

# It's Primary Time! A Guide to the March 20 Ballot

## Why Vote in a Primary

By Eleonora di Liscia

Like most sane Americans, the Trump administration has given me my share of sleepless nights and headaches. This trip through hell has literally taken a toll on my mental health. So, in order not to stretch a two-year sojourn into four, I am asking you to do me one tiny little favor.

And that is this: Go to the polls this Tuesday (or sooner for early voting) and VOTE!

Yes, I know it's the primary and who cares about the primary anyway? You're busy with kids, work, a million other things. You promise you will make it in for the big event in November.

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## Tenth News

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## How to Vote

By Barbara Altman

If you live in Illinois, are a U.S. citizen, and will be at least 18 years of age by November 6, 2018, you are eligible to vote in the March 20 Primary Elections.

If you are not yet registered to vote in your county of residence, or if you moved within Illinois and need to change your registered address, you can register to vote or change your address at your assigned polling place on Primary Election Day, March 20, 2018, or before Primary Election Day at designated locations in Cook and Lake Counties. To register or change your address, from now through Primary Election Day, you will need two pieces of identification, and one of these must include your current address.

You can find your assigned polling place online. If you live in Lake County, go [here](#) and enter the requested information to find your polling place and your sample ballot.

If you live in Cook County, go [here](#) and enter the requested information to find your polling place and your sample ballot.

## Early Voting continues through March 19

**You can vote or register to vote or change your voter registration address at any early voting site within your county of residence.**

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But you see, by November all these other people will have decided for you who your candidate should be. And maybe there was someone you would have liked a lot better, only they're not on the ballot, because you were too busy with work, kids and those million other things. But you see, nothing is more important than voting in that primary, because all those million other things are affected by what happens in that primary now.

Your family's health, your job, your kids, their schools—all of that is affected by the choices you make in the primary. Because the candidates you select go to the election in November, and whoever wins will make a huge impact on your daily life through the government policies they support.

Vote because it's a right that people have died for you to have. And it's simply wrong to take it for granted.

Vote because it's how our country differs from a dictatorship. In a democracy, you get to choose. In a dictatorship, you don't. The primary is the first place you get to say what you want.

Vote because it's how our government differs from a corporation. Unlike a corporation, voting gives us oversight of the government. (Which is why privatization of public concerns is a bad idea. You lose that public oversight.) People in public office care about getting re-elected, so they pay attention to people who vote.

Vote because it's the right that underpins all other rights. If you don't have free speech and freedom of assembly, you can't advocate for the things you believe in. Voting allows you to stop the elected official who would stifle those rights.

Vote because I have a stomachache called Donald Trump and another one called Bruce Rauner, and there isn't enough Pepto Bismol. In November we have a great opportunity to limit the damage that Trump and Rauner can do, and that starts with the primary and the chance to elect great candidates at the local, state and federal levels.

Vote because Republicans don't want you to. If they did, they wouldn't try so hard to pass laws limiting voting rights. Defy them! Get thee to the polls!

Vote to preserve your right to complain. If you don't vote and things don't go your way, we don't want to hear it. You should have voted. In the primary. Because maybe if you had, the best candidate would have made it to the general election. But you didn't vote, and now it's all gone to hell and no, you don't get to whine.

Vote because it sets a really good example for young people. Seeing you vote gets them in the habit. It's just something one does. It's cool to vote and uncool not to. If you vote regularly and in primaries, you inspire young people to be active participants in our democracy.

And participating in democracy is what it's all about. Use it or lose it!

# How to Vote

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## **Early Voting for Lake County Voters: Lake County Early Voting Sites—Most open through March 17; a few open through March 19**

Go [here](#) for a complete list of Lake County Early Voting Sites and their hours of operation.

**Eleven** Lake County Early Voting Sites are open Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 pm; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; and closed Sunday, **until March 17.**

**Four** Lake County Early Voting Sites will be open on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through March 11, 2018, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 18, 2018. These **Extended Hour Sites** will stay open until 7:00 p.m. during the week and until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, **beginning on March 12, 2018, through March 19, 2018.** The complete list of Lake County early voting sites and their hours of operation, included Extended Hour Sites, is [here](#).

## **Early Voting for Cook County Voters: Cook County Early Voting Sites – Open through March 19**

All 52 Cook County Early Voting Sites and their hours of operation are posted on the Cook County Clerk's webpage [here](#). Days and hours vary considerably from site to site. Some, but not all, have Sunday hours and some, but not all, are open past 5:00 p.m. during the week.

Go [here](#) for a list of places where you can vote between now and Primary Election Day, March 20. If you are registered to vote in Cook County, you can early vote at any of these sites. If you reside in Cook County but are not yet registered to vote or have changed your address, you can register and vote at any of these 52 early voting locations.

## **Vote by Mail – through March 20**

Mail-in ballots will be accepted if they are postmarked no later than Election Day, March 20, 2018.

