

# ILVOTE Agenda

**ILVOTE:** ILVOTE is certified as a bonafide State Civic Organization in Illinois. We promote civic engagement through deputy voter registrar trainings, voter awareness forums and voter registration events.

**Deputy Voter Registrar Training Request Form:** <http://bit.ly/TRAINING-DVR>

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**Website:** <https://www.ilvote.us>

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## Info about this event

**Wednesday Zoom link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdUGgqTkrEtxgOTu4wgkXiTrhnKAETSBF>

**Agenda shortlink:** <https://bit.ly/7pmAgendaLVOTE>

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## December 1, 2021

### 7 PM ILVOTE Call

7 - 7:05 **Rose**

7:05-8:00pm: Redistricting with special guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (we have invited someone who can speak to the upcoming race for the newly drawn 3rd District, but that guest hasn't yet been confirmed)

## November 17, 2021

### 7 PM ILVOTE Call

7:00-8:00pm: Redistricting with special guests **Don Black** and **Reid McCollum**. Reid is one of the leaders of Coalition for a Better IL6.

- The new congressional [map that was approved](#)

**Questions for Don & Reid:** (these are the exact same questions we asked, Nick Uniejewski, to address last week):

What just happened?! The logistics / machinations of the process

- The original August map, how it came to be
- Why and how was that map declared unconstitutional
- The choice that left us: either pass something new in a hurry or push it to January

Why did it happen this way? Why couldn't we have left all the Democrats alone and made Republicans duke it out?

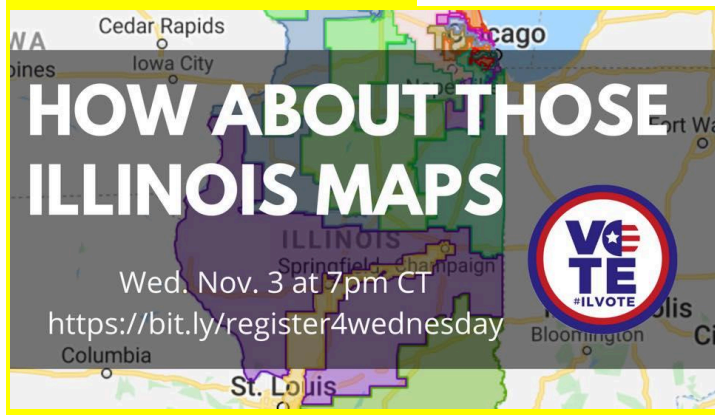
- Why did they originally pit Marie against Sean, and why did they switch to pitting Marie against Chuy?
- Did Mike Madigan (a close ally of Lipinski) play a role from the shadows?
- The desire of the Latinx community for an additional seat in Congress

- How did Black constituents and legislators factor into all this?

Where does this leave us?

- Why did Marie decide to run against Sean in the 6th?
- What does this mean for the newly drawn 3rd district, formerly held by Marie and now an open-Latinx seat?
- What's a confused organizer / voter registrar to do next???

November 3, 2021



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7 PM ILVOTE Call

<https://bit.ly/7pmAgendaILVOTE>

Kanitha Fay, Sarah Bingaman, Julia Kline, Marci Adelston-Shafer, xx2530, Betsy Rubiin, Betsy Shea, Cameron, Catherine Mardikes, Cindy Bender, Deena Keel, Frey Roxanne, Jacquelyn Haynes, Jarae Hines, Jeanette Quirk, Jody Adler, Leslye Lapping, Maja Shoemaker, Mary Naftzger, Merle Monroe, Sandra, Mary Lemanski, Teri Watkins, Terry Maher, Terry Riley, William Mengebier,

7:00pm Welcome - Leni

7:05pm Julia: Redistricting with special guest **Nick Uniejewski**, formerly the Senior Regional Coordinator for Indivisible here in Illinois.

- The new congressional [map that was approved](#) . Census data was needed first.
- Veto session.
- Not sure when will be signed by JB

7:15pm Questions

7:45pm Agenda priorities for 2021-2022

7:55pm Wrap

8:00pm Indivisible Illinois Leaders Call

Updated [Facebook Event](#) description Wed. 11/3/21 2:20pm

This is the first installment in a series looking at new Illinois congressional districts:

So how about that redistricting, huh??

For those who pay attention to Illinois politics (which is most of you reading this), it's no secret that the Illinois State legislature just went through a cage match.

Skipping over all the details, the end result is that two of our newest, most progressive Representatives - Sean Casten and Marie Newman - will now be duking it out over who represents the 6th District going forward.

And that's not even the half of it. Republican Rep. Mike Bost vs Republican Rep. Mary Miller? Did they purposely put Republican Rodney Davis in a district by himself so he wouldn't run against Pritzker?

How did we get here???

What do we volunteers do next?

ANSWERS:

\*\*\*\*\* On this week's 7pm call (November 3rd), we welcome our former Indivisible Illinois Senior Regional Coordinator Nick Uniejewski to discuss the machinations behind all the slicing and dicing of districts. Did supporters of Mike Madigan (a close ally of former Rep. Dan Lipinski) really play a role in the redistricting? What was the effect of the Latinx community's desire for an additional congressional seat affect the final map? And how did Black constituents and legislators factor into all this?

Bring all your redistricting questions and mark your calendars for the next month of Wednesday nights!

**Julia's Questions for Nick:** *(We will be asking these same questions of our all our guests in this special series on redistricting)*

What just happened?! The logistics / machinations of the process

- The original August map, how it came to be
- Why and how was that map declared unconstitutional
- The choice that left us: either pass something new in a hurry or push it to January
  - We don't have a national mandate for fair maps

Why did it happen this way? Why couldn't we have left all the Democrats alone and made Republicans duke it out?

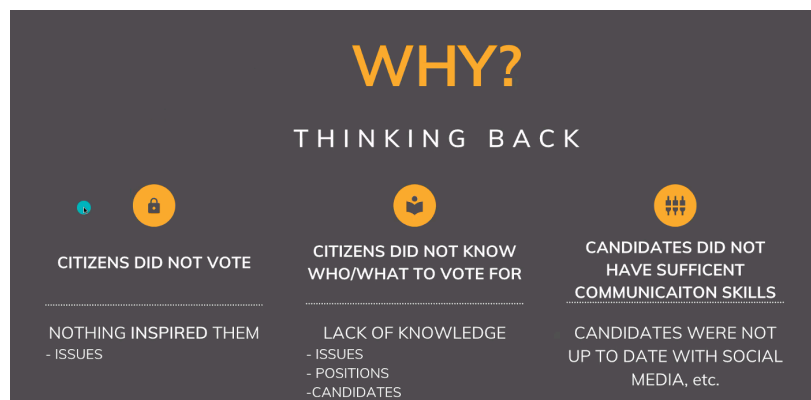
- Why did they originally pit Marie against Sean, and why did they switch to pitting Marie against Chuy?
  - Nick: we're fine with Chuy's district. 40% is in the new 6th.
  - 25% of current 6th district becomes new 6th
  - She lives outside of district. 4 blocks out.
  - <https://twitter.com/frankcalabrese/status/1453697303722688522?s=11>
- Did Mike Madigan (a close ally of Lipinski) play a role from the shadows?
  - Nick: we are beyond the machine. We have to pass these major bills now.
- The desire of the Latinx community for an additional seat in Congress
- How did Black constituents and legislators factor into all this?

Where does this leave us?

- Why did Marie decide to run against Sean in the 6th?
  - See results in VA and NJ
- What does this mean for the newly drawn 3rd district, formerly held by Marie and now an open-Latinx seat?
- What's a confused organizer / voter registrar to do next???
  - Rodney Davis:
  - Kinzinger:

## Kanittha Fay, Urbana, IL

What We thought	What We found
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Registered new voters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Low voter turn out (2/21)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increased voter participation across gender, income, race and age groups.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Qualified candidates did not get elected (4/21)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Changed voting culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chaos and distrust (Now)</li> </ul>



**Sarah:** great presentation

**Julia:** what will help people get engaged when they say my vote does not matter

**Sarah:** my vote doesn't matter because we're in a republican area, but even in rural red - don't always have to win to make a difference - Michael Frerichs

**Terry Riley:** LaGrange - if everyone believed that their vote does not matter then the only one left would be? We have to promote the good work that these bills can achieve.

**Leni:** Andrew [Ellison and Ben Jorovsky and Illinois maps podcast](#)

## October 20, 2021

7 PM ILVOTE Call

7:05-8pm: Special Guest **Tyler St. Clair**, the Outreach Manager with Common Cause Illinois. As Outreach Manager, Tyler is responsible for member engagement, volunteer recruitment, and campaign programming around CCIL's priority issues. Prior to joining CCIL, Tyler worked on a variety of issues including public health, environmental protections, and air quality. Tyler specializes in voting rights and election administration, redistricting and ethics reform.

