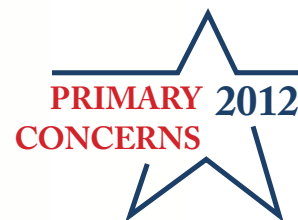


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Enjoy this special pre-primary edition of the *Tenth News*. Read what supporters have to say about the Democrats running in contested primaries. Then learn more about these and other Democratic candidates for office within the our District by attending the **10th District Convention on March 4.**

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If you missed the Congressional Candidate Debate cosponsored by Tenth Dems and WCPT, Chicago Progressive Talk Radio, on February 25, or if you can't get to the 10th District Convention this weekend, never fear. *Tenth News* reporters are covering both events. And, to make

sure that all Democrats have the benefit of these reports *before* the March 20 primary elections, the *Tenth News* is publishing an **EXTRA EDITION** for the sole purpose of giving you timely reporting on these important events.



Watch your email boxes for this **EXTRA EDITION** of the *Tenth News*, scheduled for delivery around **March 15th.**



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Vote in the Democratic Primary; But First Find out Who You're Hiring

by John Hmurovic

If you hire someone to do a job, you want the best person to get that job done. Some of us spend hours researching those who want to remodel our house, do the landscaping, or fix the plumbing. But many of us spend little time researching before we hire some of the most important people in our lives.

Yes, public officials are an important part of our lives. They decide how much we pay in taxes, how those taxes are spent, how to protect our neighborhoods from crime, and how to operate the schools our children attend. But how much do we know about them before we vote, before we hire them for these important jobs?

In this issue of *Tenth News* we hope to help you with those decisions.

We have solicited articles about candidates in contested primary races within the 10th District that will tell us why they are running, what they want to do if they get elected, and why we should choose them over the other candidates seeking the nomination for the same office.

Tenth Dems does not endorse candidates in a primary. Why? Because our main mission is to help Democrats win in November. Primary elections can be bitter and divisive. That's politics. But in the end, virtually anyone Democratic voters choose will be a better choice than the Republican alternative because the Democratic candidate will better reflect our views on the role of government. After any primary, divisive or not, we want to help bring

Democrats together and to win in November.

To make that happen, we rely on you and others like you. The combined efforts of volunteers can swing the outcome of an election. Whether your candidate wins or loses the primary, our nominee needs your support. Sign up with Tenth Dems to be a volunteer.

But first, let's pick our best candidates. Let's do our research, and make our hiring decisions. It's our duty as citizens in a democracy to do what we can to get it right. Let's make our choices on March 20. Then let's get to work on making sure our candidates win 231 days later.

Vivek Bavda for Congress by Elliot Kadar



I write in support of Vivek Bavda's candidacy for Congress. My perspective is formed

through several years of working in Washington, consulting for both public and private sector organizations, earning degrees in public policy and business, and having made a home here in the Chicagoland area. As I think about selecting someone to replace Bob Dold, Vivek stands out as having the right professional experience to be a leader on economic and education reform and an unwavering commitment to fight for our Democratic values.

The key challenge facing our region and nation is our ability to adequately prepare our workforce for a new economy. We now compete for work

on an increasingly global playing field. We cannot simply hope, like several Republican presidential candidates, that manufacturing jobs of the past decades return to the U.S. We currently hold an advantage in high-skill and correspondingly high-wage fields. Maintaining and expanding these jobs requires a stronger education system from elementary and secondary schools through technical schools and universities.

Vivek Bavda is the candidate with the best experience to ensure Congress prioritizes the reforms necessary for our students, teachers, schools, and, in turn, our economy. His experience as a former educator will enable him to lead an informed debate about the investment America must make in our future.

Vivek is a long-time district resident familiar with the challenges facing

the region, as exemplified by his vocal support of much needed investment in our local infrastructure. On national policy issues, such as protecting a woman's right to choose, preserving the environment, supporting marriage equality for all, limiting the rising cost of healthcare, and implementing productive immigration reform, Vivek will be a consistent Democratic vote.

I want a representative in Washington who will fight for necessary reforms and support core Democratic values. No reform is more pressing than rebuilding an education system that prepares our region and nation for long-term economic success. Vivek Bavda will be a vocal leader in this effort and an honorable, Democratic representative of the district. Please join me in supporting his candidacy.

Brad Schneider for Congress by Steve Sheffey



Brad Schneider will fight for progressive values and is our best hope to defeat Bob Dold. I strongly supported Dan Seals

in his campaigns against Mark Kirk and Bob Dold. Dan has not endorsed any of the candidates running in 2012, but all the other candidates who vied for the Democratic nomination during the Seals era (Julie Hamos, Elliot Richardson, and Jay Footlik) have endorsed Brad, as have State Senators Susan Garrett and Jeff Schoenberg.

My friendship with Brad has grown through 20 years of community activities together, including JUF, AIPAC, our children's school, and our synagogue. His intellect, strength of character, and dedication to helping others will make him an

excellent Congressman. Brad will eliminate the Bush tax cuts and work toward a more responsible and fairer tax policy. He'll put people back to work. He's 100 percent pro-choice, and he's in favor of full marriage equality. He's 100 percent pro-Israel. He will lead on progressive issues.