If you receive a mail-in ballot and then choose to vote in person, you should bring the unused ballot to the polling place and turn it in. If you requested a mail-in ballot and never received it, you can still go to vote in person. An election judge should ask you to fill in and sign a form to verify that you did not receive the mail-in ballot.

## **Primary Election Day, March 20**

As noted, if you are eligible to vote, you may register to vote (with two forms of ID) and vote on Primary Election Day at the site assigned to your residential address.

# What's on the Ballot in the 10th Congressional District?

## Statewide Offices

Office	Candidates
Governor/ Lieutenant Governor	Daniel Biss/Litesa E. Wallace Bob Daiber/Jonathan W. Todd Tio Hardiman/Patricia Avery Chris Kennedy/Ra Joy Robert Marshall/Dennis Cole J.B. Pritzker/Juliana Stratton
Attorney General	Scott Drury Sharon Fairley Aaron Goldstein Renato Mariotti Pat Quinn Kwame Raoul Nancy Rotering Jesse Ruiz
Secretary of State	Jesse White
Treasurer	Mike Frerichs
Comptroller	Susana A. Mendoza

## State Senate

District	Candidates
9th	Laura Fine
26th	Tom Georges
27th	Ann Gillespie Joe Sonnefeldt
28th	Laura Murphy
29th	Julie Morrison
30th	Terry Link
32nd	Mary Mahady

## Congress

10th District	Brad Schneider
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## State Central Committee – 10th District

(Democrats elect one female and one male  
committeeperson per district)

Committeewoman	Lauren Beth Gash
Committeeman	Daniel M. Pierce

## State Representative

District	Candidates
17th	Candance Chow Theresa Coomer Pete Dagher Alexandra Eidenberg Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz Mary Rita Luecke
18th	Robyn Gabel
55th	Marty Moylan
57th	Jonathan Carroll
58th	Bob Morgan
59th	Daniel Didech Susan Malter
60th	Rita Mayfield
61st	Joyce Mason
62nd	Sam Yingling

## North Shore Water Reclamation District

District	Candidate(s)
3rd	Beverly Sugar Young
5th	Daniel M. Pierce

## 19th Judicial Circuit Court

District	Candidate(s)
1st	Charles "Chuck" Smith

## Cook Countywide Offices

Office	Candidates
Clerk	Karen A. Yarbrough
Board President	Bob Fioretti Toni Preckwinkle
Sheriff	Thomas J. Dart
Treasurer	Peter Gariepy Maria Pappas
Assessor	Joseph Berrios Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi
County Board 13th District	Bushra Amiwala Daniel Foster Larry Suffredin
County Board 14th District	Scott R. Britton
Commissioner, Board of Review, 2nd District	Michael Cabonargi

## Lake Countywide Offices

Office	Candidates
Clerk	Adam Broad Robin O'Connor
Sheriff	John Idleburg
Treasurer	Holly Kim

## Lake County Board

District	Candidates
3rd	Anthony McConnell
6th	John Wasik
8th	Bill Durkin Juan Martinez
10th	Jessica Vealitzek
11th	Paul Frank
14th	Angelo Kyle Bonny Mayfield Richard Otero-Cintron, Vance Wyatt
18th	Julie Simpson
19th	Geoffrey Petzel
20th	Adam Didech

## Cook County Board

District	Candidates
13th	Bushra Amiwala Daniel Foster Larry Suffredin
14th	Scott R. Britton

## Cook County Board of Review

District	Candidates
2nd	Michael Cabonargi

## Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

6-year term	Martin J. Durkan Marcelino Garcia Debra Shore Kari K. Steele
2-year term	Kimberly Neely Dubuclet

## Cook County Referendum

Shall the State of Illinois legalize the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products for recreational use by adults 21 and older subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?

## Cook County Circuit Court Judge (Vote for one for each vacancy)

Vacancy	Candidate(s)
Brewer	John Maher Kathryn Maloney Vahey Oran F. Whiting
Clay	Jonathan Clark Green Michael I. O'Malley Kathaleen Theresa Lanahan Lori Ann Roper
Dooling	Corri Diane Fetman Timothy John Leeming Tom Sam Sianis
Dunford	Thomas F. McGuire
Egan	Rosa Maria Silva
Flanagan	Keely Patricia Hillison Preston Jones Jr. Amanda Moira Pillsbury Ioana Salajanu
Hartigan	Cecilia Anne Horan Keith L. Spence
Jordan	Jerry Barrido Patrick Dankwa John Clare Joyce Quish
Maki	Joel Chupack Carmine Trombetta Thomas Raymond Molitor
McGinnis	Peter Michael Gonzalez Brian Terrence Sexton Bradley R. Trowbridge
Rooney	Jack Hagerty Mable Taylor

# Convention Showcases Full Slate of Candidates

By Todd Sloane

On February 25, an enthusiastic crowd of about 325 people packed into an auditorium in Grayslake heard from more than 50 Democratic candidates up and down the ballot, who urged them to turn Lake County Democratic blue this November.

