

## Cook County Officials

LWV Chicago asked each candidate to respond to two questions using a maximum **total** of 50 words. If a candidate responded her/his response is shown following the name. The two questions were:

- 1) Why do you want to serve in this position?
- 2) Which major issues do you feel are important to your constituents?

***If the response was longer it was truncated at 50 words.  
(t) at the end of a response indicates that it was truncated.***

The following candidates run county wide:

### **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners** Three are to be elected

**Frank Avila** (Democratic)

Protect the health and welfare of the public. I am an Environmentalist, Civil Engineer, Land Surveyor, Commissioner of the Water Reclamation District.

(1.) Water supply, (2.) Water quality of Lake Michigan and our waterways, (3.) Wastewater treatment, use and disposal of pharmaceutical, personal care products, implications on human and ecological health.

**Kathleen Therese Meany** (Democratic)

I want to serve in this position to continue in initiating and supporting environmental policies that ultimately protect our precious water environment.

- Experience: Elected in 1990-present. Vice-president since 1995.
- Education: Masters degree, Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.
  
- Completion of Tunnel and Reservoir project to protect against flooding. **(t)**

**Cynthia M. Santos** (Democratic)

No response

**David Clearwater** (Republican)

No response

**Paul Chialdikas** (Republican)

To ensure that the MWRD is more fiscally responsible, to protect our natural environment and bring integrity to the district.

The major issues are no accountability to taxpayers, poor hiring practices (patronage) and not promoting more green initiatives to protect our environment and save taxpayers money.

**Daniel Flores** (Republican)

No response

**Nadine Bopp** (Green)

Water issues are at the forefront of environmental concerns, and second only to energy. These issues are intimately related. As a lifelong environmentalist I see wastewater treatment as the door to implementation of new cost effective green engineering technologies, development of green jobs and the use of solid waste for local production of energy. **(t)**

**John "Jack" Ailey** (Green)

The MWRD needs to treat waste water more completely.

Institute treatment for bacteria, pharmaceuticals and metabolic toxins at all sewage plants. Develop long range plans for water conservation, separation of sewage and storm water runoff, and localized treatment of waste water. Eliminate any influence of "connections" in hiring and contracts.

**Rita Bogolub** (Green)

No response

### **State's Attorney**

**Anita Alvarez** (Democratic)

As a 22 yr. veteran of the State's Attorney's Office I have dedicated my career to standing up for victims. I will provide steady leadership free of political influence while advocating for change to make us even better at what we do and closer to the communities we serve. **(t)**

**Tony Peraica** (Republican)

I want to serve as the next Cook County State's Attorney in order to remove politics from hiring, firing and prosecutorial decisions. We need to stop warehousing self-abusers. Equal rights for all.

Corruption is a major cause of higher tax burdens at all levels. We need to prosecute white collar **(t)**

**Thomas O'Brien** (Green)

The State's Attorney (SAO) is the People's Lawyer. If elected I will work to ensure that the SAO is transparent and responsive to the concerns of the community. The SAO must work on community outreach and police-citizen relations for a cohesive response to crime in Cook County. **(t)**

## **Clerk of the Circuit Court**

### **Dorothy A. Brown** (Democratic)

I am the incumbent Clerk and I have established a record of success. With my professional experience and background, I can continue to manage the Clerk's Office effectively. I am an attorney and a certified public accountant. I have a Master's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. **(t)**

### **Diane Shapiro** (Republican)

I have been working in the Circuit Court system for 32 years. That office impacts almost everyone in Cook County in some way, and I believe that I am the right person at the right time to lead the Clerk's Office into the Modern Era. I know how to lead **(t)**

### **Paloma Andrade** (Green)

No response

## **Recorder of Deeds**

### **Eugene "Gene" Moore** (Democratic)

Mr. Moore has an extensive history of community service and that component of his career made him a successful Insurance Executive. His career in insurance provided him with significant managerial experience, ie., human resources, budgetting and financial decision making. Mr. Moore has served two terms as Cook County Recorder **(t)**

### **Gregory Goldstein** (Republican)

No response

### **Terrence A. Gilhooly** (Green)

No response

**The following candidates run in specific county districts:**

**Board of Review, 2nd District**

**Joseph Berrios** (Democratic)  
No response

**Lauren Elizabeth McCracken-Quirk** (Republican)  
No response

**Howard Kaplan** (Green)

I believe voters should have real choices, want to do my part to help move us beyond the dysfunctional 2-party groove.  
I believe that we should be represented by elected leaders who have the interests of their community in mind, and not personal gain or political power. **(t)**

**Board of Review, 3rd District**

**Larry R. Rogers, Jr.** (Democratic)  
No response

**Lionel Garcia** (Republican)  
No response

**Antonne "Tony" Cox** (Green)  
No response