Topics:

- **DuPage County Recount** - Brief examination of the issues leading up to and surrounding the recount of the 2020 Auditor's Race in DuPage, and implications for the future
- **Redistricting** - Illinois' redistricting process continues, leading to Veto Session where the ILGA is likely to vote on new Congressional Maps
- **Article V** - Discussion of the dangers of a constitutional convention as called by Article V, the current state of affairs, what's at risk, and what is happening in Illinois
- **Freedom to Vote Act**

**Attendees:** Leni, Julia, Tyler, Sarah Bingaman, Marci Adelston-Schafer, Cindy Bender, Levy Uma, Shari Sweeney

(late arrivals) Sara Horan, Scott Cross, Terry Maher

DuPage County Recount - how did we get here?

Super-close outcome, falls within the threshold that allowed Grogan (the loser) to call for a county-wide discovery recount. But this one was weird (scope, duration, method).

- Ballots were held up to the light - weird
- Because of this strange examination, the recount took weeks - adding to the burden/expense

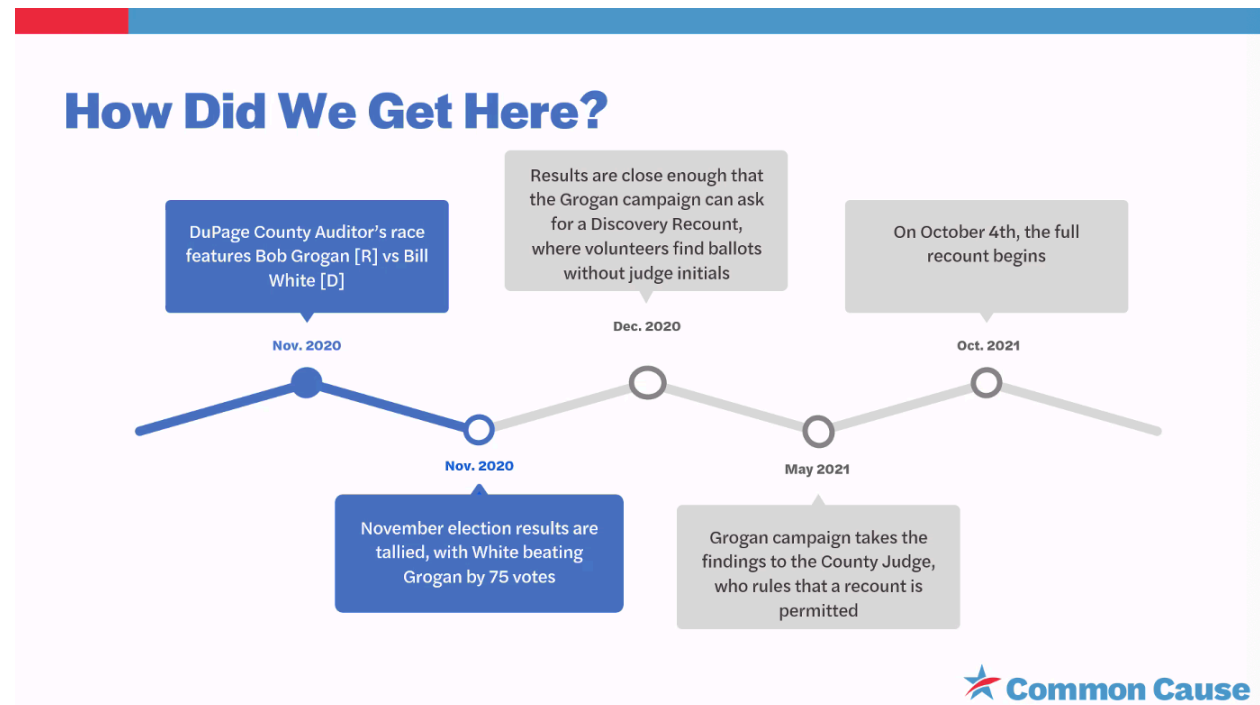
- There was unprecedented access to records

One ballot didn't have the election judge initials - this let the Grogan campaign think they had something.

They found a total of \_\_\_ ballots without initials, which should technically have been thrown out. That would leave him up by 82 votes, and he cries fraud.

Based on this, the Judge ruled that a full recount would be granted, which began on October 4th.

This exact issue of missing initials has come up in court before (and courts have determined it's pretty strict), and Macon County is currently fighting over it.



Recount happened October 4th - 8th

- Pat(rick) Bond, esq representing DuPage County Clerk's office
- Groups of bipartisan election judges brought into the auditorium, trained on the process and the rules
- Absentee envelopes - looking for postmark after election day or missing voter signature

After the count, everything is taken to a judge for a final ruling - that was originally scheduled for Nov 7th and they're trying to have it moved up because the recount went pretty fast

## What's Next, and What We're Worried About

- Now that the recount is complete, the campaigns and their legal representatives meet with Patrick Bond
  - Their collective findings are then taken to a judge for final ruling
- The big issues
  - Antiquated law that has not kept up with new voting methods
  - Outdated election equipment
  - Potential blueprint for “Stop the Steal” efforts
  - Undermining trust in our systems



### Big issues / takeaways

- When the law was written, we were using punch cards - the technology now (including e poll books) is totally different
- Additionally, early & absentee votes don't have to conform to this law - it's only about day-of voting; that's potentially unequal protection under the law
- New equipment is needed
  - *Don't ballot scanners in Chicago already check for initials??*
- The single biggest problem is that this is a blueprint for other “stop the steal” efforts
  - This happens mostly by massively undermining trust in our election systems

*What is Common Cause's big ideas for how to push back on the narratives?*

*How many ballots were missing initials?*

- *436 initially; but the clerk thought the number might actually go up*

*What have other courts said about this?*

- *In IL, courts have declared that if ballots are missing initials, they're invalidated*

*What's going on in the state legislature, if anything, to address all this?*

Article V



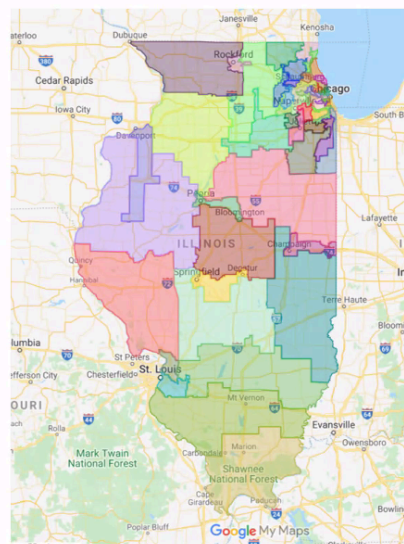
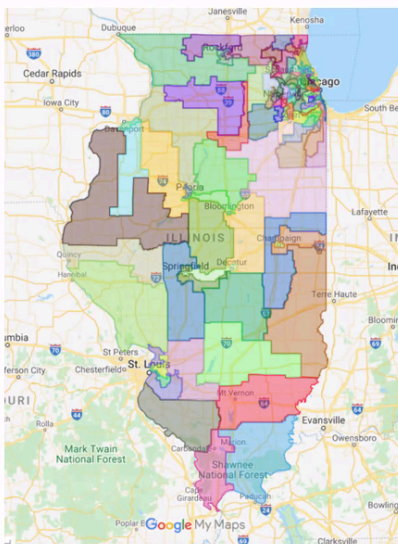
# Article V of the U.S. Constitution

**“The Congress, whenever two thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; provided that no amendment which may be made prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any manner affect the first and fourth clauses in the ninth section of the first article; and that no state, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate.”**



New state maps that were signed into law by Pritzker in June, 2021 - State Reps on the left, State Senators on the right

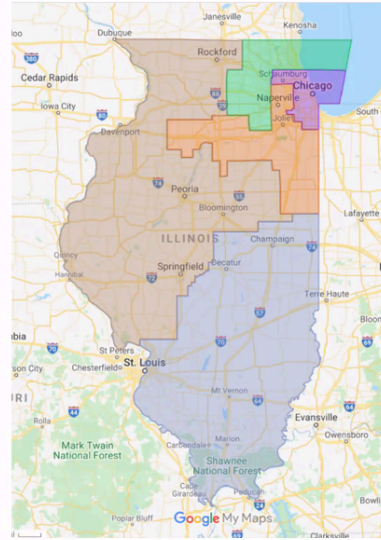
## New State Maps



- Lawsuit has been brought against the maps (the first round, which weren't the ones signed into law) and they had a big win in court on Oct 19 - they argued there was insufficient Latinx representation, and this gives them the right to submit new maps

