



Newsletter

Now that spring session is over I am looking forward to returning to the 25th District and reconnecting with constituents! In this edition of our newsletter you can find information on the FY25 State Budget that recently passed and our upcoming Mobile DMV Event.

Illinois General Assembly Passes Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

I am honored to share the passage of the Fiscal Year 2025 [Budget](#). I am pleased to see this budget make crucial investments in housing, education and support services, but we must do more to ensure all communities benefit equitably from the investments our state is making. One of the top issues brought to me by constituents is the need for housing stability. I commend the state's decision to dedicate \$25 million to the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Rental Housing Support Program. The \$200 million for after-school and summer youth programs will help thousands of children achieve their full potential, along with an additional \$350 million to fulfill our commitment to our K-12 evidence-based funding formula. We must continue to work toward future investments that ensure our communities receive the support they deserve.

End of Spring Session for 2024

I passed a total of 19 pieces of legislation this spring on subjects ranging from tenants rights, environmental protections, expanding language access, and more. I could not have passed all 19 without the work of my Springfield staff Sebastian and Nancy and of course Bernie. You can view all of the bills [here](#). Keep an eye out this summer for updates as these bills get signed into law by Governor Pritzker!



Aurora Mobile DMV Event

We are partnering with Alderwoman Juany Garza, State Representative Barbara Hernandez and the Illinois Secretary of State on an upcoming Mobile DMV Event on June 27th from 10m to 2pm at Simard Hall (771 Fulton Street, Aurora, IL 60505). Appointments for all services will be required. To sign up for an appointment please call Alderwoman Garza's office at 630-256-3020 or our district offices at 331-465-9690 or 630-326-9319. Services available include REAL ID, Vision Screening, DL/State ID (renewal, replacement, correction), Lic. plate renewal stickers.

State & Local Resources

Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation Scholarship

It's that time of year again! Apply to the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus

Foundation scholarship that awards 20 Latino scholars with \$5,000 that can be applied to a student's certificate, undergraduate, and/or graduate program!

Application closes on July 3rd. For details on requirement guidelines, please visit:

<https://www.illcfoundation.org/scholarship-program/application>



Governor's Hometown Awards Program

The Governor's Hometown Awards (GHATA) program gives formal recognition to those who contributed to projects that improved their community's quality of life from the period of January 1, 2023, through

December 31, 2023. The due date for applications is June 14, at 5pm CST. Interested townships, villages,

cities, and counties can apply. They must show that the project being nominated was sponsored by a local

unit of government, had strong volunteer support, met a need, and made a definitive impact, thereby

generating a positive outcome in the community and by extension, the state. To apply for the award, head to

the application link: <https://forms.office.com/g/RWwYgzF3B>

Illinois Department of Public Health West Chicago Office Relocated to Westchester

As part of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)'s ongoing efforts to improve efficiency of operations,

the Department announced that the West Chicago Regional Office has relocated from 245 W. Roosevelt Road in

West Chicago to the Westbrook Corporate Center in Westchester. The new office is known as the Westchester

Regional Office. The address for the new location is 3 Westbrook Corporate Center, 3rd Floor, Westchester, IL

60154. The new phone number for those trying to contact staff in the West Chicago Office is (708) 409-8811. The

Regional Health Office works closely with local health departments and includes Long-Term Care field

operations and regulatory units.

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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karina Villa'.

Karina Villa, MSW
State Senator, 25th District