion. He thinks reducing spending will solve a lot of Illinois’ budget problems and has a bipartisan approach to taxes.”

84th State Representative District

Stephanie Kifowit

“Kifowit currently represents the 84th district. She has served in the Marine Corps and as an Alderman of Aurora for over nine years. She is also a former financial advisor. In her term as State Representative, she has supported the freeze of property taxes and assisting veterans. She is a member of the Veterans Suicide Taskforce, and supports Mutual Ground in their mission to end Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.”

Patty Smith

“Smith is a PTA president and a paralegal who wants to represent those of the 84th District to grow the middle class and focus on term limits for career politicians. She wants to reduce property taxes and place efforts towards job creation.”

85th State Representative District

John Connor

“With experience as Major Crimes Chief at the Will County State’s Attorney’s Office, John Connor believes he is the right candidate for the 85th District due to balance the state budget, attract technological companies to provide jobs, and reduce the cost of medical care. He also wants to reform pensions and provide for “reasonable gun ownership.””
86th State Representative District

**Lawrence Walsh Jr.**

“Walsh has been the incumbent since 2012, and seeks to keep his seat with the promise to innovate infrastructure, reducing property taxes and reforming pensions.”

**Rick Laib**

“A lifelong resident of Joliet, Laib wants to lower taxes and increase entrepreneurship to give Illinois residents a better quality of life.”

88th State Representative District

**Jill Blair**

“Jill Blair puts education first and seeks to tax Illinois residents with fairness to provide more funding for education. She supports a graduated income tax.”

**Keith P. Sommer**

“Current incumbent since 1999, Sommer seeks re-election to defend Second Amendment rights and incentivizing businesses to stay in Illinois through tax reductions. He has previously supported legislation of Illinois recognizing marriage as a union between a man and a woman. He is the Republican spokesperson on the Committee on Veterans Affairs.”
89th State Representative District

Nicholas Hyde
“Hyde is an attorney from Jo Daviess who wants to represent the 89th District and keep residents from moving away. If elected, he will improve infrastructure and increase education funding.”

Andrew Chesney
“Chesney is from Freeport and competes for the 89th District seat to lower property taxes, protect the Second Amendment, and make the state budget more efficient. He is pro-life and also wants to put more control into local school boards.”

90th State Representative District

Amy Davis
“Amy Davis seeks election to the 90th District in order to reform pensions, more affordable healthcare and wage increases. She also supports a graduated income tax and legalization of recreational marijuana. She does not believe we need term limits, only better voter turn out.”

Tommy Demmer
“Tom Demmer is the incumbent representative for the 90th District and would like to be re-elected to advocate for healthcare and education as priorities. He is currently the Republican Caucus Chairman and serves on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.”
**91st State Representative District**

**Carolyn Blodgett**

“Blodgett currently serves on the Fulton County board and believes she is qualified to represent the 91st District to provide better education funding, wage increases and more affordable healthcare. She wants to fight for equal pay for men and women and lower taxes.”

**Michael Unes**

“Current incumbent, Unes seeks re-election to the 91st district in order to help businesses grow, job creation and keeping residents from moving out of Illinois. He has a background in computer networking and is on a number of house committees, including Veterans Affairs and Mental Health.”

**93rd State Representative District**

**John Curtis**

“Curtis is the current representative of the 93rd district. In his time serving as a president and board member of the Illinois Stewardship Alliance, Curtis transformed a small non-profit into a growing organization which works with legislators from both parties. He has worked on designing programs for his students in Western Illinois University. He is also a farmer and small business owner of Barefoot Gardens CSA that focuses on training people from around the region to become successful gardeners and small scale farmers.”

**Norine Hammond**

“Hammond is a former state representative. She focuses on fiscal accountability and equal funding for education across the state, including in colleges and universities. She is also a member of the Board of the State Agriculture and Rural Leaders and is an advocate for Amtrak services across Illinois.”
95th State Representative District

Dillon Clark
“Current Montgomery County Board member, Clark seeks the 95th District seat to defend Second Amendment rights, advocate for agriculture and provide schools with better funding. He refuses to make healthcare more expensive, especially for seniors, and believes Illinois would be more successful by growing the middle class.”