Brad is the best candidate to turn this district blue. When Dold argues that he knows what's best for business, Brad can point to his 25 years of business experience to prove Dold wrong. When Dold claims he understands our district, Brad can point out that his family has lived in Deerfield for years and has been active in our community whereas Dold doesn't even live in our district anymore.

I was not happy that Brad supported

Mark Kirk over Dan Seals. But are we the party of Gene McCarthy or Joe McCarthy? Are we going to blacklist the Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood, Human Rights Campaign, the League of Conservation Voters, JACPAC, and all the Democrats we know and respect who supported Kirk? There's no better way to guarantee Dold's re-election.

We win through inclusiveness. What matters are the issues that are important to us. Brad's stands on the issues align perfectly with our progressive values. (Brad told me he supported Seals over Dold and Alexi over Kirk in 2010.)

It's time to win this district back. Brad Schneider's experience, his roots in the district, and his progressive stands make him our best candidate.

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Ilya Sheyman for Congress by Carol Kraines



I support Ilya Sheyman for Congress in the 10th District. Why? Because he is the most exciting, outstanding candidate in the race.

The 10th District has not had Democratic representation in Congress for 32 years. So, with an open mind, I spoke with Brad Schneider and Ilya Sheyman early in the process. Brad stated that he had been a supporter of Mark Kirk and other Republicans for years. He also stated that he had not supported Dan Seals in his race against Robert Dold. I asked about his tax policy, and he seemed to repeat Republican talking points about a flatter, fairer

tax, without increasing the rate for the top one percent. I felt that he was basically a moderate Republican and that I had to keep looking.

When I met with Ilya, I was reticent. He was 25 years old, after all. But we talked, and I was blown away by his intelligence, self-confidence, and breadth of knowledge. Many Democrats are afraid to call themselves “progressives”; Ilya does so proudly and has the record to back it up. He has had a plethora of political experiences—working for Sen. Obama, for Howard Dean’s organization, and for MoveOn.org. He worked to set up the Community Connection community center in Waukegan to help people access government services.

I was so impressed by his practical, progressive vision that I jumped on board and have been working for him ever since.

Ilya is super-smart, hard-working, accessible, honest, and a great listener. He has been fighting aggressively for the core beliefs of the Democratic Party since he was a teen.

Finally, Ilya has the strongest and most energized operation of any campaign, with over 500 active volunteers. He’s the candidate who can win it all in the 10th. I am proud to be a supporter of this outstanding young man.

John Tree for Congress by Ellen Beth Gill



I support John Tree for U.S. Congress.

My support for John came out of several conversations I had

with him as I skeptically sought a candidate to support. I found him to be a strong economic progressive with ideas and plans for improving the economy and creating jobs.

I further found him to be a strong social progressive, willing to fight for social justice, choice, and LGBT rights.

Further, I found that John has a long vision for our country. In addition to jobs and infrastructure programs to create jobs in the short term, John seeks resurgence in American

research and development through education and strategic funding. He wants to modernize our transportation systems and power grid and develop energy sources that will not harm our environment or endanger our health.

Now one may argue that all of our Democratic candidates seek many of the same things. However, John has shown me that he has the understanding, energy, and strength to succeed in Congress. He has lived an extraordinary life. He was raised in a well-traveled military family and was required to adapt from an early age. The core values he was taught as a child were challenged when he went on a mission to Haiti as a young man and found grinding poverty, hunger, and disease. From that experience, he became committed

to protecting middle-class families and the social safety net. His Air Force career brought him foreign policy experience, and the planning, diplomatic, and leadership skills that eventually helped him succeed in the business world.

As life takes its twists and turns, John has suffered reverses and tragedies similar to many in our district and in our country. He does not shrink from them or work to distract us from his reality. These experiences have made John stronger and more willing to fight for his convictions.

For these reasons, I believe that John will connect with district voters and that he will not back down but fight for us in Congress. I believe John is the best candidate we can send to the 2012 general election.

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Chris Kennedy for Lake County State's Attorney by Steven Rosenzweig



Chris Kennedy is a candidate who passionately wants to change the way the Lake County State's Attorney's office operates, an office that has received notoriety for wrongful convictions and other questionable standards within the office. There cannot be a better, more competent, or honest candidate than Chris—someone who deeply cares about fairness and wants to run a State's Attorney's office that Lake County residents can be proud of.

As a former prosecutor, Chris kept Lake County safe by putting away hundreds of dangerous criminals and fighting for victims while upholding the rights of the accused. If you've been following the Juan Rivera

story, you know that Mr. Rivera was wrongfully convicted for a crime he did not commit and incarcerated for nearly 20 years of his life because the Lake County State's Attorney's office ignored DNA evidence and simply wanted a convicted defendant in the case. Chris has for many months called for reform in the State's Attorney's Office "to prevent costly lawsuits and to stop further crime by making sure [they] pursue and convict the actual perpetrators of violent crimes." I believe Chris will keep Lake County residents safe by pursuing the actual perpetrators rather than pursuing a high conviction rate.

