

## **Cindy Masover for Illinois House 58<sup>th</sup> District**

### **Background**

Cindy was born and raised in Albany Park in Chicago to parents who were both child Holocaust survivors from Germany and Poland. Cindy's parents were interned in labor and death camps in both countries. They immigrated to Chicago in 1953 with Cindy's sister Jeanie, who was born in Israel, and brother Joe, who was born in Germany. Cindy and her older sister Belle were born several years later. The family eventually moved to Skokie where Belle and Cindy attended Niles East High School.



After high school, Cindy attended the University of Illinois in Champaign, and then Loyola University Chicago, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology. After college, Cindy attended Loyola University Chicago School of Law where she earned her law degree. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable John M. O'Connor, Jr. in the First District of the Illinois Appellate Court. Cindy went on to practice law at Winston & Strawn and then at Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson, focusing on commercial litigation. She subsequently served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Appeals Division under Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan where she argued cases before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the State Appellate Courts across Illinois. Since 2003, Cindy has served as an arbitrator with the Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program where she sits as an arbitrator with panels of three lawyers who hear mini trials and make awards.

Cindy and her husband Lee married when Cindy was in law school. They had two daughters, Samantha in 1997 and Alexandra in 1999. In 2016, Lee passed away suddenly from cardiac arrest. Cindy immediately took over as President of his three companies, L&L Display Group and ADP Plastics, both plastics manufacturing companies in Lincolnwood, as well as Plastics Printing Group which is located in Chicago. This past year and a half has shown Cindy what it is like to run small businesses in Illinois and how regulations strangle them. She has also learned how to juggle being a single mom, putting her girls through college, and working in an area that is completely new to her.

Additionally, Cindy has long been involved in her community and social causes. She is a member of Central Avenue Synagogue where she serves on the synagogue's Jewish Women's Circle. At Solomon Schechter Day School, where her daughters attended elementary school, she wrote the weekly Shabbat Bulletin and served as secretary for the Parent Organization. Cindy has been a long-time board member of the Parkinson's Disease Research Society where she also serves as secretary. This organization holds a special place in her heart as her beloved father lived with this disease for 37 years. She also serves on the local fundraising council of the Prairie State Legal Services which is an organization that provides free legal services for low income persons and those over age 60 who have serious legal problems. This exceptional group serves so many of the underprivileged in our own community. Cindy is a charter member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. She has been a long time member of the

Illinois State Bar Association, the Lake County Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

**Cindy decided to run for State Representative to be an independent voice for the families of the 58th District.**

She feels that the politicians in Springfield are failing the citizens of Illinois. The “tax and spend” culture needs to end. Small businesses and individuals are leaving Illinois at an alarming rate. In 2016, Illinois lost more residents than any other state due to the hefty tax burdens, including income, property and sales taxes; surging debt, especially the huge pension crisis; weak job creation; and the financial disarray and political dysfunction in the state. Rather than sit on the sidelines and enable the problems facing our state, Cindy wants to stand up and be a part of the solution.

Cindy credits her parents with showing her perseverance, determination, and that she could succeed at anything she set her mind to in this great country and this great State of Illinois. However, Illinois is no longer the state that her parents came to where they could live out their American Dream. Illinois is broken, but Cindy believes that it CAN be fixed. It CAN once again be the state where anyone can come to live and succeed and build successful businesses. But, we need new, fresh, independent voices in Springfield.

Cindy is focused on bringing reforms that lower taxes, balance the budget, fix the pension crisis, grow jobs, support small businesses, and support the schools of the 58th District.  
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