## Supreme Court Map

- First redraw since the 1960s
- Notable Democratic lean
- Largest shifts come from the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> districts

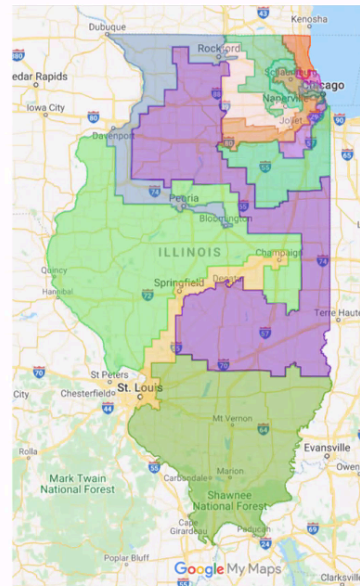


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7 justices from the state, with 3 coming from Cook County  
Republicans don't like this new IL Supreme Court map

## Congressional Maps

- Likely to come up for a vote in Veto Session
- Democrats have been slammed with accusations that this map is a prime example of partisan gerrymandering
- Would notably shift the split from 13-5 to 14-3, in favor of Democrats



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## Freedom to Vote Act



- Automatic Voter Registration
- Election Day Holiday
- Federal Standards on VBM
- Expanded Voting Access



- Federal Protections for state and local officials
- Voter-Verified Paper Ballots
- Election Vendor Cybersecurity Standards



- Redistricting Reform
- Requires super PACs to disclose donors
- State Election Assistance & Innovation Fund

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## October 13, 2021

7 PM ILVOTE Call

*Julia and Leni both unavailable*

## October 6, 2021

7 PM ILVOTE Call

7-8pm: ILVOTE's successes from 2021! [Slide deck](#)

- **Marci Adelston-Schafer (confirmed)** - Champaign-Urbana (Registered voters with Bend the Arc Jewish Action:CU 9/28 and Champaign County Democrats 10/2)
- **Sarah Bingaman** - Action for a Better Tomorrow Sauk Valley - Lee County / Dixon, IL
- **Tina Brady Pettis (confirmed), Melanie Norstrom, Tracy Stanciel & Catherine Mardikes (confirmed)** - League of Women Voters of Chicago (*before 7:30*)
- **Sarah Lincoln (confirmed) & Teri Watkins (confirmed)** - Indivisible Chicago - Southside
- **Gretchen Coleman**, Ballot-Z + Lollapalooza
- **Cassandra Bogan** - Neighbors Who Vote / King Prep LSC member

- **Madeline Baum, Bill Sellers, Matt Miller** - Indivisible Lincoln Square / Community Dinners
- **Tim Turner (confirmed)** - Neighbors Who Vote / The Lemonade Land
- **Cinda Berry (confirmed), Mary Lemanski (confirmed)** - Neighbors Who Vote
- **Kim Egonmwan** - Alpha Kappa Alpha / Divine Nine
- **Noe Bryant & Joanna Nejera** (teenagers from GCE lab school) - Defend Abortion Access rally

**Attendees:** Kyra Bonsu (Midwest ROC & Swing Left), Cameron Macaw-Hennick, Cinda Berry (NW side + ILVOTE), Marci, Dale Nook (South Shore, WI), Tina Brady Pettis (LWV-Chicago + ILVOTE), Gretchen Coleman (Ballot-Z), Sarah Bingaman (Sauk Valley), Rhona Jacobs (IL-9), Elaine Fisher (Naperville), Teri Watkins (IC-SS), Sarah Lincoln (IC-SS + LWV-Chicago), Jessica Motsinger,

High School success: LWV-Naperville, Sarah Bingaman, Cassandra Bogan,

## September 29, 2021

**7 PM ILVOTE Call**

7-7:30pm: Special Guest Speaker **Ami Gandhi**

### **Questions:**

1. What are the rules / requirements around registration and voting that you find are most often misunderstood by volunteers like us?
2. Do we have any idea how the new provision will be enforced, that high schools cannot turn down voter registrars?
3. How much of the state do we think is going to follow the lead of the Chicago Board of Elections in terms of setting up a permanent vote by mail list?
4. How much do you know about the educational messaging being directed at different demographic groups of voters around the state, in terms of vote by mail? Do you feel confident that the messaging rollout that's planned is culturally sensitive / appropriate?
5. What percentage of the voters in the state do we expect will respond to mailings from election authorities regarding the new permanent vote by mail list, updating their signature and declaring a party; whereas how much of that work will need to get done by Grassroots?

**Attendees:** Julia, Leni, Terry, Cindy, Allan, Marci, Ami, Sarah, Catherine, Noreen Gayford, Jim, Judith, Peggy, Rose, Rhiannon, Jared, Jaqueline Haynes, Richard Cummings, 847212 7326, Silver Damsen, Anita Dolan, Nikki Davidson

Automatic voter registration update:

- Signed into law in 2017
- One problem was outdated government systems, and the resistance to modernizing and transforming
- Another problem was that there were multiple agencies involved, and they engaged in a lot of finger pointing and cross blaming
- IDOC and ISBE have been having conversations about how to automate some aspects of registration
- Dept of human services, department of employment services, DMV (under the secretary of State's office), dept of natural resources relating to hunting and fishing licenses, IL Dept of professional and financial regulation

Settlement with secretary of state's office:

<https://www.clccrul.org/blog/2021/6/28/voting-rights-advocates-settle-claims-with-il-secretary-of-state>

The actual agreement:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5871061e6b8f5b2a8ede8ff5/t/60da2de30f5df24d43a35fb8/1624911332411/AVR+EXECUTED+Settlement+Agreement+%286.24.21%29.pdf>

## NOTES:

Several people shared their experiences with registering voters yesterday on Voter Registration Day.

Ami Gandhi - Speaker. Leads voting rights work at Chicago Lawyers ?

Automatic voter registration - Working with the Illinois Secretary of State's office on automatic voter registration. Reached a settlement with the Secretary of State's office early in the summer following litigation. Improvements: language, on-line procedures, etc. Some improvements have been encouraging. EVR signed into law in 2017. The outdated government systems caused roadblocks. Several agencies and people have been involved so it has been a hot potato. We are currently in phase 2. Conversations between the Dept. of Corrections and Election Department. There is still some disconnect and misunderstanding. Education is needed. Bill passed this session. "Let's inform people of their rights when they are leaving prison." Department of Human Services, Dept. of Employment Security, Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, and the DMV. What are the misunderstood rules about voter registration? There is room for creativity and still be legal. There can be a way to get through a barrier when a person is in a compromised situation....a rehab center for example. The bigger issue is that people are considered ineligible when they are really eligible. People may resume their right to vote when they have served their time but it is not automatic. Also, someone who has been charged with a crime, they are eligible until they are charged. When a person is actively serving time, they may not vote. Changes in the law and expanded voter access: Can high schools turn down voter registrars? It is not clear yet. We need to advocate for access. We do not have pre-registration in Illinois. Hopefully it will be the law in the future. Permanent vote by mail list - There will be variability in different

election authorities. There will be a need for a lot of voter education. People need to update their signatures!

## PAST AGENDAS

### **Agenda for the 9/12 meeting (11am):**

#### **To register for the Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pc-mspzorE9E8HUFi6Kh3Y33cAqquHGDg>

**Moderators:** Julia and Leni

**Attendees:**

**11am:** Julia

- Update on merch - it's not too late to order
- Volunteers needed: Silver Room + Andersonville Homecoming
- Collabs in the works
  - with Global Citizenship Experience Lab School
  - With Chicago Public Libraries
  - With Alpha Kappa Alpha / Divine Nine

### **Agenda for the 9/1 at 7pm meeting:**

#### **To register for the Zoom:**

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**Moderators:** Julia and Leni

**Attendees:** Leni, Cindy Bender, Terry Maher, Marci Adelston Schafer, Cameron Macaw-Hennicek, Karen Fresco, Julia Kline, Mariann Stephens, Jim McGrath, Elaine Bender, Jacquelyn Haynes, Rose Colacino, Elaine Chisolm from Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Lincoln Park Chicago Chapter in Homewood/Cook County;

Julia opened meeting and asked Karen Fresco to open with voter registration. Her colead is . Ann Prisland.