Avery Bourne
“Current incumbent, Bourne wants to keep her seat in the House to continue to fight against tax increases and support the agricultural industry. She believes in strengthening communities with job creation, fair funding for schools and term limits on elected officials.”

96th State Representative District

Sue Scherer
“Sue Scherer’s focus as a candidate for State Representative of Illinois 96th district is creating and retaining jobs, balancing the state budget, strengthening education and improving public safety. She has been a teacher for 32 years. She is concerned about the ability of students to find jobs in the area, therefore, she would like to bring more job opportunities to Central Illinois.”

Herman Senor
“Herman Senor is a current alderman in Springfield who seeks to represent the 96th District and prioritize lowering taxes and better treatment of youth and seniors. He supports term limits on elected officials and also wants to improve infrastructure.”
97th State Representative District

**Mica Freeman**

“Mica Freeman is a current teacher who believes she can represent the 97th District and advocate for lower property taxes, protecting healthcare (specifically for individuals with pre-existing conditions), and equal pay for women.”


**Mark Batinick**

“Mark Batinick is the current incumbent for the 97th District. If re-elected, he will support lower property taxes, a more efficient state budget and corruption accountability. He also wants to provide a better environment for businesses to grow.”

98th State Representative District

**Natalie Manley**

“Current incumbent, Manley seeks to continue prioritizing education funding, public health and safety, along with property tax reform.”


**Alyssia Benford**

“An accountant from Chicago, Alyssia seeks to restore the voice of residents back to Springfield by advocating bipartisanship. A balanced budget is a top priority for her, as well as education quality, tax breaks for small business owners and term limits for politicians.”
99th State Representative District

Marc Bell
“Marc Bell is a retired Illinois State Police Master Sergeant running for State Representative of the 99th district of Illinois. Bell supports investing money into the education system, increasing minimum wage, and reducing crime rates.”

Mike Murphy
“Mike Murphy is a political consultant who seeks the 99th District seat to advocate for more school funding, reform pensions, lower taxes and term limits for political office.”

101st State Representative District

Jennifer McMillin
“McMillin is dedicated community member who runs for the 101st District to broaden access to healthcare (specifically addiction treatment), access to internet and reform the budget of property taxes.”

Dan Caulkins
“If elected, Caulkins wants to put primary efforts towards decreasing unemployment through reforming workers laws. He also wants to reform Illinois pensions and lower property taxes.”

104th State Representative District

Cynthia Cunningham
“Cunningham is dedicated to public service and seeks the 104th District seat to invest in education, protect unions and reform healthcare for all.”

Mike Marron
“Mike Marron has been a hard working farmer who believes in government transparency and technological innovation. He wants to increase efficiency through growth and investments.”
105th State Representative District

Benjamin Webb
“Webb is an English and theater teacher who supports gun regulation, labor unions and universal healthcare.”

Dan Brady
“Brady is House Republican leader who supports the Second Amendment, workers rights and healthcare reform.”

107th State Representative District

David Seiler
“Seiler is a graduate from Indiana State University and seeks to work together with members of the state legislature to support gender equality and budget reform.”

Blaine Wilhour
“Blaine Willhour is a businessman and farmer who wants to reform Illinois through a balanced budget and incentivizing residents to live in the state.”
109th State Representative District

Cynthia Given
No information could be found on this candidate.

Darren Bailey
“Darren Bailey, a founder of the Full Armor Christian Academy, runs for the 109th District seat to lower taxes, protect the lives of unborn children, and stand up for the Second Amendment.”

110th State Representative District

Shirley Bell
“A retired Eastern Illinois University Professor, Shirley Bell is running to promote bipartisanship in the state legislature and reform pensions for Illinois residents.”