While Chris has been in private practice, he has never shied away from tough or controversial cases.

Chris is also well known for leading the fight for statewide reforms to help Illinois' most vulnerable citizens, resulting in over a dozen laws protecting persons with disabilities, including public safety initiatives. Chris's commitment to justice, unmatched record of public service, and direct experience will make him an outstanding State's Attorney for the people of Lake County.

Chris has received the endorsement of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, State Senator Susan Garrett, State Representative Karen May, David Hoffman, and numerous others. If ever there was a time for change in the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, it's now. I urge you to join me in supporting Chris. He deserves our vote.

Reginald Mathews for Lake County State's Attorney by Terrence Barrett



It is with great pleasure that I lend my support to Reginald Mathews in his bid as the Democratic candidate for State's Attorney of Lake County. I have known Reggie for approximately 15 years. During this time, I have had the pleasure of developing both a professional and a personal relationship with him. Based on my experiences with him in both arenas of his life, I am able to say that he has the qualities and attributes that anyone would desire in an elected official.

As a professional, Mr. Mathews demonstrates a commitment to excellence. He approaches his work with honesty and integrity. I have had numerous opportunities over many years to observe his strong

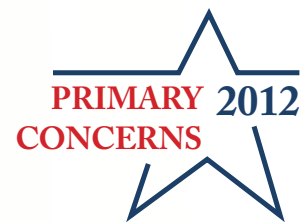
work ethic. He is respectful to all he encounters. He is committed to justice and doggedly executes his responsibilities in pursuit of it. Mr. Mathews' approach to his cases, both as a probation officer and as a prosecutor, reflects his keen awareness of the impact his decisions can have on the life of another human being. He works diligently to ensure that people are treated fairly and are held accountable for their actions. Mr. Mathews demonstrates these same high ideals in his personal life. He sacrifices his time, gifts, and talents to aid others in his family, church, and the broader community.

The State's Attorney of Lake County is empowered with sobering responsibilities. As the only office with the power and authority to prosecute violations of the criminal laws of the State of Illinois, the person

who leads this organization must be fair-minded and be committed to doing that which is right. The additional duties of the State's Attorney also require an ability to advocate for others. Mr. Mathews has spent his entire career as an advocate and purveyor of justice. His experiences, both in work and in life, have prepared him for the awesome undertaking of leading the Lake County State's Attorney's Office as it transitions into a new phase in law enforcement. Because of his commitment, his vision, and his dedication, I fully support Reginald Mathews for Lake County State's Attorney.

Candidates for Lake County State's Attorney

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Karen Boyd Williams for Lake County State's Attorney by Debbie Richards



I support Karen Boyd Williams for Lake County State's Attorney. I support Karen because I believe she's the real thing.

I have worked with Karen since I opened my office in North Chicago. Because she was new to me, I had to test her out before I opened her up to my agents and clients. I was skeptical because I didn't know her. And I already had relationships with good attorneys. But I had to admit that Karen immediately impressed me. And almost five years later she still impresses me.

Karen is thoughtful, and she is a woman of integrity. She carefully

considers facts and possibilities before she commits to anything, and she is very careful to be honest with her clients, even when the news is tough. I have watched her roll up her sleeves and work through issues with clients that went far beyond what they hired her to do. I worked through plans with her when she felt like we should change or hash out different strategies to handle unforeseen problems, so the clients would best benefit, even if it meant less of a benefit to Karen. And I've watched my clients go back to her for different legal issues, and refer their friends and family to her.

Karen is strong. Over the years we have become good friends, so I have had a chance to observe her on a

personal level. I have watched her develop her business, manage her family, help people in need, and refuse to give up. She has never shied away from honesty, and it takes a strong person to be honest. She has always faced her challenges, even when they tried to knock her off her feet. She has a determination that is rare, and a commitment to teamwork that does not fail.

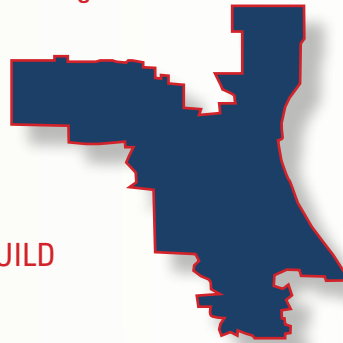
Karen is incredibly smart. She is a good lawyer. She is a good businesswoman. She is a good friend. I support her because I believe Lake County would miss out on a good thing if we don't put her in office.

MEET THE CANDIDATES on SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

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Mark the date! Come to Tenth Dems's district-wide convention and help make a positive impact in Illinois' 10th Congressional District. You'll be part of an enthusiastic group (500-plus attended our first convention in 2008) who will hear from Democratic candidates running for election at all levels from all parts of the 10th District.

10th Congressional District



ATTEND THE TENTH DEMS DISTRICT-WIDE CONVENTION TO BUILD GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION

LOCATION: Vernon Hills High School
145 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills (west of Milwaukee Avenue and south of Route 60)

TIME: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Doors open at 1:30 p.m.)