**7:00 - 7:05** - Julia - ILVOTE logistics

- Anybody want to join our **QR code package?** (Magda & Heidi are interested in using a QR code. We've been using them at restaurants for the past year. We can use that code on a flyer to register to vote. We want to buy a package for those interested.
- **We've now got merch** available on our website.
- [www.ILVOTE.US/resources/kit](http://www.ILVOTE.US/resources/kit) is the link to the merch website. Currently available:
  - T shirts
  - laminated social media signs
  - Register to Vote banners for registration tables
  - Register to Vote signs (English & Spanish)
  - 5x8" flyers, also English and Spanish and applicable statewide. Each has high points of the omnibus voting bill just passed.



- Hats
- Stickers
- pens
- tote bags.
- **To order merch, please go to the website tonight for the best price and quickest delivery. (Of course, orders can be placed later; tonight is just the ideal moment.)**
- **Julia** announced that website editors are needed. The website now shows state and local leaders, with pics if supplied. Anyone can edit and write for the website.
- There is also a **need for someone to maintain the chart of accounts**. Anyone interested in that post is encouraged to reach out to Julia. She would rather not be the sole person doing it!
- We've talked about videos where folks could talk about their deputy voter registration stories. Anyone interested, please film a short (20-second or 2- minute) story about your experiences so that all of them can be posted together..
- **To train as a deputy voter registrar go to the website**. Leni will facilitate and training is online.
- **Julia:** Last week, *Sarah, TraceyAnne, Marla, Jim, Colton & Neil expressed interest*) in **banners for their tables**. These can now be ordered directly from the website. They're available for ~\$28 ea and Madeline has a design in English and one in both English and Spanish (*LMK if you didn't receive the email with the design*).
- There's now a [chart of accounts](#) for donations and sales - Julia needs a volunteer partner to help handle funds.
- ~~We have a new page on the ILVOTE website **thanking donors** — did I miss anyone?~~  
{link needed}
- Who wants training on how to **edit the ILVOTE website**?
  - We did a training on tuesday with Cinda, Mary & Tina - Nel and Sarah and anyone else, when do you have time?
- We got a great **video from Sarah Bingaman** - anybody else? Gretchen, Heidi DeMarco, TraceyAnne McSorley, Cassandra, Magda, Colton all said yes last week {*page needed on the website*}

#### 7:20 - 7:25 updates and Q&A from around the state

- Julia this past week: The Chosen Few DJ's with AKA & the Divine Nine;
- Tina this past week: Olive Harvey and Malcolm X Colleges with LWV
- Madeline Baum this past week: Community Dinners in Avondale
- Marci: gearing up for Parkland Community College with LWV in September
- **Karen Fresco** that their team is working on voter registration.
- The League of Women Voters has posted their voter registration events on the IL Vote website.
- **Julia or any website editor** can add updates to the website.
- There are pages for each county or region. Bend the Arc has one on the 28th.

7:25 - 7:30 Livestream - National Updates from **Rose Colacino**, voter rights and task force chair.

#### 7:30-8:00 Truth Brigade meeting

- The Truth Brigade fights disinformation by sharing the truth. Experience has shown that repeating bad information only amplifies it. Cam Davis and Etta Worthington will lead that conversation.
- **Rose** presents on **Field Team 6**, which targets the most flippable states and those where a small number of voters can have an impact. We have been concentrating on Weds 1pm trainings. Now focused on defeating a movement to pass a Gubernatorial recall in CA -- that election is Tues Sept 14. Links to Toolkits are in the Chat.
- **Virginia** - passed the best voter rights package in the country. Both CA and VG are seeking volunteers. <https://>
- **Websites:**
- FIELD TEAM 6:
- [www.fieldteam6.org/current-storm](http://www.fieldteam6.org/current-storm)
- Twitter:  
[https://app.speechifai.tech/campaign/F6DDBE84-04F4-4C96-A5FA-7E22A07FEDDB/ready\\_made\\_post/twitter/?s](https://app.speechifai.tech/campaign/F6DDBE84-04F4-4C96-A5FA-7E22A07FEDDB/ready_made_post/twitter/?s) ,
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Call-a-Palooza: Help Register Voters of Color in Virginia!

Black Voters Matter and Movement Labs

<https://www.mobilize.us/cfcg-rov/event/408867/>

### 7:30 Truth Brigade

- Candace Davis, Marzi Branyan, and Michelle Tunon, Linda Kallas, Sarah Bingaman, and Jacquelyn Haynes joined members already on the call for the Truth Brigade meeting.
- **Etta Worthington and Candace Davis open Truth Brigade** by bridging to news an hour ago from Indivisible National that changed tonight's agenda.
- **Cameron:** The new campaign for Truth Brigade is to **counter anti-Afghan refugee disinformation now emerging**. The goal is to support Afghan refugees, but there has been a lot of disinformation spread. It's geared toward hurting people who are fleeing from a dangerous situation and need our help. Indivisible message is: **"Whatever your views, let's support and protect those who have helped the US troops in Afghanistan."**
- **Etta** discusses the complexities that have emerged in messaging and fortunately that is now coming out.
- The agreed tool is the truth sandwich, which can allow us to respond to disinformation in a clear and accessible way, sharing truthful and targeted information.
- **Candace Davis** -- prefers to put her post in her own words rather than verbatim quoting the recommended language. Indivisible groups are also working to develop a "bad actor" campaign designed to reveal intentional misinformation spread by public figures.
- **Etta** has comfort with calling out politicians because she is a Baptist preacher's daughter. Recently, to counter a post quoting Isaiah by Mary Miller, she quoted Philippians 2:4, noting that "looking out for the interests of others" can be interpreted as supporting getting vaccinated and wearing masks. Etta's post generated 290 positive



responses. Responding directly and specifically without getting argumentative is clearly very effective. The fact that Ella wrote in direct response to Miller's post made it a bigger draw with readers.

- **Candace** added that those interested in environmental issues might want to reply to a post about pollution by cities in China formulated to criticize Gov Pritzker that begs for a replies.
- **Etta** will dig up some posts that would work.
- **Candace** talked about how the Truth Brigade posts can be adapted to FB and Instagram. More Indivisibles are on the older platforms and they're fine, too.
- **Etta** finds that less friendly posters on her accounts provide insight into alternative points of view. She recommends experimenting with things like FB Story and Instagram.
- **Candace** wonders if we as effectively call out public figures by quoting their posts on FB or Instagram. **Cameron** advises that posting a truth sandwich to an individual timeline is fine if it includes the correct name of the source of link to any quoted post . [Typing a congress person's name "@john smith" should automatically convert to their official congressional page.
- **Leni** - Is it more impactful to tag their official congressional or campaign accounts? **Cameron suggests that a political figure's congressional page is best place to resond if the public figure is not currently actively campaigning. Once they're running for office again, add their campaign sites.**
- **Etta** has posted advice from National on posting about Afghanistan refugee abuse and adds this week's assignments:
  - **The message on your timeline about the Truth Brigade and how we can all agree that we should be able to care for those Afghani refugees who worked for the US can be done on all platforms.** Using an image or a link gets more attention wherever you are posting.
  - **Candace** has posted a link to the Truth Brigade Quick Take with images that can be used for these posts.
  - **Etta** promises to identify and post a basic message on Mary Miller's most recent posts and will link it to the Truth Brigade FB group. Those who want to read her posts and write their own responses would give us something to learn form.
  - **Cameron** reminds everyone that **any messages should conform to the goal of showing our support for the Biden admin, our service men and women, and giving aid and support to the Afghan refugees who are so in need of it. The most important thing is NOT to get into arguments with people who post negative comments. Do not engage.**
  - There is a great response on the campaign explainer: "Thanks for commenting. The situation is definitely complicated right now. Regardless, I'm hoping we can come together to support the US troops that have served and the refugees who are fleeing a terrible situation." **Ignore negatives in most cases.**
  - **Next Truth Brigade IL meeting will be Thursday Sept 9, one hour 7:30-8:30.**
  - **Candace** indicates there will be another rollout from National and a review of how to manage negativity from bad actors. Check FB page for Truth Brigade IL to stay current and post it so everyone can track on your ideas.

- Finally, **always include a link to your post and SAVE THE DATE NOW FOR OUR OCT 2 STATE MEETING @ 9:00.**
- **Leni** recommends adding graphics to your FB timeline so those who want to post can use those resources. This is a moment to support our troops, their families, and our Afghan allies.
- **End Truth Brigade**

*Leni, I'm sorry that I am not sure where you wanted the different sections of notes for this meeting so I'm leaving that to you!*

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MS NOTES END HERE.