Chris Miller
“Chris Miller is a third generation farmer who seeks to establish term limits for politicians, promote job creation and upholding the Second Amendment.”
111th State Representative District

Monica Bristow

“Bristow is from the Riverbend area and has previous government affairs experience working at the Growth Association. She wants to protect U.S. steel and reel back outsourcing in order to bring jobs back to Illinois. She also seeks to prioritize mental health to combat the opioid crisis.”

Mike Babcock

“Republican Mike Babcock supports lower taxes in order to invest in the state and bring back jobs. He also wants to balance the Illinois budget.”

112th State Representative District

Katie Stuart

“Stuart is a math teacher at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She plans to re-evaluate the state budget to ensure that taxpayers’ money is being spent wisely and that people are receiving needed services. She calls for a law to force companies who leave Illinois to pay back what they received in tax breaks.”

Dwight D. Kay

“Kay is the Republican member of the Illinois House of Representatives for District 112. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Taylor University in 1970. He is focused on the issues facing the average Illinois family. He supports an audit of the state’s finances, opposes an income tax increase, and is focused on reforming how Illinois handles its revenue.”
113rd State Representative District

Jay C. Hoffman

“Hoffman holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Illinois State University and a law degree from St. Louis University School of Law. His top priorities are strengthening public safety, improving job growth and economic development, and providing educational opportunities.”

Doug Jameson

No information on candidate found.

114th State Representative District

LaToya Greenwood

“LaToya Greenwood is a former East St. Louis city councilwoman and seeks the Illinois House seat of the 114th District to protect and fund schools and extending tax exemptions to let families keep more of what they earn.”

Jason Madlock

“Running against incumbent Greenwood, Madlock recognizes lowering taxes to increase business and bring residents back to Illinois. He also believes there should be a limit of three terms for politicians.”
115nd State Representative District

Marsha Griffin
“Marsha Griffin supports women in business and unions. She has previously ran in 2016 for Illinois house seat of the 115th District.”

Terri Bryant
“Terri Bryant is the state representative for Illinois 115th district. She was elected in 2014 and 2016. Bryant is a member of the following House committees: Appropriations, Public Safety, Intermodal Infrastructure, Judiciary, Criminal, Juvenile Justice & System-Involved, Sentencing, Penalties & Criminal, Tourism & Conventions, Youth and Young Adults.”

116nd State Representative District

Jerry Costello
“Jerry Costello is an Iraq veteran and a former police officer. He believes the Second Amendment should be strictly protected, taxes should not be increased, and more funding should be put towards schools. He is pro-business and defends agriculture and the coal industry.”

David Friess
“David Friess is an Air Force veteran and lawyer running for State Representative for the 116th district of Illinois. David’s top priorities include lowering taxes, creating jobs, and balancing the state budget. He is also a supporter of term limits on all legislators and state constitutional offices in Illinois.”
117th State Representative District

**Jason Woolard**
“Jason Woolard serves as a business representative for the labor union, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and is running for State Representative for the 117th district of Illinois. He will fight for education, affordable healthcare, and job creation. His priority is restoring the middle-class in Southern Illinois.”

**David Severin**
“Currently serving his first term in office, Dave Severin is a small business owner in Benton, IL. He is against any tax increases and aims to balance the state budget. He wants to focus on bringing and keeping jobs in the southern part of Illinois, as well as term limits.”

118th State Representative District

**Natalie Phelps Finnie**
“Natalie Phelps Finnie has previously worked as a nurse practitioner at the Gallatin County Wellness Center. She seeks to focus on growing the economy through investments and protecting the Second Amendment.”

**Patrick Windhorst**
“Patrick Windhorst serves as Massac County State’s Attorney and is running for State Representative of the 118th district of Illinois. His priorities include job creation, passing a balanced budget, and lowering property and income taxes. Patrick is a self-proclaimed “strong Christian” who will follow conservative values including opposing abortion and supporting the second amendment.”
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