

Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County
Gerri Songer – *December 2021 - January 2022*

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Attended [Senator Ann Gillespie's Campaign Kickoff](#) with special guest, Senate President Don Harmon, at La Tasca Tapas in Arlington Heights. Spoke with both Sen. Gillespie and candidate for [IL State Representative 54th District, Mary Beth Canty](#) regarding the upcoming General Election.

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Edited Local 1211 Newsletter content for publication.

Monday, December 6, 2021

Attended Legislative Breakfast Planning Meeting at the Local 1211 office in Schaumburg. Worked with other members to generate legislator invitation list.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Attended Sierra Club Conservation Committee virtual meeting via Zoom. Met candidate for [IL State Representative 51st District, Nabeela Sayed](#).

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Email communication with IL State Representative 51st District, Nabeela Sayed to set up December 20th meeting in Deer Park.

Monday, December 13, 2021

Spoke with Regional Political Coordinator for the Illinois Senate Democrats about the upcoming cycle. Matt is working with Senators Ann Gillespie and Laura Murphy.

Monday, December 13, 2021

Attended Legislative Breakfast Planning Meeting at the Local 1211 office in Schaumburg. Reviewed list of issues for legislator questions.

Monday, December 20, 2021

Met with Candidate Nabeela Sayed in Deer Park. Discussed key issues for her campaign, including:

- Keeping students safe from bullying and sexual harassment by strengthening state-level policies
- Prioritizing students' mental health needs by providing funding for in-school counselors
- Advocating for state-wide broadband funding to decrease the digital divide

- Pushing for more inclusive curriculum that teaches the history of all our students, including students of color and LGBTQ+ students
- Increasing affordability and accessibility for in-state higher education
- Expanding state higher education loan forgiveness programs for those in high-demand fields, such as teaching and nursing
- Advocating for expanded Pre-K and early childhood education in our state

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Attended Legislative Breakfast Planning Meeting at the Local 1211 office in Schaumburg.
Visited the [Cotillion Banquets](#) in Palatine where Legislative Breakfast will be held.

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Attended Township H.S. District 214 School Board meeting in Arlington Heights.

Monday, January 24, 2022

Attended Legislative Breakfast Planning Meeting at the Local 1211 office in Schaumburg.