Democratic activism is at an all-time high. Carissa Casbon, founder of Indivisible Lindenhurst and Tenth Dems event coordinator, said: “There are no rock-solid Republican districts in Lake County anymore.”

Four of the six candidates for the Democratic nomination for Illinois Governor headlined the event. They were State Senator Daniel Biss, Chris Kennedy, Robert Marshall, and J.B. Pritzker.

The activism that has gripped the party since the advent of the Trump era in Washington and the Rauner era in Springfield could also be seen in the number of candidates on hand who are vying for nomination in competitive primaries in many state and local races. Several candidates seeking the nomination for Attorney General attended the event. They were Scott Drury, Sharon Fairley, Aaron Goldstein, Kwame Raoul, Nancy Rotering, Jesse Ruiz.

A bevy of candidates for the Democratic nominations for the 6th and 14th Congressional Districts, two seats grassroots activists are organizing to help flip from Republican to Democratic representation in November, also made their campaign pitches to the audience. Six candidates seeking the 14th House District nomination spoke, as did three candidates running for the 6th District nomination.

10th District Congressman Brad Schneider received a standing ovation after an impassioned appeal to help win those and other U.S. House seats this year. “We must gain control of the House to counter this president’s dangerous agenda and that of Republican leaders in Congress,” he said.

Candidates for a number of seats on the Lake County Board were on hand. A shift of just four seats this fall would give Democrats control of the 21-member board. District 11 Board Member Paul Frank, seeking re-election, fired up the crowd, noting how the GOP has failed to heed its own rhetoric in increasing property taxes every year for seven years, for no good fiscal reason.

Also on hand were candidates in state legislative elections, countywide contests, and committeeperson races who addressed the audience. Precinct committeepersons were recognized for their hard work.

The event was co-sponsored by Tenth Dems, Indivisible Lindenhurst, Warren Township Democrats, Avon Township Democrats, Indivisible Northern Lake County, McHenry Township Democrats, IL 14 United, Grant Township Democrats, Lake County Democratic Independent Women, Northwest Suburban Democrats, and Lake Villa Township Democrats.

A number of speakers noted the closeness of recent elections, underscoring the importance of turnout. Noting that he won his election by just over 9,000 votes in 2014 – less than one vote per precinct – State Treasurer Mike Frerichs – running for re-election this year – said: “You think your vote doesn’t count? Think again.”

Elections were on the crowd’s mind, but Tenth Dems Communications Director Eric Herman reminded people: “It’s not about electing Democrats just for the heck of it.” Illinois needs more Democrats “to make progress.”

# Events Calendar

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's 17th Annual Ultimate Women's Power Lunch takes place on Monday, April 23, 2018 at noon. It's always an amazing, inspiring event. This year Stacey Abrams, Democratic candidate for Governor of Georgia, will be the Keynote Speaker. If elected, she would be the first African American woman governor in U.S. history. Mayor of San Juan, Carmen Yulín Cruz, will be also be speaking at the lunch. We are excited about such a great lineup!

For more information or to reserve your seat with other Tenth Dems, please call 847-702-6635 or email [laurenbethgash@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbethgash@gmail.com). To register directly, write "Tenth Dems" in the preferred seating field via [Jan's website](#).

## Poetry and Prose Awards Night Set for April 19

The Tenth Dems' 8th Annual Poetry and Prose Contest deadline for submissions is almost here and Awards Night is just a month away. On Thursday evening, April 19, Hon. Marc Jones, Waukegan Park District Commissioner, will emcee Awards Night at the Ramada/Waukegan Great Lakes, 200 North Green Bay Road, Waukegan. Students, family, and friends are invited to hear participants read their original works and to applaud the honorees who will receive up to \$250 in prizes.

High school students in Waukegan, North Chicago, and Zion continue to submit original poems, stories, or essays on the theme "Courage." Entries will be accepted through March 23 at <http://tenthdems.org/contest>. For more information, go to [tenthdems.org](http://tenthdems.org), email [events@tenthdems.org](mailto:events@tenthdems.org), or call 847-266-VOTE (8683).

## Volunteer!

We are a volunteer organization. Some of us are experienced in politics, and some are beginners, but all of us share a desire to work for a strong, progressive and tolerant America, open to people of all races, religions, and beliefs, an America that not only moves forward, but leads the world on issues such as economic progress, education, health care, the eradication of disease and poverty, protecting the environment, and promoting peaceful solutions to world problems. Do you share our beliefs?

We are always looking for volunteers to take leadership positions in our group. You can help in a variety of ways, including working on our website, writing for or editing a newsletter, helping us organize events, making phone calls, walking door-to-door, creating literature, blogging, doing research and data entry, recruiting and organizing new volunteers, and raising funds for the next campaign. Now is the time to turn our area bluer by working for our Democratic candidates, so that our ideals can become reality in the next election. If you want to work with us, we will help you find a place to use your skills.

Go to [tenthdems.org/volunteer](http://tenthdems.org/volunteer) to sign up.

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