

Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County
Gerri Songer – *September-October 2020*

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Attended virtual Zoom event, *Gun Violence in America*, hosted by NWSOFA - INDIVISIBLE with Special Guest, *Candidate Maggie Trevor*. Candidate Trevor supports responsible gun legislation and is dedicated to keeping guns out of schools.

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Attended virtual Zoom event, *Candidates' Forum IL Rep Districts 51*, hosted by The League of Women Voters Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area. Featured in this first forum were Chris Bos and Mary Edly-Allen. Emerging Leaders and Hersey High School Students Catherine O'Dell moderated and Madeline O'Dell served as emcee. The candidates received equal time for opening and closing statements as well as time to respond to questions from the audience.

Both Candidate Bos and Rep. Edly-Allen would need to see more scientific evidence regarding a COVID vaccine prior to considering legislation that would mandate vaccination as a prerequisite for returning to work and attending public schools.

Candidate Bos emphasized corruption of the IL General Assembly, specifically attacking Rep. Madigan.

Rep. Edly-Allen emphasized her experience and commitment to supporting quality public education.

Monday, September 21, 2020

Attended virtual Zoom event, *Candidates' Forum IL 6th Congressional District*, hosted by the League of Women Voters - Downers Grove, Woodridge, and Lisle chapter. Featured in this forum were Congressman Sean Casten, Republican Candidate Jeanne Ives, and Libertarian Candidate Bill Redpath. Moderating this event was Jan Dorner. Equal time was given to each candidate for opening and closing statements, and to respond to questions.

Casten supports public education and higher education. Ives cites 'irresponsible' spending and the need for cost control. Redpath promotes "Education Freedom," the elimination of the Departments of Education, and equity investments to help provide education funding.

Ives does not support COVID relief - she calls for a full reporting of expenses prior to considering more funding. Casten supports funding states for revenue loss.

Casten is a strong supporter of the Green New Deal. Ives does not support this legislation.

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Attended WebEx event, *Takeout Fall Fundraiser*, hosted by the Greater Palatine Area Democrats. The featured speaker was Hon. Kim Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney. A special video message was provided by U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth. Special Guest speakers included Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Congressman Sean Casten, State Sen. Julie Morrison, State Sen. Ann Gillespie, State Rep. Mark Walker, State Rep. Jonathan Carroll, State Rep. Michelle Mussman, and 54th District Candidate Maggie Trevor. All proceeds were used to support candidates and maintain the only year-round Democratic office in the Northwest Suburbs. Speakers stressed the importance of November's General Election and the necessity of working together to ensure that candidates such as Maggie Trevor are elected.

Handy Resource:

Virus Free Voting - www.virusfreevotingillinois.org