

Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County

Gerri Songer – *February 2020*

Friday February 14, 2020

Attended *League of Women Voters 100th Anniversary Gala* in Arlington Heights. Spoke with Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison. Commissioner Morrison recorded videos that are available on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmslCXXKxLexO2VfEwI1XMEQ>) using animals from the Brookfield Zoo to explain information about the 2020 Census. They're a lot of fun! Also, visit <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/census> to learn more.

Spoke with *District 214 School Board President Dan Petro* and *Vice President William Dussling* about the Civic Engagement Initiative implemented in three District 214 high schools last year.

Sunday February 16, 2020

Corresponded via email with *D214 Board President Dan Petro* to provide requested information regarding Civics Education.

Tuesday February 25, 2020

Spoke, on my own behalf, in Springfield at the *Senate Education Committee Hearing* to testify in favor of [SR 982 Hazardous Material Near School](#). SR 982 is a very important resolution calling for actions that will help protect our students and staff from hazardous materials that are stored and transported within proximity that can negatively impact our schools. SR 982 will now move to the Senate floor after receiving a unanimous vote in support of the legislation.

Wednesday February 26, 2020

Received confirmation from Senator Julie Morrison's office that [SR 982](#) was adopted by the Senate. Copies of this resolution will be delivered to all emergency response planning committees in the State.