The event is free and open to the public; however, only Tenth Dems members may vote in our straw poll.

RSVP to Tenth Dems online, call 847-266-VOTE (8683), or send an email. Please leave your contact information (name, address, phone, email) when you call or write.

Julie Morrison for State Senate, 29th District by Ron Levitsky



In an election year where candidates literally promise the moon (e.g., Newt's lunar colony), it's refreshing to find a candidate whose actions speak far louder than words. Having served with Julie Morrison on the West Deerfield Township board for the past seven years, I believe that Julie will make an excellent state senator. Two words describe her tenure in public service—responsible and responsive.

A responsible government should run lean, especially during this long economic downturn. As township supervisor, Julie has hired a dedicated, highly qualified staff and cross-trained them to keep personnel costs low. She has utilized federal, state, and private sector grants to

supplement local taxpayer dollars. She has effected intergovernmental agreements to cut costs, eliminate duplication, and improve efficiency. As a result, last year the township froze its levy; this year it will reduce the levy by five percent.

As Julie has proven, one can be fiscally responsible and yet responsive to the community, including those who are most vulnerable. Julie developed a program to provide people with disabilities low cost transportation to their medical appointments. Another of her ideas has been to give grants to people with disabilities to help them lead a more normal life. She works with the township food pantry to ensure that no family goes hungry. She has cooperated with local schools to make sure that no child

goes without basic school supplies. On a daily basis, Julie serves as an advocate for individuals needing emergency assistance, a place to live, or a job.

I have found Julie to possess the personal qualities a successful legislator needs. She understands not only the bottom line but also how to get there in a way that doesn't sacrifice what it means to be human. She works collaboratively with fellow board members and staff, listens respectfully to the opinions of others, and, more often than not, moves our township board toward consensus. Unlike many legislators at the national and state levels, Julie understands that when government functions well, everyone wins. That's why all of us should help Julie Morrison win her race for state senator.

Milton Sumption for State Senate, 29th District by Barbara Allen



As a reform-minded Democrat, I found a candidate who recognizes that Illinois needs to be fiscally responsible and who is socially progressive. Milton Sumption is running for the 29th District State Senate seat, and I know he can make a difference.

Milton lives in Lake Bluff. He has a record of success in public sector roles and in business and finance. He has worked with large pension funds and raised capital for companies that created hundreds of jobs. That's the experience we need to fix Illinois' financial mess. Milton has creative economic policy ideas for our state. He is setting an example by answering the call to use his talents

to serve Illinois. Milton is the new ingredient we need in the political pot.

The many Illinois Legislature ingredients have left a bad taste in our mouths year after year. In the 29th, we have reelected good people, but not much has changed downstate. By voting for Milton, we have an opportunity to elect a leader who will challenge the ingredients that have created a toxic economic situation. Milton is stepping up to serve when we desperately need it.

We need someone with the intellect and experience to give us a boost and stop this downward fiscal spiral that has bankrupted our state. We have a responsibility to our teachers and state workers who contributed to their pensions. Milton wants to find ways

to generate revenue to ensure we meet our obligations to those who teach and protect us.

Now more than ever is a time to "Think Differently." We need to resist letting long-term state legislators tell us how to vote. Instead, let's listen to all candidates, evaluate their experiences and what they can do to help Illinois. It is time for fresh ideas. Milton offers the kind of change we need now.

As a mother, wife, and professional woman, I encourage voters in the 29th District to vote for Milton Sumption. He has the creativity, common sense, and leadership skills to negotiate responsible fiscal solutions and develop policies that will benefit all citizens in our district.

A small child has fallen to the bottom of a hole. You climb into the hole and begin scaling the walls with child in tow. You assumed everyone wanted to save the child, but you were wrong. Some people prefer that you fail, even if it kills the child. Those people are doing everything they can to keep you from getting out of the hole. Even so, you progress up the wall.

When Barack Obama took office, the economy was falling into a hole along with everyone's jobs. While he acted immediately to reverse that decline, Republicans declared that their number one priority was to make President Obama a one-termer. Even if it kills the country. So they blocked nearly every proposal that was in danger of returning Americans to work.



Nonetheless, through a series of initiatives, President Obama has made progress. The child is starting to see light within reach at the top of the hole.

But it isn't enough just to create jobs, if the jobs are dangerous or stripped of dignity. Luckily, President Obama and the Democrats have made progress in that area as well, giving teeth to OSHA enforcement, supporting unions, and creating a fairer workplace.

To create jobs, the President's first steps upon taking office included the stimulus (already in the works by congressional Democrats) and the auto industry bailout. Both initiatives were vociferously opposed by Republicans. Both have worked. The stimulus, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, provided funds to hire teachers, police, and firefighters; additionally, it financed highway and transit improvements and promoted small business. According to Factcheck.org, "The truth is that the stimulus increased employment by between 1.4 million and 3.3 million people, compared with what employment would have been otherwise." The Congressional Budget Office reported that the stimulus lowered unemployment between .7 and 1.8 percent. The stimulus further aided the unemployed and had a "Buy American" provision that any public works project must use materials manufactured in the United States.

