



District & Legislative Updates!

Since the start of the new year, my team has been working diligently to support our community. More than ever it is important to stand united and support each other. I will continue to push strong efforts that improve community safety, provide necessary relief and support our most vulnerable. Read on for important information and necessary updates.

College Internship Applications Now Open!

My office is searching for college students passionate about social justice and who want to serve the constituents of the 25th Senate District and gain valuable experience in public service. Applications for our 2025-2026 college internship are now open! Email us your resume and cover letter at karinavilla.office@gmail.com



104th General Assembly Committee Assignments

I am honored to share my committee assignments for the 104th General Assembly. I am pleased to announce that I will be serving as Chairwoman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. As a former social worker, I am excited to continue working with my colleagues in the Senate to advance legislation that uplifts our communities through health equity based initiatives.

I am also honored to serve as a member of the following Senate Committees:

- Environment & Conservation
- Education
- Child Welfare
- Behavioral & Mental Health
- Approps - Health & Human Services Committee



104th General Assembly Caucuses

It is my pleasure to once again serve as Senate Co-chair of the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus, alongside House Co-Chair, State Representative Norma Hernandez; Treasurer, Senator Graciela Guzmán; and Secretary, Representative Liliana Jimenez. I am also proud to announce that I will be serving as Co-Chair of the Senate Progressive Caucus.

Now more than ever, it is critical to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to protecting the rights and dignity of our communities across Illinois. Together, we will work tirelessly to ensure that all individuals are supported, no matter how hate may attempt to divide us. I look forward to continuing this important work alongside my colleagues to advocate for and uplift our communities.



Legislative Updates



I am happy to announce that last week I was able to pass my first bill out of committee this session. SB 119 would ensure proper syphilis testing during the third trimester of pregnancy to secure that health of a pregnant individual and their child.

I also had the honor of passing SR 23 in honor of Wear Red Day to spread awareness on cardiovascular disease and how it uniquely impacts women.

Know Your Rights

Remember to stay informed and know your rights. Access ICIRR's Know Your Rights guide [here](#). The guide provides information on how to interact with immigration officers and steps to complete an emergency safety plan. This information is for educational purposes only. Please continue to educate yourself and your family members about your rights. Being informed makes us stronger. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to my office at 630-326-9319 or 331-465-9690.

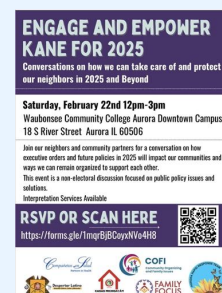
Resources

- ICIRR Family Support Hotline - 1-855-435-7693
- Casa Michoacan DuPage - 630-520-3482
- Family Focus Aurora - 630-844-2550

State and Local Resources

Engage and Empower Kane for 2025

Join community partners and neighbors for a conversation on how federal actions and future policies will impact our communities. The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 from 12-3 p.m. at Waubensee Community College Aurora, located at 18 S. River St. This is a bilingual event intended to receive feedback from community members to find ways to best support each other. RSVP for the event [here](#).



Infrastructure Grant Funding for Small Businesses

Small, locally owned businesses in historically underrepresented areas and businesses with fewer than 10 employees should apply by April 7 for up to \$245,000 in grant funding from the Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment's Small Business Capital and Infrastructure Grant Program. Eligible small businesses can find additional information, webinars and application materials on the [DCEO website](#).

Smoke Alarm Installation

West Chicago Residents, sign up for a FREE smoke alarm installation on Saturday, March 29th! Complete this [form](#) to register.



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](#), [LinkedIn: Karina Villa](#), [TikTok: @StateSenatorKarinaVilla](#)

Be well!

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