



Grand Opening and Pride Resources

Dear Friend,

As we near the end of Pride Month, read on for some resources for the LGBTQIA+ community that serve the 25th Senate District. My office also celebrated the official opening of our shared West Chicago District Office and the welcoming of our two new Community Service Directors! Read on to learn more, and for an important update on the freeze of an Illinois immigrant healthcare program.

West Chicago Office Grand Opening



Our office is happy to announce the official opening of our shared West Chicago District Office space with Congresswoman Rameriz and State Representative Hirschauer! This weekend we celebrated making it official alongside community members and organizations, with West Chicago School District 33's Ballet Folklórico and a DJ for live entertainment and Pariente Mix taco truck and Pal Joey's pizza for food. Our office is excited to begin offering a one-stop shop for both Federal and State government district office services in West Chicago. We were so happy to be able to celebrate this with the community we love and serve.

New Community Service Director Introductions Daniel Perez - West Chicago District Office

Daniel will be bringing on a wide variety of experience focused on the BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and low-income communities. With this experience, he will be able to further serve our community in addition to our current staff. Daniel will be based out of my West Chicago district office **946 Neltnor Blvd., #104 West Chicago IL, 60185** and the office phone number is: **(630) 326-9319**.



Casey brings more than 25 years of experience and knowledge working in the Latino community. Casey has also received various awards for his work in the community as well as helping organizations strive forward. Mr. Cuevas is a true servant and will be an asset to our dynamic and diverse team. He will be based in my new Aurora office which is located at **1177 N. Highland Ave. Suite 101, Aurora, IL, 60506** and the office phone number is **(331) 465-9690**.



LGBTQIA+ Resources



professional development.

Open Door Health Centers of Illinois - ODHC specializes in providing healthcare to the LGBTQIA+ plus community and specializes in providing quality culturally competent health care to all people, with the goal of reducing and eliminating disparities in health care.

Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois - TJLP consists of a group of folks who believe in the power of communal care over systemic oppression. TJLP is represented by legal workers, and organizers who provide support, advocacy, and free, holistic legal services to low-income and street-based transgender people in Illinois.

Youth Outlook - Youth Outlook is a social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ youth, they work in seven counties in Northern Illinois to provide drop-in centers for youth, support groups for parents and caregivers, and community education in addition to

Broadway Youth Center - Broadway Youth Center (BYC) is a part of Howard Brown Health. They are located in Chicago's North side neighborhood in Lakeview. BYC offers medical services that range from STI screenings, to Minor Youth Hormone Therapy, to Primary Care visits, and mental health providers. In addition, they offer a wide variety of social services that range from a drop-in center, to assisting with Medicaid enrollment, state ID vouchers, retrieving birth certificates/social security cards, and assisting with housing placement. BYC caters to youth, ages 12 to 24.

Alive Center - The Alive Center is a nonprofit organization that empowers teens to become resilient and impassioned through a peer mentoring model. The center offers free drop-in hours after school and over the summer. They also offer classes and events, designed to build confident and resilient teens.

360 Youth Services - Provides counseling for LGBTQIA+ youth, operates a homeless shelter for LGBTQIA+ youth, aged 13-24, while also working on finding sustainable housing through their group home, transitional and rapid rehousing program, and focuses on youth alcohol and drug use prevention through operation snowball, power of choice, youth prevention education and community alliance prevention.

The Trevor Project - The Trevor Project offers crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQIA+ young people ages 13-24. (866) 488-7386

Important Illinois Non-Citizen Medicaid Freeze Information

On June 16th The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services provided a notice, creating an emergency ruling that paused new enrollments for the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA) effective July 1st. On June 23rd Senator Villa, among many other legislative officials, and community activists gathered at Daley Plaza in Chicago for a rally hosted by Healthy Illinois to demand Governor Pritzker unfreeze (HIBA) past July 1st. Furthermore, our office is strongly encouraging senior immigrants ages 42-65 to apply for Medicaid prior to the July 1st deadline, if you are in need of assistance in applying please contact our office, and we will schedule you an appointment. For our Aurora office call (331)465-9690, and for West Chicago call (630)326-9319 or visit abe.illinois.gov to apply.



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Employer Training Investment Program (ETIP)

Last week, myself and staff from State Rep. Hirschauer's office took a tour of the manufacturing facility at Jel Sert. Jel Sert was recently presented with a Employer Training Investment Program grant on behalf of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Jel Sert is a family-owned and operated company that was founded in 1926, it is now in its 4th generation, with over 1,000 employees in West Chicago!



Upcoming District Events

Books for Scoops



Our office has a summer reading program available to youth in the district! Youth throughout the district can enjoy ice cream with the Senator for reading 5 books this summer. Bring in a list with a parent signature to the event or pick up our flyer at the following libraries: West Chicago Public Library, Aurora Santori Public Library, or Batavia Public Library. Then meet the Senator to discuss your summer reading and get a sweet treat on the following dates and locations. You can also download a flyer on my website [here](#).

- Batavia Creamery (4 N Island Ave, Batavia, IL, 60510) on August 3rd from 3:30-4:30pm
- La Garrafa (733 Aurora Ave, Aurora, IL, 60505) on August 3rd from 5:30-6:30pm
- Jorge's Paeteria y Neveria (110 S Neltnor Blvd, West Chicago, IL, 60185) on August 10th from 5:30-7pm

Mobile DMV Event



Our office is partnering with Alderwoman Juany Garza and Representative Hernandez to bring a Mobile DMV to Simard Hall at Sacred Heart Church (769 Fulton Aurora, IL 60505) on August 15th from 10am-2pm. Services include: renewing or receiving a State ID, renewing a Driver's License or REAL ID, and renewing your License Plate. The following services will not be available: driving tests cannot be conducted therefore everyone 75+ or looking to newly get a driver's license cannot be serviced at this event, and TVDL holders will not be able to be serviced.

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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 give effective representation. To join these committees you can email the following for more information and meeting information:

- Environment / 4th Thursday at 7pm / environment.49th@gmail.com
- Mental Health / 3rd Tuesday at 6pm / mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com
 - Seniors / 2nd Friday at 10am / seniors.25th@gmail.com
 - Education / 2nd Thursday at 7pm / education.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 (331)465-9690 constituentservices@senatorvilla.com.

Be well!

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