The auto bailout also created jobs, about 113,000 in a two-year period per www.politifact.com.

More recently, President Obama proposed the American Jobs Act, a comprehensive bill that combined tax incentives with programs for

unemployed workers and a "Project Rebuild" to put people to work rehabilitating homes, businesses, and communities. Republicans blocked that bill but then proposed an amendment, which had nothing to do with job creation and everything to do with undoing healthcare, Wall Street reform, and attempts to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. Invoking "We Can't Wait," Obama used his executive powers to skirt Republican roadblocks. His October, 2011 executive order created BusinessUSA, a one-stop online platform on federal programs for businesses that want to export goods. A second order sped moving federal research from the laboratory to the marketplace.

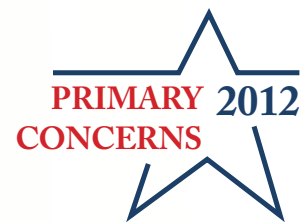
In November 2011, Republicans finally supported two Obama job proposals, one to help jobless veterans and another to repeal a three percent withholding requirement on government contractors that would have held up the cash flow needed to hire new workers.

President Obama's policies have, in fact, created more jobs in one year than Bush did in eight. (<http://thinkprogress.org/politics/2011/01/07/137866/obama-more-jobs-bush/?mobile=nc>) While Bush had a net gain of just over one million jobs in eight years, Obama created growth of 1.1 million jobs in 2010 alone. The Department of Labor reported that unemployment fell from 9.4 percent to 8.5 percent in 2011, and January, 2012 showed a further drop to 8.3 percent, a three-year low. Under President Obama, the economy has seen 23 consecutive months of job growth.

But creating jobs only matters if those jobs are decent, which is why unions are so important. Without

YES, WE DID! The Obama Record on Jobs and Workers

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collective bargaining power, the individual worker is trampled by the economic might of the employer. Unions level the playing field, and the Obama administration has said so. In March, 2011, when Scott Walker was ramming his anti-union budget through the Wisconsin legislature, Vice President Joe Biden told a meeting hosted by the AFL-CIO that “the only people who have the capacity—organizational capacity and muscle—to keep, as they say, the barbarians from the gate, is organized labor. And make no mistake about it, the guys on the other team get it. They know if they cripple labor, the gate is open, man. The gate is wide open. And we know that too.” (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/03/17/biden-union-barbarians-labor_n_837346.html) The *Milwaukee Labor Press* opined that Obama’s silence on Gov. Walker’s union bashing was a media myth. In February 2011, Obama protested the vilification of public employees at a bipartisan meeting of the nation’s governors.

But this administration has done much more than talk. The National Labor Relations Board finalized rules last December that would limit an employer’s ability to obstruct a union

election. Employers would be forced to postpone any legal challenges until after the vote. Contrast this with House Republicans, who passed a bill last July that gave employers a loophole to fire workers who tried to unionize. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce complained that the new NLRB rules have “no conceivable purpose but to make it easier for unions to win elections.” (<http://thehill.com/business-a-lobbying/200759-labor-board-finalizes-union-election-rule>)

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The Chamber filed federal suit to block the rules. The NLRB enacted the rule before expired appointments could have prevented passage. Senate Republicans remained in session to cheat Obama from making recess appointments. But rather than cripple the NLRB, Obama made them anyway. Senate Republicans are naturally filing suit.

The administration has further proposed rule changes that would include domestic workers in the coverage of minimum-wage and overtime pay laws. Another rule protects pilots from working overly long hours past the point of fatigue.

And who can forget Lilly Ledbetter, the Act to insure equal pay?

As for on-the-job safety, President Obama has reversed Bush’s over-reliance on voluntary cooperation. In

2009, OSHA issued 68,000 citations, an increase of 167 percent over Bush’s last year, and issued 114,000 in the first half of 2010. In 2008, OSHA cited 203 willful violations, which increased to 1,166 in Obama’s first year. Safetynewsalert.com credited the crackdown not just from increased funding but “support from the top.” (<http://www.safetynewsalert.com/report-shows-how-obamas-osha-has-stepped-up-enforcement/>)



President Barack Obama shakes hands with Lilly Ledbetter before signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act on January 29, 2009.

Diane Hewitt for Lake County Commissioner, Dist. 9 by Laurie Cvengros



I am writing to recommend Diane Hewitt for re-election as Lake County Board Member for District 2. I have known Diane for several years. She was elected to the County Board

in 2008. During her time on the board she has been an active participant for several Beach Park endeavors. She also will follow through on any project that she receives. She has a concern for the residents in her district and has shown her commitment to helping them

when needed. I feel that she is a tremendous asset to the Lake County Board, and I ask that you vote for her in the March 20 election.

