



IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Greetings friends and neighbors.

On January 13th, I was inaugurated as the State Senator for the Illinois 25th District, and I couldn't be happier to be your Senator. For those of you who are familiar with my work this will just be an update, for those unfamiliar, this is my way of sharing what's going on in Illinois, in our senate district and in my district office. My hope is that you'll find my newsletter a helpful resource.

In-District

I am happy to announce that the community advisory committees established while I was your State Representative will continue in conjunction with newly elected Representative Hirschauer. Monthly meetings will resume in the coming weeks. If you are interested in participating with Education, Environment, Mental Health or Seniors, please contact my office for details.

Community Resources

The Small Business Association has opened up much-needed relief for businesses that everyone should be aware of. Many businesses under 300 employees will be able to apply for a "Second Draw" PPP loan from participating lenders. This opportunity closes on March 31st. Businesses can learn more about PPP by visiting the Illinois [Small Biz Assistance Business Information Center](#).

To help you understand the new programs, DCEO has a plethora of webinars being offered by the Office of Regional Economic Development (RED), the Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE), and partners at the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). You can find a webinar listed for nearly every day by clicking [HERE](#). In addition to COVID-19 resources, topics include government contracting, businesses management, and exporting. Please don't hesitate to forward this information to your friends or favorite businesses.

Finally, arts venues and museums can apply for a federal Shuttered Venue Operators Grant. The SBA has not yet opened up applications, but you can learn more [here](#)

COVID Vaccinations

The availability for members of our community to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is of the utmost priority for me. I am working diligently with the local health departments and the Governor's office to obtain the most recent and applicable information. Stay tuned as we learn more. I do encourage individuals to check their county health departments for the most up-to-date information ([Kane County](#), [DuPage County](#), [Kendall County](#)). Additionally, don't forget to contact and monitor your primary care provider and local pharmacy. Many are using their patient systems to proactively contact their

patients about scheduling when vaccines are available.

What's Next?

We return to Springfield for the 102nd General Assembly. There's so much to be done, please be sure to check my newsletter for weekly updates.

As always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karina Villa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karina Villa, MSW
State Senator, 25th District