



## Events & Mentorship Opportunities

As we near spring, be sure to take advantage of upcoming events and opportunities in the 25th District. As always, if you are in need, contact my office at 630-326-9319 or 331-465-9690.

### Engage DuPage Follow-Up

Join numerous community organizations this Saturday, March 1 for a follow up on our December Engage and Empower DuPage Event. This weekend's event will provide educational training and a resource fair to ensure members of our community are informed and have access to critical services. Interpretation and hybrid participation are available upon request. Please RSVP at this [link](#).

**ENGAGE DUPAGE 2025**  
A followup to our December event, hybrid on request.

**Saturday, March 1st 10am - 12pm**  
West Chicago

**RSVP OR SCAN HERE** →

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State & federal updates, breakout sessions, & resource fair.  
This event focuses on public policy issues and solutions.  
Interpretation Services Available

### High School Summer Internship Applications Now Open!

My district offices are searching for high school students interested in interning for the summer of 2025! This is a great 2-month program that has been developed over the years to provide high school students the ability to learn the legislative process, create a community event of their choosing and learn how to get involved in public service. Share with your networks, and encourage a young leader you might know to apply! Applications for our 2025 summer internship are now open! Email us your resume and cover letter at [karinavilla.office@gmail.com](mailto:karinavilla.office@gmail.com). For more information and important dates, call 630-326-9319.

*Calling all High Schoolers*  
**JOIN OUR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM!**

Our office is now looking for high school interns for Summer 2025. The opportunity is open to any individual who is interested and wants to learn more about policy and community outreach. Summer interns are involved with completing top important projects, hosting an event and developing legislation.

**8 WEEK PROGRAM**  
SUMMER 2025

- EVENT PLANNING
- PROPOSE LEGISLATION
- COMMUNICATIONS
- RESEARCH ISSUES
- SOCIAL JUSTICE
- CREATIVE OUTREACH

SEND US YOUR RESUME → [karinavilla.office@gmail.com](mailto:karinavilla.office@gmail.com)

### Accepting College Internship Applications!

We are still accepting applications for our 2025-2026 College Internship Program. If you are a college student passionate about social justice and want to serve the constituents of the 25th Senate District and gain valuable experience in public service, email us your resume and cover letter at [karinavilla.office@gmail.com](mailto:karinavilla.office@gmail.com)! The internship is open to BSW and MSW candidates. For more information and important dates, call 630-326-9319.

**Senator Karina Villa's**  
**College Internship Applications Now Open**

Interested in public policy, have a passion for social justice issues, or would you like to learn more about governmental advocacy from a social work perspective? Join our team for the 2025-2026 school year! Applications now open until May 1st, 2025.

To apply please send us a cover letter and your resume to [karinavilla.office@gmail.com](mailto:karinavilla.office@gmail.com)

*Join our team!*

## Legislative Updates

Last week, I joined the members of the Latino Caucus to advocate for an equitable budget that prioritizes working-class and immigrant families. View my remarks [here](#).



This week, I was proud to attend a rally hosted by the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights to call for reinforcing immigrant rights in Illinois and providing services that support immigrant communities.

I also stood alongside the Illinois Revenue Alliance and a coalition of unions and local organizations to advocate for adequate funding for services that allow Illinoisans to lead better lives, including public education, health care, and immigrant services and more. Watch my remarks from the press conference [here](#).



Additionally, I was able to join the Illinois Partners for Human Service to advocate for livable wages for human services workers, including caseworkers, therapists and counselors, who are our frontline workers, supporting the most vulnerable in our communities. View my remarks at the rally [here](#).

## Welcoming New Staff Members



Please join me in welcoming a new staff member and congratulating a longtime member of my team on her new position!

Abigail is our new Bilingual Community Service Director for our West Chicago office. She is a former student of Aurora University and has a degree in Social Work with an interest in the higher education system. In this role she hopes to learn on how to unite communities and create a safe environment for our constituents in the 25th District.

Kylie was recently promoted to Chief of Staff, following previously serving in numerous roles within our office including Legislative Assistant in our Springfield Office and Community Service Director.



She has enjoyed being able to experience all facets of the work we do whether it is working on legislation, assisting casework needs, or doing outreach for our community. Kylie looks forward to continuing this work and uplifting our team to reach new heights.

## State and Local Resources

### 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](mailto:environment.25th@gmail.com)
- Mental Health / 3rd Tuesday at 6pm / [mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com](mailto:mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com)
- Seniors / 2nd Thursday at 10am / [seniors.25th@gmail.com](mailto:seniors.25th@gmail.com)
- Education / 2nd Thursday at 7pm / [education.25th@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:constituentservices@senatorvilla.com).

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

Be well!

Karina Villa, MSW  
State Senator, 25th District