

State Representative Karina Villa



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September 15th through October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month. This year is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Hispanic Heritage Month. While the demographic of the 49th District is not strongly Hispanic it is strongly impacted by the Latino population of West Chicago.

In-District

Last week, the Mental Health Advisory Committee was joined by court and law enforcement officials to discuss mental health petitions and substance abuse petitions relating to involuntary admissions. The next Mental Health Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for October 15th at 7 pm. For meeting information, please contact the committee chairs at mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com.

On Monday, the Senior Advisory Committee hosted representatives from the Illinois Attorney General's office to educate seniors about the various frauds and scams seen today. Topics included the basic phone scam, scams related to COVID-19, recent IDES scams as well as what to know about voting. A link to that webinar can be found here.

Census 2020

The 2020 census is drawing to a close. As of this newsletter the 49th District's reporting is fair, with the following municipalities' results:

Elgin 73.2%	South Elgin 80.5%
Bartlett 85.6%	St. Charles 80%
Wayne 79.3%	Geneva 84.6%

Batavia 82.5%	North Aurora 80%
Aurora 73.7%	Naperville 83.7%
Warrenville 82.6%	West Chicago 73.2%

We still have eight days in which to complete our census. If we have learned nothing during COVID-19, it is how important to have an accurate count of our population to ensure our communities have access to sufficient resources. If you haven't done your census, or if you're unsure, go to 2020census.gov now.

In collaboration with WeGo Together for Kids, Casa Michoacan, New Life Bilingual Church, People Made Visible, and Rincon Family Services, my office will host a Census push event in West Chicago at New Life Bilingual Church, 468 Anne St. on Sunday, September 27, 2020, from 1-4 pm. Stop by to complete your census and receive some tamales. The first 25 completed census will receive a youth soccer ball!

Business Interruption Grant - Round 2

A second round of Business Interruption Grants funds are available for all types of small businesses, but with a particular focus on businesses in disproportionately impacted areas (DIAs), and for heavily impacted industry and regions – representing businesses that have been unable to reopen or operating at a severely diminished capacity since the spring. The applications for the second wave of funds is now available [here](#) and will include provisions to ensure a wide distribution of funds geographically and across business types. For more information regarding the types of businesses eligible, visit the

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[DCEO Small Business Eligibility Requirement](#)
page.

Kane County Coronavirus Relief

For business owners in Kane County, the County has established a CARES Act Allocation Committee that has made available to small businesses and non-profits a grant application for financial assistance. For the most up-to-date information on the status of those applications, visit the [County of Kane](#) website.

What's Next?

The Environment Advisory Committee is holding their virtual meeting this Thursday evening at 7 pm. For more information, please email environment.49th@gmail.com.

Second Annual Medicare (virtual) Seminar - October 5th

The Senior Advisory Committee is hard at work and will host their second medicare seminar, this time virtually. The Representative will be joined by a representative from the Illinois Department on Aging for a conversation on the various Medicare plans, new enrollment and important deadlines. You'll even have an opportunity for Q & A.

Join us from the comfort of your home, but you'll want to register soon as space is limited. Click here for tickets: [Medicare Seminar](#).