

Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County

Gerri Songer – *December 2019*

Tuesday November, 19 2019

Attended *College of Lake County Board Meeting*. This meeting addressed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Guiding Principles and Priorities along with Strategic Plan Scorecard Development.

Monday November 25, 2019

Attended Fundraiser for *Rep. Mary Edly-Allen* in Libertyville to close out the petition season (<https://youtu.be/zdt0SoJtMIU>). *Rep. Edly-Allen* introduced me to a new candidate running for the 64th District, Fox Lake resident *Leslie Armstrong-McLeod*. *Armstrong-McLeod* will run against Republican incumbent state *Rep. Tom Weber* of Lake Villa. She is a Lake County Federation of Teachers Local 504 member.

Rep. Joyce Mason won't face a primary challenge for the 61st District House seat, but she will face Republican *Dan Yoost* in the Nov. 3rd General Election. *Rep. Sam Yingling* will run against Republican *Jim Walsh* for the 62nd District House seat. *Barrington Hills Village President Martin McLaughlin* will run for the 52nd District House seat. No Democrat has filed to challenge *McLaughlin*, but parties can slate candidates after the primary for the general election by June 1st. *Sen. Melinda Bush* will be running against Republican *Christopher Kasperski* of Lindenhurst.

Other elected officials attending this event included *Lake County Board Member Jennifer Clark*, District 15; *College of Lake County Board Trustee Matt Stanton*; *Lake County Sheriff John Idleburg*; *Waukegan Alderman Lynn Florian*, 8th Ward; *Rep. Dan Didech*, 59th District; and *Committewoman Nancy Shepherdson*, 6th District Central.

Tuesday December, 10 2019

Attended *Lake County Federation of Teachers (LCFT)*, Local 504 PAC meeting in Gurnee. Candidate *Leslie Armstrong McLeod*, IL Representative District 64 (Lake Villa, Fox Lake, Ingleside, Moraine Hills, Volo areas), was interviewed for endorsement. She will be challenging Republican incumbent *Tom Weber*. *Leslie Armstrong McLeod* is an educator, union member, and delegate for the LCFT, Local 504. She advocates for women's rights, equal pay, education issues, and gun safety. She will be endorsed by the Local 504. Other endorsements include IL *Sen. Julie Morrison*, 29th District; U.S. Congressman *Brad Schneider*, 10th District; and IL *Rep. Rita Mayfield*, 60th District.

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Attended a reception in Des Plaines in support of Senator *Laura Murphy*, 28th District. Spoke with the Senator briefly; she stressed the importance of supporting Fair Tax legislation.