Mary Ross Cunningham for Lake County Commissioner, Dist. 9



The Lake County Women of W.O.R.T. H. would like to take time out and say why we support Commissioner Mary Ross Cunningham (District 9). We have worked with Ms. Cunningham for the past seven years in community networking and understanding how governing works. Ms. Cunningham has shown invaluable leadership to the Women of W.O.R.T.H. by supporting us in our W.O.W. annual "Walk for Recovery." In addition Ms. Cunningham has always been a viable member to the community in which she supports other community concerns, including housing issues, homelessness, school issues, teen pregnancy, drug addiction, gang violence, legal assistance, and death

arrangements for families.

Commissioner Cunningham is seeking another term in office to continue the work that has been started and that has assisted the families of District 9. She has played an instrumental role in Lake County for 10 years. The managing of Lake County divisions has many tasks.

While being privileged to be a part of her journey, W.O.W. has seen the works of Commissioner Cunningham attain extreme accomplishments. The many decisions that Commissioner Cunningham has had to face she has always faced with care and concern regarding the citizens of Lake County, especially those who reside in her district. There are no easy words that can describe the

works of Commissioner Cunningham; therefore, we simply but strongly recommend that you allow her to stay focused on what she does best—serving the people of Lake County. Her spirit is of grace and mercy toward those who aren't so fortunate.

She has also faced some personal dilemmas that she was able to overcome by staying encouraged and believing in and trusting the doctors of Lake County. Commissioner Cunningham was voted in by the citizens of District 9 to work for the benefit of current and future generations of Lake County and District 9. She was voted in to speak up in the best interest of those who may be less fortunate and for those who may need support with governing issues.

Ann Kindle for Lake County Commissioner, Dist. 9 by Earlene Edwards



I am supporting Ann Kindle for Lake County Board, District 9. I am supporting Ms. Kindle because I believe in what she represents.

I have known her for many years and have always known her to be a person of impeccable character and integrity. In the days that we live in, with so many people having a

need to place their trust in someone that they feel will represent them and cannot speak for them, Ms. Kindle's qualifications speak volumes.

We are in critical times in our country; a great number of people are very dissatisfied with those whom they have voted into office. The days of a candidate saying one thing and doing another for the people have to be over. We need sincere leaders, people who

will truly bring our desires before those who count. I believe that Ann Kindle will be one of those people. I feel that she will represent the people, not her own interest.

Sandy Hart for Lake County Commissioner, Dist. 13 by Nikki Snoblin



Sandy Hart has my full support in her candidacy for Lake County Board. Sandy is a true progressive with Democratic ideals

of transparency in government, responsible environmental stewardship, sensible growth, equal opportunities, and fairness in taxation. That she is able to hold firm to those ideals in a strongly Republican community and speak out about them makes her all the more remarkable.

Sandy's intelligence and analytical capabilities make her a force to be

reckoned with. Couple those traits with a frank, open demeanor and a friendly, conversational manner of speaking to friends and strangers alike, and you have an outstanding candidate for public office.

In addition, Sandy is currently the vice-president of the Lake Bluff Park Board, giving her government budgeting experience, and she formerly managed a \$35 million corporate budget. She also worked for two years in the Shields Township Assessor's office and earned the designation of Certified Illinois Assessing Officer (CIAO), so she has

first-hand knowledge of the property assessment process and its tax implications.

I believe that Sandy is a strong up-and-comer in the local Democratic Party, and I feel sure that you'll be hearing more about her in the years to come.

Anthony Soler for Lake County Commissioner, Dist. 13 by Brad Buntrock



Why do I support Anthony Soler for Lake County Board District 13? I have known Anthony for 15 years, and I can tell you that he is a true

public servant who has a proven track record of fighting for what is right. We were hired together as firefighters for the Waukegan Fire Department in 1997 and have both risen to the rank of Lieutenant.

Prior to becoming a firefighter/paramedic, Anthony served his country in the United States Navy (and received an honorable discharge). While in the Navy, he was a member of the Naval Special Warfare / Naval Special Operations as a Deep Sea Navy Diver. Just

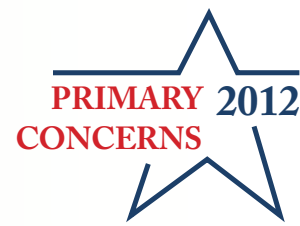
graduating from U.S. Navy Dive School is a feat in itself; only a small percentage of sailors even qualify for entrance to Dive School, and then on average only half of those who are accepted will make it to graduation day.

Working as a firefighter takes an exceptional type of person. It requires someone who is willing to work all hours of the day or night and risk his own life and safety in order to help strangers. When people dial 9-1-1, they want help—they want problems solved and solved right now. In that respect, a good elected official is not all that different from a firefighter. We want our elected officials to respond when we reach out to them, and we want courageous problem solvers who are willing to do what needs to

be done in order to help the most people (not just the ones writing the donation checks). We want elected officials who actually care about this country and the community we live in and have demonstrated actions that confirm those convictions.

I support and endorse Anthony Soler for Lake County Board District 13 because he is an intelligent problem-solver, a proven leader, a motivator, and a diplomat. I am confident he will serve Lake County Board District 13 with the same honor and commitment he has displayed as a friend, a sailor, and a firefighter.

