



# State Senator Karina Villa

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Hello friends & neighbors,  
Yesterday I voted yes on historic legislation that I am incredibly proud of, SB2408, the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. This bill was passed by both houses yesterday. It will get Illinois to 100% clean energy, create and save thousands of jobs, establish nation-leading equity programs, reduce pollution, and hold utility companies accountable.

## Hispanic Heritage Month

Yesterday marked the first day of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. As I have said many times in the past, I love my culture, my roots and my identity. I am a Mexican American woman. This month be sure to support your local Latinx owned barbershops, coffee shops, restaurants, etc.

## B2B Application Assistance

My office is hosting an event at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church this coming Monday from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Any small business owner can come for free application assistance. We will have many Spanish speaking staff. It is in conjunction with the Aurora Hispanic Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Women's Business Development Center, and State Representative Maura Hirschauer.

## BACK2BUSINESS GRANT

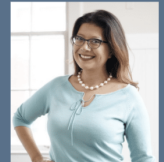
### APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

RECEIVE FREE ASSISTANCE IN SUBMITTING B2B GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM THE  
OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR KARINA VILLA

WHERE: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 155 N  
Prince Crossing Rd.,  
West Chicago IL 60185

WHEN: September 20th 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Our partners:



## DuPage County Expungement Clinic

On Saturday, October 2nd at 10am, the DuPage County Bar Association will be hosting an Expungement Clinic at the DuPage County Administration Building: 421 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187-3978, United States. The clinic will provide free legal assistance to individuals seeking to clear their criminal record. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Water Lantern Festival

Tickets are now on sale for Aurora's Water Lantern Festival taking place Saturday, September 18th from 3:30pm - 7pm at 360 North Broadway St., Aurora, IL 60505. Purchase tickets [here](#)!

### **We Grow Dreams Fall Festival**

On Saturday, September 25th from 10am - 3pm We Grow Dreams will hold their Fall Festival at their Greenhouse at 1055 West Washington Street, West Chicago, IL. One of a Kind, Samoji, Inc, and the District 200 Transition Program are among some of the businesses that will be there to sell their products. We Grow Dreams will be selling their pumpkins, cabbage, kale, strawberries, and fall flowers among other goodies! Stop by if you can.

### **The Autism Hero Project's Gala**

This year AHP will host "The 19th Hole" Gala event on Saturday, September 25th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hawk Country Club in St. Charles. The Gala will have three different meal options including chicken, salmon, and vegetarian. There will also be raffles and silent auction items as well as a live band. This event will raise money for children on the spectrum. Purchase tickets [here](#).

### **What's Next?**

This coming Monday September 20th my office will hold its Mental Health Advisory Committee at 6pm. To get the zoom link email [mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com](mailto:mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com). Then on Thursday September 23rd we will hold our Environment & Agriculture Advisory Committee where we will be discussing food composting, and how we can bring it to the schools in district 25. To get that zoom link email [environment.49th@gmail.com](mailto:environment.49th@gmail.com).

My staff and I look forward to hearing from you! I encourage you to reach out to us at 630-326-9319 (English), 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or [constituentservices@senatorvilla.com](mailto:constituentservices@senatorvilla.com).

Stay cool!



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