




Newsletter

Info Session on Biden's Executive Order, Community Resources and Summer Events

Summer is in full effect and exciting things are happening in the 25th District. I am eager to share with you the work being done in our community to promote housing stability, provide youth with summer activities, investments in art and culture and community resources. I encourage individuals interested in learning more about Biden's recent executive order, expanding protections for qualifying undocumented individuals, to attend our Information Session. Read about this and more below.

Casa Michoacan Housing Summit

Last week, I had the honor of attending Casa Michoacan's Housing Summit in West Chicago! It was great to come together and connect with constituents and learn about housing needs in our community. At the summit, we were able to share valuable resources and information on renting, home ownership and tenants' rights. I was also able to share exciting news on [HB 4768](#), that I led through the Senate this Spring, which will expand protections for tenants against retaliation to promote housing stability across Illinois and decrease the risk of homelessness. The bill is currently awaiting the governor's signature. Contact Casa Michoacan at [\(630\) 520-3482](tel:6305203482).



Illinois Arts Council Open House

Join us at our open house next week on Tuesday, July 2 from 5-7 p.m. at our West Chicago Office located at 946 N. Neltbor Blvd., Suite 104 to learn about grant opportunities for local organizations through the Illinois Arts Council. The open house will go into detail about the [General Operating Support and Youth Employment in the Arts](#) grants, which are currently accepting applications until July 19. For more information, call our office at 630-326-9319. For more information on grants, visit the Illinois Arts Council's [website](#).



Books for Scoops

Our summer reading program has officially begun! To participate children should read five books, fill out the corresponding form and bring the completed form to their local Books for Scoops event in August. Students who share their summer reading with me will receive a free treat during the event. Books for Scoops is in partnership with three local ice cream shops across the 25th District.

- **Aurora:** La Mary Neveria y Paeteria, 909 S. Union St., Aurora, on Thursday, Aug. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Participants will receive a free scoop of ice cream.
- **Batavia:** Batavia Creamery, 4 N. Island Ave., Batavia, on Thursday, Aug. 1 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Participants will receive a free junior scoop of ice cream.
- **West Chicago:** Jorge's Paeteria, 110 S. Neltnor Blvd., Suite 4-5, West Chicago, on Thursday, Aug. 8 from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will receive a free paleta (ice pop).



To complete the summer reading, participants are encouraged to visit their local library.

- [Aurora Public Library- Santori](#), 101 S. River St., Aurora
- [Batavia Public Library](#), 10 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia
- [West Chicago Public Library](#), 118 W. Washington St., West Chicago

The Books for Scoops forms are available at each of our district offices or can be downloaded from my [website](#). Make sure to use the correct form if you live in Aurora, Batavia or West Chicago. See you soon!

State and Local Resources

Information Session on Biden Executive Order

On June 18, President Biden announced an executive order that will expand protections for qualifying undocumented spouses of American citizens, their children and DACA recipients. Our office is partnering with Congresswoman Delia Ramirez to host an informational session to provide members of the community an opportunity to learn more about the president's executive action. The Information Session will be hosted this Saturday, June 29 from 2-3 p.m. at West Chicago High School, 326 Joliet St. in the cafeteria. If attending, please use Entrance H. RSVPs are strongly encouraged at tinyurl.com/Jun29Dup.



LGBTQ+ Resources

As Pride Month comes to an end, I would like to highlight critical resources that are available all-year-round. For information on additional resources, please contact our office at 630-326-9319.

National HIV Testing Day is June 27

Knowing your status is critical to keeping yourself and your partner healthy. To find local and affordable testing centers near you visit: <https://gettested.cdc.gov/>.

[Youth Outlook](#)

Youth Outlook is a social service agency dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ youth across seven counties in Northern Illinois. They provide drop-in centers for youth to promote health and wellness, support groups for parents and caregivers, and community education in addition to professional development.

[360 Youth Services](#)

Provides counseling for LGBTQ+ youth, operates a homeless shelter for LGBTQ+ 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.

Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation Scholarship

Last chance to apply for the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Scholarship! The program will award twenty \$5000 scholarships to Latino students pursuing a bachelor's degree, graduate degree or trade certification. The application closes July 3. For more information, visit the ILLCF's [website](#). Fill out the application [here!](#)



Our office 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 in order to provide effective representation. To join these committees you can email the following for more information and meeting information:

- Environment / 1st Wednesday at 7pm / environment.25th@gmail.com
- Mental Health / 3rd Tuesday at 6pm / mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com
 - Seniors / 2nd Thursday at 10am / seniors.25th@gmail.com
 - Education / 2nd Thursday at 7pm / education.25th@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.

Stay in Touch! Follow us on Social Media: [Facebook: @StateSenatorKVilla](#), [Instagram: @SenatorKarinaVilla](#)

Be well!

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