Candidates for Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District



Debra Shore for Commissioner, MWRD by Chris and Beth Dunn



As we count down to the 2012 Democratic primary, we are very excited to be supporting Debra Shore's reelection to the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). With broad support from city and suburban voters, Debra won the 2006 primary election with the highest vote total among nine candidates. Her campaign was a grassroots effort, bringing together people throughout the county who understood that *because water matters*, it's important to have commissioners who are committed to ensuring safe, clean water for all Cook County residents to use and enjoy.

Recently, the MWRD voted to undertake one of its most ambitious projects ever. The vote to support disinfection of the wastewater discharged into the Chicago River is momentous. Debra led the effort to make this happen. She was instrumental in domestic partnership benefits being offered to district employees, helped to hire a new Executive director from outside the ranks of district employees, and is a leader on green infrastructure and storm water management issues.

Additionally, Debra has fought for greater transparency at MWRD and is working to develop innovative programs that will save taxpayers money while protecting our water supply.

Debra is working hard to make disinfection a reality and to implement plans that will treat rainwater as a resource, not a nuisance. She is exactly the type of progressive conservation leader we need on the Board right now.

We have known Debra for almost ten years through our work with her in numerous Democratic campaigns (including her own) and on both private and public sector-focused environmental policy issues.

Commissioner Shore is a superb public servant who has shown that she knows how to turn policy ideas into concrete achievements that make people's lives better. We could use many more like her in public life in Illinois.

Kari Steele for Commissioner, MWRD by Keith Tate



I support the candidacy of Kari Steele for Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) because she is the embodiment of the leadership our communities so desperately need. She is not a career politician who seeks office to further her personal agenda. Rather, Kari is a grassroots community activist with a heart for service. Her commitment to providing service to the community is evidenced in her years of volunteer work in the 6th Ward Young Democrats organization as well as serving in various leadership roles with the Cook County Young Democrats.

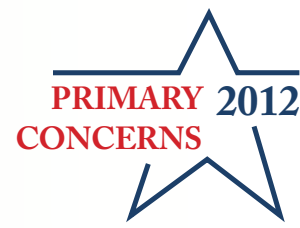
Furthermore, Kari's background as a research chemist and former employee of the Chicago Water Department provides her with an excellent understanding of the complex environmental issues that the MWRD Board of Commissioners manages. Her ability to quickly understand the issues that are before the Board will enable her to provide conscientious representation. Kari is capable of effectively communicating the matters before the Board to her constituency in a clear and easy-to-understand manner.

The MWRD Board of Commissioners will be making very difficult decisions regarding water management in Cook County in the coming years

and awarding millions of dollars of contracts to fulfill their mission. By voting for Kari Steele, I can rest assured that a competent and capable commissioner will represent my community as well as provide a strong voice in support of our interests.

Candidates for Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

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Patrick D. Thompson for Commissioner, MWRD by Peter Nickell



On March 20, 2012, I'll be voting in the Illinois Democratic Primary. For the first time in my life, I'll be choosing a candidate for the office of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner. I imagine that there are other people out there who have never voted for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner either.

I am a student at DePaul University and, to be honest, before I started my internship for one of the candidates, I never quite understood what the MWRD did or why I should care about it. Then I learned about the waste that is dumped into the Chicago River.

I learned that MWRD has a budget of \$1.6 billion. I learned that MWRD is the largest land owner in Cook County.

I also learned MWRD is responsible for managing storm water. What I learned about the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, I learned from Patrick D. Thompson. To listen to Patrick, I got the sense that he was already an expert in water and that he had been studying his whole life to run for MWRD Commissioner. Of course, that's not true. But his passion, knowledge, and commitment to improving our waterways, environment, and infrastructure for all residents, visitors, and taxpayers of Cook County are clear to me. As a student of political science,

I learned that elected officials, civic groups, neighborhoods, and individuals all affect outcomes in our communities. One of the things that I like about Patrick is that he has experience with all of these groups. As an attorney, he has experience with public finance. As a member of the Historic Bungalow Association, he understands issues of zoning and storm water management. As a member of the Bubbly Creek Committee, he worked with elected officials and citizens to clean up a section of the Chicago River that was polluted. His professional and personal leadership on these important issues makes me believe that he is the best candidate for the job. I hope you agree.

Patricia Young for Commissioner, MWRD by Frank Passalacqua



I strongly support and recommend Patricia Young for Water Reclamation District Commissioner. After dedicating over 34 years to the Water

Reclamation District, of which Patricia served 16 years as Commissioner, she has acquired the needed experience to ensure that objectives get

implemented. Over the years, Patricia has shown how to listen to her constituents and how to accomplish her goals. She has shown excellent dedication and persistence needed to rightfully represent the people.

Trust Patricia Young and know that you are in good hands with her care and attention.

