



IL State Senator Karina Villa

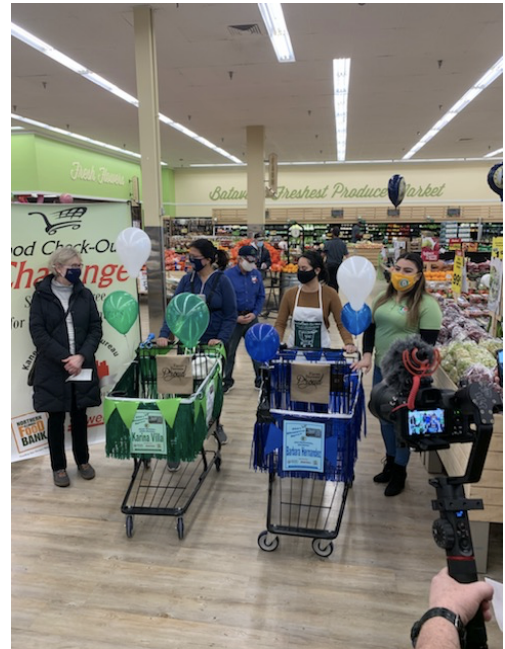


IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends & neighbors,

Over the past few days I have had the pleasure of volunteering at two different food pantry events. Last Friday I attended Plano's community food pantry at PH Miller Elementary School. It was an exciting opportunity for me to meet constituents and elected leaders from the 25th District. I am ready and looking forward to developing those relationships. On Monday, I attended Kane County's Farm Bureau shopping spree with Representative Barbara Hernandez where I helped to raise money for Elburn & Countryside food pantry. Having worked in my family's grocery store, I was primed for the task of shopping, serving as cashier and bagging the groceries. This event was so much fun, and of course, the best part was being able to give back to organizations that do good work.



(Left, volunteers and I posing in Plano's food pantry. Right, Rep. Hernandez and me getting ready for our competition.)

Community Food Pantries

The events I attended this week reminded me of the tremendous need these organizations still serve, especially during these trying times. If you're in need, we have some amazing food pantries in our district ready, willing and able to help you.

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- **West Chicago** - St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (630 231 3787) located at 155 N Prince Crossing Rd., St. Andrew's does a Saturday morning food distribution.
- **Aurora** - InterFaith's food pantry (630 897 2127) located at 1110 Jericho Rd., their hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am - noon.
- **Batavia** - InterFaith food pantry (630 879 3784) located at 100 Flinn St., their hours are Tuesdays from 1pm - 3pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 6:30pm - 7:30pm, and Fridays from 10am - noon.
- **Montgomery** - New Life Community Church's food pantry (630 897 6810) located at 1144 S Lincoln Ave., their hours are Sunday's 9 - 9:45am and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.
- **Yorkville** - Kendall County's Community Pantry (630 553 0473) located at 208 Beaver St., their hours are Thursdays 2pm - 6pm with early access for seniors, disabled people, and veterans from noon to 2pm.
 - The Oswego Satellite location is from 6pm - 7:30pm the first Friday of each month @ 61 Franklin St.
 - The Plano Satellite location is every third Friday of the month from 6pm - 7:30pm @ 904 N Lew St.
- **Elburn** - The Elburn & Countryside food pantry (630 448 1069) located at 525 N Main St., they are open every Thursday from 6pm - 7pm.

These are just some of the food pantries in my district doing amazing work. If you are in need be sure to stop in, if you have time, consider volunteering, and, if you know of any other food pantries in our area please feel free to contact my office via email at ConstituentServices@SenatorVilla.com or by phone at 630-326-9319 (English) / 630-326-9419 (Spanish) and share their information so we can spread it to the community!

PPP for Small Businesses with *Less Than 20 Employees*

Starting Wednesday, February 24th the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) **opened only to businesses with fewer than 20 employees** and will stay available until March 10th. During this time, lenders will be able to focus on our smallest and most vulnerable businesses. For more details, please visit the SBA website: <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

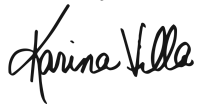
PUA Overpayment Update

IDES will continue to send out instructions with next steps in requesting an overpayment waiver over the coming weeks. We have been advised that constituents who elected to receive IDES correspondence by mail should keep an eye on their mailbox while those who elected to communicate electronically should check their emails. If you have any questions please reach out to my constituent services liaison, Sammy Quiñones, via email at ConstituentServices@SenatorVilla.com or by phone at 630-326-9319 (English) / 630-326-9419 (Spanish).

What's Next?

On Friday, February 25th at 6 pm Representative Hirschauer and I will host a webinar presentation about the latest in the new rounds of federal COVID-19 emergency funding. We will be joined by Diana Alfaro, Latino Business Development Manager with DCEO and Aisha McBurrows from the U.S. Small Business Association's Women's Business Development Center to learn about new program rollout, loan offices, and other COVID-19 resources for small businesses.

As always,



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