**Indivisible Illinois leaders call.** [See agenda here.](#)

### Agenda for the 8/24 meeting:

**To register for the Zoom:**

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Moderators: Julia and Leni

Attendees:

7:00 - 7:05 Rose - national voter landscape. **22 present and many new (!)** Present are Rose Colacino, Cassandra Bogan, Cindy Bender, Magda Roth (NW Suburbs), Nel Battrell (Carbondale, Jackson County), Jessica Motsinger (St. Clair County), Colton Havens (Stephenson County, Freeport), Gretchen Coleman (Cook County, Palatine), Katie McHugh (Pilsen + Western Springs), Sarah Bingaman (Dixon), Julia Kline, Jim McGrath (Barrington), Cameron Macaw-Hennick, Candace Davis, Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth, Heidi DeMarco (Geneva, Kane County), Shari Sweeney-Sadowski (Union), Marla Chassels (Madison County), TracyAnne McSorley (O'Fallon, St. Clair County), Mariann Stephens, Marci Adelston-Schafer, Bill Davis

7:05 - 7:10 Leni - Updates from ILVOTE Statewide Expansion Campaign. We are focusing this hour on voter registration in IL and learn from those who have done events for voter registration. Julia Kline has built a coalition on the South Side of Chicago. There are people making signs and T shirts and tonight we'll be hearing from people involved in that.

7:10 - 8:00 Julia - Discussion / brainstorming around voter registration events

- First time attendees and/or folks who are just gearing up to do voter reg - welcome! Heidi DeMarco, Colton Havens, Cinda Berry, Etta Worthington, Cassandra Bogan

**Rose** reports on good news the past few days. We are certified to conduct voter registration and the discussion tonight on voter registration. Nationwide, "Field Team 6" which has been concentrating on social media tools. Links in the chat to information to follow up. They make it super easy to find social media posts that can be posted on FB, Twitter, Instagram.

In Virginia the 2022 midterms will start Nov 2 2021, along with elections for all 100 state house seats. Early voting starts 9.17. Virginia did well for the Dems in 2020 and we are preparing to call unregistered voters in VA who responded well to appeals from a list provided by Black Voters Matter. All of this will be in the chat with links ended..

Leni Manaa Hoppenworth -- This is an editable Google Doc with which we can jot notes (and correct these notes, too!!). We've been working on voters reg for nearly 5 years now; we started in Chicago and added 6 more counties this year.

Julia Kline -- Many of those new to voter reg aren't new to activism. There is a lot of voter reg that we are gearing up to swing into this fall. September is national voter registration month. Julia asks for those who are new to explain how they came to find this group and what they hope to do in terms of gearing up for voter reg. This call is focused on September.

New on this call: **Colton Havens from Freeport IL (Stephenson County)**. Looking to learn about networking with other activists and help with voter reg. He's a precinct committeeman for the Dems. He asks if we're nonpartisan. Julia explains that voter reg is generally nonpartisan altho campaigns can do it. Those interested in partisan vs nonpartisan voter reg.

**TracyAnne McSorley** became a deputy voter registrar this year and was been able to register voters for other county and township elections. She's been an election judge in St Claire County since 2017 and is a part-time office assistant at SIU. Reaches out to the young Rep and Young Dem to register their members to vote.

**Julia -- new website: ILVote.US** and our new website is open source, anyone can create and post events in their area, name it as they like and add their Indivisible events. The idea is that **this website should generate lots of new posts. That's an invitation.**

**Cassandra Bogan** - recruited by Julia Kline and a deputy registrar as of last night. Also a Local School Council member who is coordinating with Julia to do voter reg in local high schools.

**Heidi DeMarco** -- from Geneva IL in Kane County. Has been a Dem committee person since 2018 for Blackberry township. Deputy voter registrar for 3 years and feels strongly about that - if it were that easy everyone would be registered. There are lots of folks who need help getting registered b/c they don't have computers etc. Last summer she spent time registering people by posting her services as a voting registrar on FB. She'd meet people outside and they'd sit on the front porch with masks and wipe down everything for safety. Heidi registered 75-100 people. People have the idea that there will be a long line and she was able to reach them by enabling them to come to her. **She flipped her precinct and others.** Others, she didn't flip but made progress. *Heidi just joined the League of Women Voters largely because she was starting to reach out to schedule events and finding that local area places said they did all their events with the league.* **Good to know!** She is concerned about Lauren Underwood who is vulnerable and she's great. She's had a lot of pushback. So Heidi is going after HS and College age people because they're more likely to vote progressively.

**We need to defend Lauren Underwood and Marie Newman whose seats are up in the next election.**

**Julie Kline** - Jim McGrath and Gretchen Coleman are going to be speaking about building voter Reg infrastructure. **Jim McGrath:** The Palatine League is doing voter reg drives on 8.31 and 9.1. **Gretchen Coleman (who was a key driver of our Lollapalooza voter reg):** There's an RV tour in the works as well. Also Heidi had talked about youth outreach -- Gretchen is available for that.

**Magda Roth -- Magda has found that if she has the motor voter form with her she's often glad. Do not let anyone take it home -- do it right then with you so you can turn it in.**

People mean well but they may not wrap it up.

**Julia: Please post your events on the website so others can help --** if you don't know how to post, check the chat for [a doc that Julia and Katie posted showing how to post voter reg events](#). *(Note from Julia: That doc is actually a list of newsletters and social media platforms where you can promote your events)* We want to get resources from other parts of the state. The main reason for promoting an event is to attract new volunteers. They were up in Avondale today and members of Indivisible Lincoln Square and Indivisible Chicago were at a soup kitchen at Belmont and Kedzie and they signed up 4 new voters in less than an hour and made connections with people moving into Avondale who needed to get registered. We just need to recruit volunteers for Avondale. Julia will put on the events page of the website that voter reg is a volunteer opportunity where anyone can sign up and show their availability. It can also be a great way to find volunteers for your voter registration.

**Sarah Bingaman --** teaches 18 year olds and gives them extra credit when they register to vote (with their chair's permission) and they always do. They have Sauk Fest **Sept 1** (it's Sauk Valley) and they're going to really push this time to get the forms completed while they're right there. **Magda** - I wonder if we could do something like MotorVoter in community colleges and be there with a table at registration for classes. **Julia** - So many colleges resist that; it's difficult. But **Michael Peshkin** can speak to the complications and difficulties of doing a voter reg at a community college class reg; contact her for his contact info.

Julia is wondering if anyone would like to shoot a 20-second video of themselves and maybe submit 3 of them to be posted in our newsletters, our ILVote newsletter, on Twitter. (**Tracy, Sarah, Gretchen, Heidi, Beuler volunteered.**) Also what if we had people on this zoom and recorded them - what about being recorded on the zoom speaking (no takers for that idea tonite) . Another possibility is to post a video on the IL Vote FB page. Who needs help to learn how to create videos to post? (**Tracy Ann, Cassandra Heidi, Magda, Colton**).

**On the website under resources there's a tab for "get a voter reg kit"** First pic is of folks with "So you're ready" and there's a pic with lawn signs and T shirts, and finally Gretchen's fully swagged table.

**Julia's vision is to use the new website as a resource locator.** We have T shirts in the store for a little as \$5 each. And buttons. There are laminated signs 11x4 that make great photos with people at registration to post on social media. There's an 18x24 sign (\$14 if we have enough ordered) with a little stand and you can put this up in the back of your booth or on your table. Also fliers that are useful across the state with a QR code that takes you to the State of IL Voter Reg page and info about what is needed to register and what the new law accepts from those who want to do this. These opportunities should hopefully work for smaller quantities. Julia is

researching QR codes and you can get one free but they're not as flexible and don't have as much tracking. BUT you can buy a QR Code Account and order 5 unique QR codes for \$15 for the year. Please advise Julia if you're interested.

**Also** on the website are other materials for registrars -- Michael Peshkin developed lots of things and Julia can arrange for them to be shipped and provide info about what each item costs.

**Yes I Am Voter postcard campaign** -- Leni developed this with Michael Peshkin a few years ago. Some people do keep a spread sheet on those they register so they can follow up. The idea about these postcards is to encourage people by reminding them to make a plan to vote.

**THE KEY WITH IDENTIFIABLE INFO IS TO GET PERMISSION FROM THE INDIVIDUAL TO FOLLOW UP USING THE INFO THEY JUST PROVIDED.**

**Julia** -- Madeline Baum was out at the voter reg tonight and plans to design a 4-foot wide banner (2 feet deep) to hang off a table that says register to vote in english and spanish and will have them for \$28 -- anyone can order it.

