

State Representative Karina Villa



IL 49TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

SEPT. 9, 2020

Hello District 49! It has been another very good week! Monday was Labor Day, and I sent a big greeting to all the workers in Illinois. They have made a huge difference in our lives.

This week we have a ton of information to share on what's new in the district, Loss of Income Assistance, How to Run for a Political Position Office and what's next for the week ahead. I hope you find this week's information very valuable.

In-District

On Wednesday of last week, I had a wonderful opportunity to connect with David Andalco and Jose Flores from Wynndalco Enterprises and our friends at Mooseheart for a donation of 25 laptops for the students.

IDES and Loss of Income Assistance Funds (LWA)

On Saturday, we sponsored our second Chicken (and Rice) Palooza. In collaboration with Laborers from Local 68, we distributed 42,000 pounds of chicken and rice to our community. A special note of thanks to Max Hurtado of Amigos Meat of Chicago and Martin Maciel of Martin Produce, Inc. for their very generous donations. Serving our community with food is a priority. Thanks to Amigos Meat from Chicago and Martín Produce, Inc., we made it possible!

Last week IDES announced that Illinois has received approval from the federal government for \$300.00 of Lost Income Assistance. Under this new federal program, which is funded by Disaster Relief Funds, individuals who were unemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible to receive an additional \$300 per week on top of their weekly benefit. It is important to note that there are some serious relatives.

First, and probably most concerning, the LWA only allows petitioners who earned a minimum weekly benefit of \$100 can receive the additional \$300 to their benefits. Under the previous Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance \$600, claimants with a benefit as low as \$1, were eligible for assistance. Restricting this demographic is projected to exclude approximately 55,000 low-income Illinoisians from receiving this alternate \$300 unemployment benefit. It is certainly this demographic that needs the most assistance.

Additionally, these LWA funds will only be made available through diversion of funds from much needed disaster relief funds and while the funds will be available until December 27, 2020, there is a limit of \$ 44 million. Experts expect these funds to run out in a few weeks.

Until the time comes when these funds are no longer available, we will do everything possible to ensure that Illinois residents get their share of this program.

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Thinking of Running for Public Office? Here's some things you should know.

I'm sure you've heard that local elections matter. And they do, but what does that actually mean? What positions are elected? How do I know and how is it done? If you're considering running for political office in the 2021 April Election here are the requirements regarding running for office:

- -Check the qualifications regarding the position one is running for in terms of age, residency and other qualifications.
- -If needed one must file paperwork with the SBE Campaign Disclosure Division or the Federal Elections Committee concerning finances (if one spends over \$5,000 in running for candidacy in a 12 month period).
- -One must file a notarized Statement of Candidacy (name, address, office sought, party, office location, election date, etc).
- -One must file a Statement of Economics Interest receipt.
- -One has the option to file a Loyalty Oath.
- -One has the option to file a Code of Fair Campaign Practices.
- -One must file notarized petition sheets with the required number of signatures in consecutive order (see position over the specific location for the required number of signatures).
- -One must include a Certificate of Deletions with petitions numbered consecutively (if applicable).
- -Fill out data entry card (if filing with the State Board of Elections) and place on top of nominating petition packet
- -File with the appropriate election authority (see specific office for details).
- *It is strongly recommended that all prospective candidates should obtain legal counsel when preparing their nomination paperwork.

Filing Periods:

- November 16-23, 2020 : for established parties and nonpartisan municipal office candidates (candidates seeking nomination at February 23, 2021 Consolidated Primary)
- December 14-21, 2021 : for independent, new party, commission- municipal, and non-municipal nonpartisan office candidates (candidates seeking election at the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election)

Additional Sources:

Kane County: <https://www.kanecountyclerk.org/Elections/Pages/Offices-Up-For-Election.aspx>

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DuPage County: https://www.dupageco.org/Election/Candidates_and_Campaigns/37051/

Additional Info: <https://www.elections.il.gov/> (Select Running for Office, go under documents and select 2021 Candidate's Guide)

What's Next?

Mark your calendars and get your tickets:

Second Annual Medicare (virtual) Seminar

On October 5, 2020, the Senior Advisory Committee will host a virtual medicare seminar. 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](#).