

# State Representative Karina Villa



IL 49TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

AUG 25, 2020

Greetings to the 49th!

Since a good portion of the 49th District sits in Kane County, I want to take a moment to offer words of caution. Region 8, and specifically Kane County, have been put on the watch list as our COVID19 numbers steadily increase. I would urge each of us to maintain the use of face masks, adhere to the social distancing guidelines and refrain from taking part in festivities of more than 50 people. We've already seen that mitigation measures can set us back so that we can combat the spread of coronavirus. Please do your part and be safe.

## In-District

I'm happy to share that we are starting to see fewer constituent issues with IDES. However, if you're still having difficulty, please contact my Constituent Services Liaison, Kate Peterson, for assistance.

Last week my Mental Health Advisory Committee hosted Quinn Rollins from the Lt. Governor's office to discuss the state's plans in addressing the mental health issues of youth in detention. We had a robust conversation and plan to continue discussions about involuntary admissions. If you'd like to learn more about the issues being addressed in the Mental Health Advisory Committee, please contact the committee chairs at [mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com](mailto:mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com)

## 49th District Schools

Most schools in the 49th District have resumed, whether remotely or as a hybrid. I continue to look forward to the day that school can resume in full. For complete details on what's happening in your school district, visit the district websites: [U-46](#), [St. Charles](#), [Geneva](#), [Batavia](#), [West Chicago High School](#), [West Chicago District 33](#), [Indian Prairie](#), and [West Aurora](#).

## [IHDA Emergency Rental Assistance Application](#) Deadline Extension

IHDA has announced an extension for renters to submit their applications through noon on August 28th. Landlords will have an additional two days to complete their portion of the application. If you haven't completed your application yet, don't delay. You could receive \$5,000 in rental assistance.

**ALERT:** *If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) or working in conjunction with IHDA to administer the Emergency Rental Assistance program, or any other program, please hang up and contact the IHDA call center at (312) 883-2720 or toll free at (888) 252-1119.*

*IHDA and/or our Emergency Rental Assistance partners are not initiating contact with applicants by email, phone or text message to request personal or financial information.*

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## [IHDA Emergency Mortgage Assistance](#)

On August 24th, applications for Emergency Mortgage Assistance were made available on the IHDA website. If you've been unable to pay your mortgage due to COVID-19, the Illinois Housing Development Authority may be able to help. Funds are limited so complete your application as soon as possible. Only one application per household is allowed and an application is not a guarantee of assistance. If you are approved, you will receive a grant of *up to \$15,000* that will be sent to your servicer to be applied against your mortgage.

## **IDES Fraud**

We've received an uptick in calls from constituents who believe they've been the victim of unemployment fraud. If you're one of those people, you can report the suspected unemployment fraud by calling 800-814-0513 or by using the IDES [contact form](#) and select "Report UI Benefit Fraud".

Through April 2021, the three major credit reporting services are offering free credit reports on a weekly basis. [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

- [Equifax](#)
- [Transunion](#)
- [Experian](#)

## **Advisory Committees**

This week the Environment Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you're interested in participating, email the committee chairs at [environment.49th@gmail.com](mailto:environment.49th@gmail.com) for the meeting link.

## **What's Next?**

Pollo Palooza is coming - September 5, 2020.  
Watch for details!