**Lawn signs and flyers** can go to the website and order them - let Julia know. Also go to the website or email Julia directly. [nwvchicago@gmail.com](mailto:nwvchicago@gmail.com). (Neighbors Who Vote Chicago)

**Cassandra** -- As a Local School Council member, she's found that if ONE parent in your school is a deputy registrar that person can easily cover your whole school (!!)

Leni -- we need more people to be deputy voter registrars.

**Leni** - This meeting is a great example of what we all hope to do together and can network to share what swag or whatever ideas we have. We want people to get out there with their clipboard and talk -- whether or not someone actually registers. Making that connection matters.

Also, anyone can add to the agenda at any time!!!

**Gretchen - With the Ballot Z materials**, she had a grant from the university to develop them and there are extra materials. Gretchen is back at school now in Syracuse and she can find a way to get it to those who ask. There are T shirts, flyers, stickers.

**Julia** - When registering voters, takes info and asks if it would be OK for her to follow up with them in about a month and gets their phone numbers. **Magda** -- concern about privacy concerns. **Leni** - she always asks them to fill in the postcard and mail it back to her.

**HOW TO PREP TO DO A VOTER REG EVENT (Julia):** She and Casandra did voter reg a couple weeks ago and realized when they arrived that neither had remembered to bring signage. We all know how to do these things but don't always have the bandwidth to make it happen. The question is -- where is everyone on the question of voter reg site prep. She shares a pic of Gretchen at the Ballot Z table for Lollapalooza at the Ogilvie train station.

8:00 end. Begin Indivisible Illinois call. All are welcome to stay. [Agenda here.](#)

### **Agenda for the 8/18 meeting:**

Moderators: Julia and Leni

Attendees: Julia, Leni, Katie McHugh, Marla Chassels, Jackie Haynes, Marci Adelston-Schafer, Cameron, Cindy Bender, Candace Davis, Cinda Berry, Bill Davis

7:00p - Katie McHugh - [Livestream](#) on [Indivisible Illinois Facebook Page](#)

7:05p - Welcome! Summary of last week and ILVOTE statewide overview of this week, with discussion/questions. [Discuss engagement at local levels - Leni](#)

7:15p- Website overview & discussion- Julia

- Do you want your bio on our [leaders](#) page?
- Got any upcoming [events](#) to post?
- Got [pics](#) from events you've done?
- FAQs about [registration](#) - please proofread and submit changes
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- Voting Questions [summary](#) (*to keep on one's clipboard*) - please proofread and submit changes
- Election [officials](#) - send me the info for your county, if it's missing
- Do you want your group represented on [this](#) page as a coalition member?
- I've transcribed the original information from the ILVOTE portions of IndivisibleIllinois.org onto [the home page](#) - what edits would people like to see?
- Marci - shares how her group registers voters on campus (1000 voters registered) and farmers markets.

7:30p - Discussion of Starter kits and Tshirts - Julia

- We need to take a vote: Who favors continuing to use the "Ask Me How to Register to Vote" t-shirts? Michael Peshkin has proposed changing up the messaging; what do others think?
- Which items from the kit could you see yourselves using?
- What signage, accessories, etc do you typically use that could be added to the kit?
- How to pay for voter registration supplies: private fundraising, a Grow Grant, individuals and groups paying for stuff themselves ...

7:40p - Overview of Turbo Vote & EveryAction, with questions - Cameron

- How to track voters we register & communicate with them afterwards
- How to sign up volunteers for our events + then communicate with them afterwards

7:50p - Share events and shoutouts - all; wrap-up

- What's everyone around the state been up to?
- What's coming up for you that you want the rest of us to know about?
- Bend the Arc Jewish Action: Champaign-Urbana will be collaborating the Champaign County League of Women Voters to register voters at the local junior college on 9/28. I will have more information at a later date. The LWV is the organizer.

8:00p - Begin Indivisible IL leaders call. All are welcome to stay and listen.

Logistics for ILVote

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- Does anyone use the Add One Voter forms, rather than the motor voter form? Should we include it on the website somewhere?
- Starter Kits - [here](#)
  - Would people utilize this?
  - Any additions or changes??
  - Does anybody have ideas for buttons - either for table decoration or as swag to pass out? Kelly B can make them for us, and she asked for people's ideas.
  - Anybody want to be the distribution hub in your area?
- T-shirts - How many of us have the red white and blue "Ask me how to register to vote" shirts? Or do you wear something else locally at your events?
  - If we do agree to all use these shirts, what about asking people for their shirt size on the DVR form, and getting them outfitted with a shirt right from jump?
- Using EveryAction for sign-up of voter reg volunteers at events
  - [Here's](#) a sample Cameron built
  - It's an Indivisible system, but it's only branded as EveryAction
  - Cameron is confirming details about what data we would have, and how easily we could use it to follow up with volunteers
- Tracking data from the voters we register
  - Cameron is researching the pros and cons of TurboVote
  - I transcribed the instructions from a google doc I found over to [this page](#) - *I meant for it to be a drop-down page under Resources; but does it actually belong in the primary nav??*
- DVR procedures
  - Do we need to create a system / instructions for how to process new people to become DVRs? If so, where to store it so that everyone knows where it is?
  - [Here's](#) a letter Leni created for Cook County

### **Agenda + Notes for the 8/11 7pm - 7:30pm meeting:**

Moderator: Julia + Leni

Attendees: Nel Battrell, Melissa Ortega, Jim McGrath, Michael Skilton, Shari

Sweeney-Sadowski, Katie McHugh, Cindy Bender, Candace Davis, Tina Brady Pettis, Leni, Julia, Rose, Beverly Tuck, Jacquelyn Haynes, anonymous user (618-697-7175)

7:05 Deputy Voter Registrar process

- [Leni will give an overview of how it works, statewide](#)



- Julia's project with Communities Partnering 4 Peace (new flyer)
  - Violence interrupters DVR
- What kind of system should we set up to keep track of our new DVR applicants (Marla Chassels, for example) so we know where everyone is at in the process and doesn't fall through the cracks
- Updates on the website: who wants to help??

7:15 Updates from around the state

- Julia - Chicago southside
  - SOS for volunteers on Saturday
- Melissa Ortega - Palatine Planning a voting rights event in Palatine after labor day-GPAD Aug 28th Summer community canvassing-speaking to community about getting out to vote. State Farm Voter registration in Palatine TBD
- Nel Battrell - Carbondale - mask mandates; Democratic events
  - County Clerk needs to give trainings
- Tina Brady Pettis - LWV / City Colleges
  - National voter registration drives - city colleges 9/28
- Megan Mathias? - her launch / voter reg event

7:25 Leadership - Gretchen's going back to school; who wants to keep moving the ball down the field, week in and week out?

### **Agenda + Notes for the 8/4 7pm - 7:30pm meeting:**

Moderator: Julia + Gretchen

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Attendees: Julia, Leni, Michael Peshkin, Gretchen, Rose, Nel Battrell, Katie McHugh

- 7:05 Gretchen: stats + pics from Lollapalooza
  - 141 visits 233 pageviews on Ballot Z
  - 15 people registered to vote
  - 23 people signed up to ILVOTE
  - Does someone want to make a few more #ILVote placards for photos?
  - Recruiting volunteers to do content creation for us?
  - *(Julia will give a tour of the content/promo from Lollapalooza during the statewide call)*
- 7:10 Discussion of everyone's personal strategies for doing Sidewalk Brigade
  - Partisan versus nonpartisan
  - Sidewalk brigade downtown Chicago versus Andersonville Neighborhood versus rural area (Carbondale, Jackson County)
- 7:20 How does everyone like the new website?? (Julia purchased / owns [ILVote.us](https://ilvote.us), ILVote.net and ILVote.info - anyone know who owns ILVote.com or .org???)
  - [Election officials](#): Who wants to update the page for their county?
  - [Events](#): Who wants to create a page for their area that lists their upcoming events?



- [Resources](#): This is where the meat of the information is for those of us already doing this work. Additions? Corrections? Comments??
  - Note the Indivisible Illinois link at the bottom - who wants to help figure out what information from this page needs to be transferred over, and then get it done?
- Perhaps post on the new website about potential (unpaid) internships for college students to offer graphic design and video editing skills
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### **Agenda + Notes for 7/28 meeting:**

Attendees: Nel Battrell,

7pm - Michael Peshkin will give a "tour" of the extensive, thorough and high-quality suite of documents he and his team created for voter registration volunteers over the last several years

7:15 - Who would like to help update / reimagine these documents?

