



## MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK FOR PEOPLE.

**Meet Anna.** Anna Valencia is the Clerk of the City of Chicago. As Clerk, Anna has led with honesty, integrity, and transparency. Anna Valencia grew up in Granite City a small town in Southern Illinois. Her father is a union painter and her mother worked for a non-profit. Anna’s father’s family immigrated to Illinois from Mexico, teaching her the importance of hard work and opportunity. Anna was the first person in her family to graduate from college, earning her degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Anna lives in the Tri-Taylor neighborhood of Chicago with her husband, their daughter, and dog. Anna would be the first woman and Latina to serve as Illinois Secretary of State.

Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow, 2018 • Negocios Now 40 Under 40 • Edgar Fellow, 2015  
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## ANNA IS LEADING AND GETTING RESULTS, BY:

### Fighting for our values

- ➔ Anna implemented the City of Chicago’s first Municipal ID program – a government-issued ID, transit, library, business, and prescription discount card. This card provides access to services regardless of age, criminal record, housing status, or gender identity and offers a non-binary option, the first for any city in Illinois.
- ➔ Anna launched the Fines, Fees, and Access collaborative which established major reforms in the city’s fines and fees practices. This work strives to give working people an affordable pathway to compliance and creates racial and judicial equity in these practices.

### Leading a new generation of women and girls

- ➔ As the second Latina to serve as Clerk of the City Chicago, Anna created the Chicago Status of Women and Girls Working Group tasked with recommending citywide policies and initiatives to make Chicago a safer, more equitable place for women and girls.
- ➔ As a millennial leader, in partnership with Chicago Public Schools, Anna launched NextGen City Council, a program providing high school students the opportunity to experience the law-making process by acting as city council members.

### Creating access to government for working families

- ➔ Digitizing city council meetings, committee meetings, and records
- ➔ Modernizing the clerk’s office operations by creating access to services outside 9/5 working hours



ANNA  
VALENCIA

FOR ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE

**Building a future  
for EVERYONE.**

Anna, her husband, Reyahd,  
their daughter, Reyana, and their dog, Jazzy.

## CHICAGO SUN\*TIMES

*"Arguing that it's time for a "new generation of leaders," City Clerk Anna Valencia said she's forming an exploratory committee to run to succeed retiring Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White...Being the first Latina to run for secretary of state and the first woman that could possibly sit there."*

## CHICAGO SUN\*TIMES

*"Valencia's meteoric rise is a classic Chicago success story."*

**Chicago  
Tribune**

*"Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia taps female power players to improve status of city's girls and women"*

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