



State Senator Karina Villa

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Hello friends & neighbors,
October is Manufacturing Month! Our district is home to many wonderful manufacturers who provide abundant job opportunities to our constituents. I previously toured Jel-Sert in West Chicago and enjoyed learning more about their processes and meeting their amazing employees.



Fall Trout Fishing Season

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources stated that the 2021 Illinois Trout Fishing Season began on Saturday, October 16th. This will take place at over 50 lakes, ponds, and streams throughout the state. For more information and a list of locations, click [here](#).

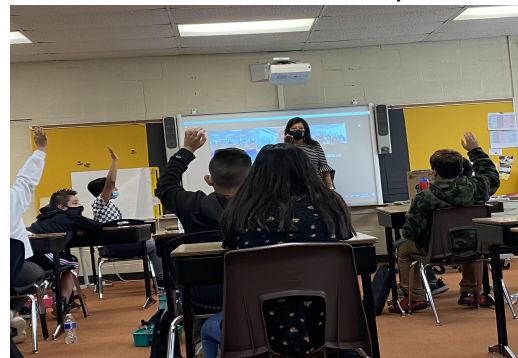
Reverence for Diversity in Illinois

The IL Muslim Civic Coalition and Senator Laura Ellman have introduced this Amendment. The Amendment states that all elected officials in Illinois taking the oath of

office will now also recite the phrase: "I swear to protect and honor the diversity of the people of this great state". Keep an eye out for subject matter hearings on this amendment. Click [here](#) for more information.

Gary Elementary Visit

It was great to visit Gary Elementary, where I used to be a school board member for D33, to educate their 5th graders on government, the importance of their vote and how legislation affects their lives using a recess example, which mandated recess for K-5 across the state. After we laid the framework for how legislation works we moved into some deeper examples that affect their lives as well. I can't wait to see what great things these students continue to accomplish.

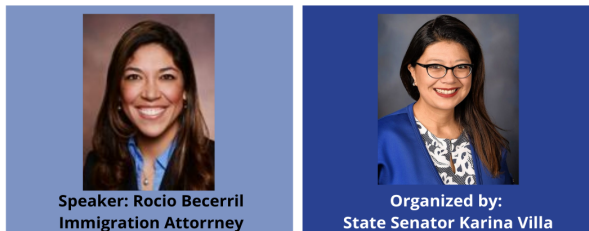


Workforce Fair

Keep your schedule clear! Our office will be hosting a Workforce Fair on November 6th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. The event will have over twenty trade-based employers. No previous education or training is needed to attend. The Workforce Fair will be held at West Chicago High School.

Know Your Rights: On U-Visas

Today, our office will be hosting an informational seminar on U-Visas. Rocio Becerril, an immigration attorney will be the night's speaker. The topics discussed will provide guests with a great deal of knowledge and information. To learn more, click [here](#).





KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: ON U-VISAS



Part 1: What is the U Visa & Who qualifies for the U Visa	LOCATION: ST ANDREW CHURCH, WEST CHICAGO
Part 2: Requirements & Documents that are required for U-Visa	DATES: OCTOBER 14TH, 21ST, AND 28TH
Part 3: Process & Updates	TIME: 6-7PM

Manufacturer's Round Table

Our office enjoyed hosting the Manufacturer's virtual Round Table on the 14th. Local school superintendents, manufacturing companies as well as other elected officials came together to discuss current trends in the workforce, opportunities in the field and ways legislators can make a difference. In addition to this, we learned more about vocational courses and educational opportunities that have been made available to students in our district. Thank you to all who participated!



What's Next?

Our office partners with State Representative Maura Hirschauer and co-runs four advisory committees: Environmental and Agriculture, Mental Health, Seniors, and Education. These committees are a limited public forum led by volunteer chairs and seek to create compassionate conversation among the voices of the 25th/49th districts in order to help build our legislative agenda and grow our knowledge in these areas.

On October 28th from 7:00pm-8:00pm, our office will be co-hosting our Environment and Agriculture Advisory Committee. Email environment.49th@gmail.com to join.

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.

Stay cool!



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