



IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Friends & neighbors,

A few months ago I was honored to be elected as your district's state senator. Being an elected representative for you all is an opportunity I do not take lightly. Last Friday I was honored once more as my friends and colleagues elected me as the Tri Chair of the Latino Caucus. I cannot put into words the distinct privilege it is for me to be able to amplify the voices of the latinx community in my district and across the state.

In-District

In collaboration with State Representative Maura Hirschauer, the West Chicago Jewel Osco, Superintendents Dr. Moses Cheng and Dr. Kristina Davis-Salazar, along with other local elected officials, we were able to ensure that over 2,000 West Chicago residents and employees will have the opportunity to get vaccinated this Friday February 12th. Registration was open to all teachers in School Districts 33 and 94 as well as residents who are 65 years or older. Over 2,000 time slots were filled in less than 24 hours. It is clear our work here is far from over. I plan on continuing to work with community partners and will not stop until every vulnerable resident in my district has received their vaccine. In the meantime I highly encourage all of you to check in with your primary care provider, your local pharmacy, [Kendall County Health Department](#), [Kane County Health Department](#), [DuPage County Health Department](#), and the [VNA](#).

Community Resources

If you or someone you know has a small business of 300 or less employees, you'll want to read on. The Small Business Association has opened up much needed relief for small businesses. You can now apply for a "Second Draw" PPP loan from participating lenders. This opportunity closes on March 31st so be sure to spread the word about it to anyone you know who can benefit from this service. Businesses can learn more about PPP by visiting the Illinois [Small Biz Assistance Business Information Center](#).

IDES Continued Assistance Act

Last week IDES announced progress in implementing the Continued Assistance Act (CAA) which was signed into law on December 27th, 2020. The revisions in the CAA impact Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), PUA Overpayments, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), and Mixed Earning Unemployment Compensation (MEUC).

On PUA overpayments they stated the following: “The Department is in the process of identifying which PUA overpayments are subject to waiver, creating a notice and questionnaire for PUA claimants with an overpayment to request a waiver and supply the information needed to make determinations, and drafting determination notices regarding waivers.” You can read more information [here](#).

What’s Next?

Our senior advisory committee will be holding their first meeting for the year on Friday February 19th, any and all are welcome to attend, please contact our office for more information!

As always,



Karina Villa, MSW
State Senator, 25th District