7:45 - Updates from coalition members

- Lollapalooza - Ballot-Z
- National Voter Registration Month activities on the southside - Neighbors Who Vote, Tina Brady Pettis of League of Women Voters Chicago

### **Agenda + Notes for 7/25 (supplemental) meeting:**

Attendees: Gretchen Coleman, Tina Brady, Michael Peshkin, Megan Mathias, Julia Kline, Jessica Motsinger, Katie McHugh

Tina Brady - Kappa Epsilon Psi

- She's thinking about some southside Voter Registration Day activities - she and Julia will be meeting soon to formulate plans
- She's planning a voter reg event at Governor state university with Kappa Epsilon Psi - *connect them with Jessica, as she was in the Navy for 8 years*
- She's planning a voter reg event at Chicago State University - will be working with their student group
  - On the first day of school
  - Still looking for a location
  - Has been in communication with Catherine Mardikes of LWV chicago

Michael

- Somebody needs to take ownership of all the documents and not just update them, but also rethink how to improve it and make it even more useful
  - Michael, Jessica, katie, Gretchen depending on timing,

Megan Lopp Mathias - the northwest side

- Wants to do high schools on the north side

~~Gretchen - Lollapalooza~~

~~Julia - Communities Partnering For Peace, other southside efforts~~

Jessica - what's going on downstate

- Has a very active person in the 15th district - Madison County and st. clair county - so Marla Chassels She lives in the 15th, and most of those are 2 hours east of us

~~Katie - what's going on in your neck of the woods~~

**DISCUSSION:** There's a HUGE collection of resources that people have created over the last 4 years (*see links below*). What's the best way to organize it so it's most useful to folks? Also, would people be interested in updating the stuff that needs updating??

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### **Agenda for 7/21 meeting:**

Attendees (16): Leni, Julia, Gretchen, Rose, Michael, Sarah, Marci, Jessica, Katie, Diane, Nel, Shari, Rhona, Letina, Cameron, Cindy, Katey

[7:00pm Rose Colacino national update - live stream on [Indivisible Illinois Facebook page](#)]

7:05pm ILVOTE agenda Gretchen Coleman, Ballot Z and Julia Kline, Neighbors Who Vote - not live streamed.

- Gretchen - Lollapalooza updates - volunteers needed. Contact: ballotz.2020@gmail.com
- Julia - [Flyers](#) - Created on Canva - talk to Gretchen - can be used statewide - Contact ballotz.2020@gmail.com

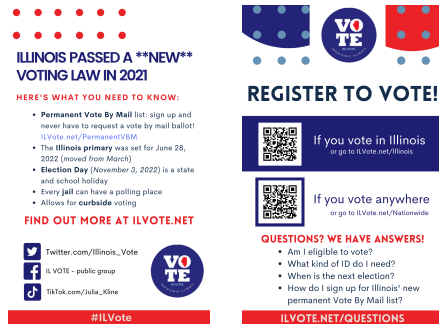
Discussion: Michael Peshkin Re: content on flyers - vote by mail - concerns about legislation

- Sarah B (Lee County) - will depend on your clerk. Eg. new county clerk won't come to talk to them. In other jurisdictions different.
- Marci - Clerk Ammons pushed permanent VBM and has application ready.
- Michael - online voter application - why can't we integrate?
  - Statewide online voter application needs to be in place
- Rose - recommended for people to go to local Election authorities instead of ISBE to request a mail in ballot.
- Julia - where do you register to vote online? ISBE
- Julia - to be on permanent VBM list?
- Diane (Lisle) - must be done at election authority
- Clerk of Champaign County is good reference
- Sarah - we need local people to run for local positions. Anti-election county clerk makes it very difficult in rural areas. Took 9 months to get permission to be voter registrars.
- VBM task force - works on talking to clerks

Discussion:

- Leni - ILVOTE contacts needed in 102 jurisdictions  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uieov4k56Y2hLhKVN6Tai7RYqAULxCjgcS9d2S0vFzU/edit#gid=0>
  - a. Manage the logistics of getting new deputy voter registrars signed up
  - b. Collect the contact information from the voters we register

- c. Communicate with those voters (non-partisan) to ensure they have voted, or have any other questions about voting
- Partisan versus nonpartisan - Marci, Jessica
  - Michael - we can advocate for efficiency in helping others to register to vote



Front & back of IL Vote version



Front & Back of Lollapalooza version

- Google Calendar events

7:40pm Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth and Michael Peshkin - discuss ILVOTE purpose and search for point of contact in 102 Illinois jurisdictions ✓

7:50pm open discussion around fall convening for ILVOTE

8:00pm End ILVOTE call begin 8pm-9pm Indivisible Illinois State leaders call [agenda here](#)

### **Current List of Members: (add your name)**

Julia Kline  
 Gretchen Coleman  
 Rose Colacino  
 James Manrique  
 Melissa Ortega  
 Marci Adelston-Schafer  
 Rosie Rees  
 Jessica Motsinger  
 LeTina Brady  
 Shari Sweeney  
 Michael Peshkin

### **Agenda for 7/14 meeting:**

7:00 Rose national update

7:05 Ballot-Z (Gretchen Coleman) Lollapalooza /Ogilvie update

- [Here's](#) the form for volunteers to sign up - please promote!
- Update about the League's participation
- HeadCount may not be doing voter reg
- We're doing voter reg at Ogilvie this Saturday night ahead of the John Lewis vigil - anyone want to join us?

- The [Google Calendar](#) is live and anyone statewide can add events - LMK if you want to be given permission

7:07 Neighbors Who Vote (Julia Kline) southside update

- Children's Home & Aid reached out for their Backpack Giveaway in Englewood on the day of the Bud Billiken parade
- Chris Patterson + Communities Partnering for Peace - call scheduled on Friday with Rose and Sara Knizhnik
- Gretchen and I have drafted a voter info flyer to use statewide
  - each organization could brand with their own info, but which would allow us to gather statewide data if we all used the same QR codes
  - Trying to figure out how to get the DNC to pay for it

7:09 Melissa Ortega Palatine update

7:11 James Manrike Champaign-Urbana update

7:13 Logistics, systems, data gathering - what are we each doing?

- Ballot-Z & Neighbors Who Vote: Google Form for volunteer signups; GroupMe for communication; google calendar to keep track of all events

7:28 Wrap-up and next steps

### **Agenda for 7/7 meeting:**

7:00 Rose national update

7:05 - 7:12 Gretchen Lollapalooza update - model for others to use when doing a big, multi-organization voter reg event

- Use of Ballot-Z website + Google Forms + SignUp Genius - here are the systems we set up and how we're using them
  - [Google Calendar](#) for voter reg events
  - Who else wants to have the ability to add events to the Ballot-Z calendar?
- How we're promoting to get volunteers
- Flyers, t-shirts, etc - this what we have and how we can share it with others, or others can use it as a model in their own area
  - Francisco Martinez is going to talk to IL Senate Dems about producing an informational flyer about the new voter omnibus, that voter reg volunteers can distribute - at Lolla, or wherever

7:12 - 7:20 Coalition events + future plans

- Julia's [slide deck](#) of the events she's attended lately / coalitions she's working on building
  - We Walk For Her - [more info](#) about the cause
- Avondale voter reg - Chef Matt Miller (Community Dinners), Rhona Jacobs & Madeleine Baum

7:20 Questions, thoughts, discussion

- What's everyone else up to?
- James Manrike, Champaign County Voters' Alliance <http://votechampaign.org/> - [Marci, have you invited him to this call?](#)

- Marci can talk about goings-on in C-U, if James can't attend
- Shedd Aquarium is hosting a webinar series with Upstream Solutions, Friends of the Chicago River and others this month. Does anyone want to reach out to these or other environmental groups (Sunrise Movement (dany Robles), ...?) to invite them to our coalition?
  - [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ensv2mcBQimOVE6k7p4CNw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ensv2mcBQimOVE6k7p4CNw)
  - [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_h60DrdPGTfuLqYFhBPuECg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_h60DrdPGTfuLqYFhBPuECg)
  - the "Conservando Nuestras Raices" Social Media Campaign and panel discussion during Latino Conservation Week: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7WrMrnx0Sv2f-Y8YxQO0g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7WrMrnx0Sv2f-Y8YxQO0g)

### **Agenda for 6/28/21 meeting:**

- Introductions
- Brainstorming ideas
  - What do we hope to do 7/29-8/1?
  - What work is already going on?
  - What would be most effective?
  - What do we have the bandwidth for?
- Planning initial logistics
  - Train stations:
    - Which ones? Both suburbs and downtown?
    - What times?
  - At Lollapalooza
    - At the gate
    - Inside?
- Meeting with [Headcount](#) tomorrow
  - What do we want to find out?
  - How do we hope to work with them?
- Next steps
  - Who else should we get on board?
  - More detailed logistics
  - Promotion

### **Agenda for 6/23/21 meeting:**

7:00 Paying community members to register voters

- Are we in favor of it? (Numerous community partners have brought it up)
  - Chicago violence interruptors - Tio Hardiman suggests \$10k/3mo, GKMC,
  - Grants
    - Grow grants
    - LWV?
  - What's the model that currently exists?
  - [BLOC](#) - Milwaukee - is a good model

- The League might have a grant opportunity
- With all the Federal money the city and state are about to give out, we should be able to get some of it for this purpose - any ideas how we can characterize it as being covid-related? (because all the Federal money has to be for covid relief) ?