Patricia Horton for Commissioner, MWRD



Patricia Horton was elected Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in 2006. As a Commissioner, Ms. Horton is responsible for writing policies and procedures that protect the health and safety of Cook County residents and for protecting the quality water supply source from Lake Michigan. Additionally, she oversees

approval of a budget of \$1 billion annually. She has also implemented procedures for proper disposal of prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines. Throughout her career, she has remained steadfast and passionate about helping others and providing a voice for those in need. Some of her accomplishments include serving on the Illinois State Diabetic Commission Board as well as on the board of CEDA. She

is an environmentalist and water conservationist and has saved taxpayers over \$50 million; furthermore, she has increased transparency, created new jobs, implemented green technology to save on greenhouse gases, and voted for projects to reduce flooding in Cook County.

Preston Carter for North Shore Sanitary District by Henry Hughes



The North Shore Sanitary District Ward One seat is coming up for election, and I choose candidate Preston Carter.

Knowing Carter over the years, I feel he is the right man for the job. Carter has over 30 years of mechanical experience with the district and is now retired. He would try to keep jobs that go out to bid to Illinois people rather than keep giving them to Wisconsin people. He would make sure the hiring of employees of the district is fair, rather than the continued hiring of family members of the board. Carter would also investigate the funds that were spent on the melter project at the landfill that cannot run due to some issues by the EPA.

It's time for a change in Ward One, and I believe Preston Carter is it.

Clyde McLemore for North Shore Sanitary District by Jack Haines



As an activist and public policy strategist who has worked to elect progressive, ethical Democratic public officials for more than

30 years, I am today asking citizens in the northeast communities of the 10th Congressional District to vote for and support Clyde McLemore for North Shore Sanitary District. Clyde is running for Trustee in the 1st Ward, which represents Zion, Winthrop Harbor, Beach Park, and parts of Waukegan.

Candidates aren't elected on their own—they are elected because activists, friends, and organizers volunteer for days to stand in freezing temperatures, present convincing

arguments, and persuade citizens to support their candidates, usually sacrificing their own family time, financial well-being and oftentimes health.

Clyde McLemore has been one of these selfless activists for over 15 years in Lake County alone. There is not one Democratic elected official in northern Illinois who doesn't partially owe his election to Clyde! Ask Terry Link, Pat Quinn, and Barack Obama if they think Clyde helped elect them. They'll praise his efforts and contributions to their success.

Clyde has been a Democratic committeeman in Lake County for 17 years and a strong advocate for taxpayers, the underserved,

community development initiatives, and fairness. He is an outspoken and effective leader in our party and will work towards positive change and ethical government. Clyde McLemore is a family man living in Zion who will be a creative and new voice at the NSSD, and he'll work for equal opportunity and public education for the whole District.

I urge all 10th District Dems to support Clyde financially and organizationally as well as to promote his election! We need new leaders like Clyde.

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Rick Munoz for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

by Renee Shapiro



I'm proud to stand with so many leading reformers like County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Congresswoman

Jan Schakowsky, and County Commissioner Larry Suffredin, who agree Rick Munoz will be an outstanding Clerk of the Circuit Court. Reform is on a roll in Cook County, and Rick Munoz is an innovative and independent leader who will help President Preckwinkle stand up for local taxpayers. Even as President Preckwinkle works to reform Cook County, the Court Clerk's office under Dorothy Brown continues to be a swamp of corruption. Campaign contributors are rewarded with sweetheart, no-bid contracts. Employees have reported feeling

compelled to give both personal donations and campaign cash to Clerk Brown. In this climate, it's no wonder the clerk's office is unable to fulfill its core mission: supporting our court system in an efficient, effective manner.

After a decade in office, Clerk Brown has failed to provide the level of service taxpayers have a right to expect. The most eye-popping example is her failure to adopt electronic document filing that could save taxpayers millions. Clerk Brown gave the e-filing contract to one of her top ten campaign contributors, an Alabama company represented by a right-wing Republican lobbyist. The agreement—a no-bid contract worth \$30 million—was so badly written it grants this company a monopoly with

the ability to charge virtually unlimited fees to local users. In fact, the deal was so unfavorable to Cook County that the Illinois Supreme Court has refused to approve it.

As a direct result of Clerk Brown's corrupt politics, Cook County's court technology is now hopelessly outdated when compared to neighboring DuPage County and other large cities like New York. I believe this is simply unacceptable. We have one of the largest court systems in the world, and we should be able to provide users with the very latest in technology services.

Help Rick Munoz bring innovation, reform, and transparency to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office!

Community Connection Needs Your Help! by Vicky Baily

The Community Connection office in Waukegan has been transformed into "Election Central 2012." In addition to providing printed information for walk-ins, we'd like to be able to go online and get a list of voters' polling places, early voting sites, and even their ballots. Can you help us out with the donation of a well-functioning computer? We're also in need of printer paper and ink for printers. In fact, we could also put to great use gift certificates to Staples, Office Depot, Office Max, and Costco. We appreciate all help.

Thanks for helping raise voter turnout level in this crucial Democratic area!

Community Connection Volunteers Deliver Donated Books and Supplies to Waukegan Students

