

Illinois State Senators

The districts listed here are those which include areas within Chicago City limits and those where the senate seat is to be filled this election.

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.

2nd District

William "Willie" Delgado (Democratic)

No response

3rd District

Mattie Hunter (Democratic)

I have committed my life to public service dedicating my career to programs that improve the quality of life for families and individuals, advocating for quality public health services, setting public policy to rehabilitate ex-offenders, assisting families with financial challenges, creating economic development programs, and supporting underserved populations in Illinois. **(t)**

5th District

Rickey R. Hendon (Democratic)

No response

Jason Allen Braswell (Republican)

No response

6th District

John J. Cullerton (Democratic)

It has been an honor to serve the 6th district for the past thirty years. Listening to my constituents' concerns, formulating a solution to their problem and passing legislation that effects this change is of the utmost importance to me and I hope to continue to serve in this capacity. **(t)**

Jay Valko (Republican)

No response

7th District Unexpired 2-Year Term

Heather Steans (Democratic)

No response

Tom Durkin (Green)

No response

8th District

Ira I. Silverstein (Democratic)

No response

9th District

Jeffrey M. Schoenberg (Democratic)

No response

Brendan Appel (Republican)

Illinois is headed in the wrong direction, and I believe we deserve better than self-interested, career politicians. As a lifelong resident and small business owner, I offer honest, effective leadership, while moving beyond partisan politics and standing up for what is right.

We need government to serve the people, **(t)**

11th District

Louis S. "Lou" Viverito (Democratic)

No response

Jeffrey Malinowski (Republican)

No response

12th District

Martin A. Sandoval (Democratic)

No response

14th District

Emil Jones, III (Democratic)

No response

Ray Wardingley (Republican)

No response

15th District

James T. Meeks (Democratic)

No response

17th District

Donne E. Trotter (Democratic)

No response

18th District

Edward D. Maloney (Democratic)

I seek to continue my tenure in the Senate in order to first give back to the communities that have been good to myself and my family.

Serving in the Senate has provided me an opportunity to listen, learn and transform the concerns of my constituents into meaningful legislation. **(t)**

20th District

Iris Y. Martinez (Democratic)

No response

33rd District

Daniel W. Kotowski (Democratic)

No response

Michael H. Sweeney (Republican)

No response

39th District

Don Harmon (Democratic)

No response