7:05 Lollapalooza!

- [Lineup](#)
- [Twitter list](#)
- The League intends to register voters there too; Julia is communicating with Catherine Mardikes about how to coordinate efforts
- Rock the Vote typically has a booth inside Lollapalooza - do we have a connection with that organization?
  - Are they affiliated with [Head Count](#)?  
<https://www.headcount.org/events/#events?event=14196>
  - Ballot-Z got RT'd by RTV on Insta
  - Gretchen will reach out to RTV via their volunteer form

7:10 Event logistics

- Does anyone have events to add to the [running schedule](#)?
- We need volunteers! Please share this form: <http://bit.ly/ILVoteVolunteer>
  - We have a facebook group
  - Indivisible Western Springs has a newsletter (Katie McHugh) - deadline is Monday night
  - Indivisible Southside
  - IL-9 has a regular newsletter
  - Rosie has the statewide newsletter
  - Etta has a newsletter
  - Indivisible Evanston (Candace)
  - Leni has a list of people who have done deputy registrar trainings (931 people) - we would need to call and also email them
- Invite twitterstorm volunteers? Bill Davis made [this list](#)

7:15 Listserv migration / coordination - for voters and for volunteers

- We're struggling to figure out where to publish information about all our events, so that volunteers can sign up - ideas?
  - we can use Google Forms for the actual signup; but if somebody wants to scroll through and see all the volunteer opportunities - that's what we need a solution for
- Ballot-Z has a MailChimp account we will use to stay in touch with volunteers who sign up through the Google Form
- Staying in touch with voters: does anyone have better ideas than manual data entry?
- Here's Leni's form for signing up deputy voter registrars: *"By completing this form you agree to receive email communication updates from ILVOTE about voter engagement opportunities and related voter engagement events as we gear up for the 2020 elections. These opportunities may or may not require you to be a deputy voter registrar. You may unsubscribe at any time."*

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKexHGoiXDGt8xoeGB3xqkgnl9S0GWYVDdiINXjxBfZCCBwA/viewform>

7:20 Discuss methods for tracking results

- IL Vote has used Turbo vote
- We have the stats of our deputy voter registrars
- What we don't have is the number of people we've registered
- We need someone interested in doing the data collection
- Gretchen's palm cards have a QR code that take people to register online, and track in the process

7:25 Coalition Partners - There's a full list of coalition partners [here](#), with notes. What does anyone have to add? We've been in contact with the following organizations, and will give a brief update:

- The League
- Greater Chatham Initiative
- DuSable Museum
- PUA - People United for Action
- Tio Hardiman - Violence Interrupters / Good Kids Mad City
- Rose
  - updates about Field Team 6
  - intro between Alex Boustros (Chicago Votes) and Julia & Gretchen

### **Next steps**

- Set up a Slack workspace
  - actually having an IL Vote workspace, apart from Indivisible, might be good - ease the concerns about being partisan
- Re-activate IL Vote FB page {Marci}

### **"Minutes" of 6/16/21 meeting:**

- Review this document to get everyone's feedback on the current trajectory
- Discuss the possibility of using IL Vote as an umbrella - and what that means for our various websites and social profiles
- Determine our individual roles and responsibilities - how involved do each of us want to be? What are our special gifts, areas of expertise, passions?
- Discuss the list of potential coalition partners
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IL Vote (it's a non-partisan civic organization with bylaws and officers, filed with the state) - should it function as the umbrella? Leni is the chairperson; Michael Peshkin is the President

- What would IL Vote actually BE? What purpose would it serve? Maybe it's mostly just a hashtag?
  - It has been the organization doing deputy voter registrar trainings - should we do it year round?
    - Do people have to be a "member" for us to train them? With LWV, they do
  - It's been used for meetings
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- What would the roles of various coalition partners be, if IL Vote were to be put forward as the umbrella?
- Would IL Vote need online properties or assets - a website? Twitter channel? Other socials?
- Who would be co-chairs? (Needs to be diverse) What would co-chair responsibilities be?
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Website - should we consolidate our efforts behind a single website? If so, whose? If one of our own, what should it have on it, that maybe it doesn't now? Are there design inspirations we can take from any of the sites below?

- Ballot-Z.org
- VirusFreeVotingIllinois.com
- <https://www.rockthevote.org/how-to-vote/>
- <https://www.whenweallvote.org/>
- <https://www.vote411.org/>
- <https://illinoisvoterguide.org/> (LWV's site)

Social profiles - which ones actively exist? Do any need to be created? Should any dormant ones be reactivated? Who has admin access?

- Indivisible IL FB page
- Indivisible IL-9
- IL Vote Twitter account
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#### Roles & Responsibilities

- Introduce ourselves to each other? Maybe 2 per call?
- Gretchen - promotion, logistics, youth engagement, webmaster, social media
- Julia - coalition building (especially with south side leaders); event planning & logistics; promotion
- Leni
- Rose - promotion of national voter reg opportunities in key swing states and targeted states facing voter suppression.
- Jonathan



- Jim McGrath
- Candace
- Katie McHugh
- Linda Tate-Best and Bob Best - they got very involved in WI voter reg
- Indivisible Northwestern - Marci will send contact info to Julia
- Lori Akishawa & Magda - she printed and distributed palm cards
- Annie Williams
- IL-9 voter registrars - Lori Akishawa? Jonathan?

Tracking our results - does anybody know how to do this???

- What data do we want to track?
  - How many events
  - How many volunteers
  - How many voters
  - What else?
- What systems do we need to set up going forward?
- How much data can we assemble retroactively about everything we've accomplished in the past?

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**WE PROBABLY WON'T GET TO ANYTHING BELOW THIS LINE TONIGHT!**

But feel free to review and add commentary

High schools and colleges

- everybody wants to do voter registration at schools (they're easy and high impact).
- Our role should be as an information hub - which organizations have events planned at which schools, and are there any that are missing?
- And can we help to support by recruiting volunteers or whatever else?

Where else can we reach typically disenfranchised voters? Who are the people that society forgets about, and who don't get asked for their vote?

- People experiencing homelessness
- People who have been incarcerated (many of whom don't know they're eligible to vote in IL after they've served their sentence)
- Who else?

Logistics of the events

- Training for new volunteers & also process/checklist for event organizers, so that each event has continuity
  - Deputy voter registrar trainings - what's the process?
  - Do we want to create written or video training materials: "What to expect when you show up for your shift"
    - [This](#) page from We All Vote contains a flow chart of how to respond to different responses when you're talking to folks on the sidewalk
  - Let's create a checklist for event organizers (see below, Other Materials)
- Materials to pass out to voters (QR code, flyers, etc.)
  - Ballot Z merch coming in: 2000 flyers, stickers
  - LWV produces a lot of good palm cards and stuff
  - Neighbors Who Vote has an 8x11 sheet with updated QR codes for requesting a mail-in ballot, finding polling place, etc
  - See below, Issue-Oriented Swag
- Other Materials
  - Tabling materials:
    - Ballot Z yard signs, banner
  - For Volunteers:
    - Ballot Z tshirts, "I can help you register to vote" tshirts
    - Clipboards, pens, etc.

#### Promotion of Voter Registration Events

- The purpose of promoting our voter events is:
  - To attract volunteers
  - To attract corporate partners, ie donors
  - To attract event sponsors, ie people having events where we could set up a table
  - To build our branding identity, get press, etc - in order to strengthen our coalition and in turn attract more volunteers and corporate partners
- Folder with shared resources - graphics etc [need link]
- Ideas for how to promote??
  - Post on Next Door
  - LWV Chicago (Helene Gabelnick) said she can send regular emails to all the 100+ deputy registrars they have
  - Voters' Gazette - rose and terry
  - Indivisible IL listserv
  - Indivisible Chicago daily action email
  - Facebook - which pages or groups? Who's their admin? What format? What frequency?

#### Issue-Oriented Swag

- 51-star flags
- BLM

- Pride
- Climate (can't be Green New Deal though - too partisan)
- S1 / S4?