



2026 PRIMARY ELECTION DEMOCRATIC ENDORSEMENT LIST

The United Hellenic Voters of America has endorsed the following Democratic candidates running for local and state. UHVA's Board of Directors gather to hear the candidates speak, conduct their own personal research, and vote on each candidate. UHVA does not utilize party as criteria for the endorsement as the grass roots of our organization stands on the platform of non-partisanship. Our motto is "People. Not Party." UHVA serves as the central hub between the Greek-American Community and the politicians and provide our community with perspective candidates that will lead our state and nation into success and stability.

These endorsements are based on the following criteria, along with the Board's personal research of each candidate:

1. Qualifications in position being sought or currently held
2. Number of years and experience in position being sought or currently held
3. If candidate running for re-election, what changes have they currently made that has made a positive impact on our community, state, nation, and/or Greek community. If candidate is running for position for the first time, what has this candidate done for their community and how do they plan on utilizing their candidacy should they be elected in bettering the community, state, nation and/or Greece/Greek community.
4. Candidate's position with respect to current social and economic issues affecting the State of Illinois, the U.S., and Greece/Greek-Americans.
5. Candidate's ability to understand the current socio-economic issues affecting the American people.
6. Candidate's endorsement session presentation quality
7. Established relationship/history with the United Hellenic Voters of America and/or Board of Directors individually.

Depending upon your partisanship we have provided you with candidates from each party if candidate has met the criteria above.

With so many local level positions to select on voting day most names are unrecognizable. Please use this as a helpful guide as you navigate the voting process. The following candidates meet the United Hellenic Voters seal of approval. [Click on candidate links to learn more about them or to make a donation to their campaigns.](#)

Endorsed candidates must use the logo provided to them (see image to the right) on candidate literature during the primary election. **This logo is only good for the 2026 Primary Election.** A new logo will be issued for the 2026 General Election.



SECRETARY OF STATE

Alexi Giannoulas
www.alexiforus.com

STATE COMPTROLLER

Holly Kim
www.voteforhollykim.com

U.S. CONGRESS

District 8

Yasmeen Bankole
www.yasmeenbankole.com

District 9

Laura Fine
www.laurafineforcongress.org

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REP

District 7

Emanuel "Chris" Welch
www.emanuelchriswelch.com

District 42

Lynn Laplante
www.lynnlaplante.org

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE

District 9

Patrick Hanley
www.hanleyforillinois.com

District 26

Nabeela Syed
www.repnabeelasyed.org

APPELLATE COURT

3rd District (Justice McDade Vacancy)

Margaret O'Connell
www.judgeoconnell.com

COOK COUNTY
Cook County Commissioner District 16
Frank Aguilar www.electfrankaguilar.com
Cook County Commissioner District 17
Elyse Hoffenberg www.elyseforcookcounty.com
Cook County Assessor
Pat Hynes www.assessorhynes.com
COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
Mary Ellen Coghlan Vacancy
Michael Cabonargi www.judgecabonargi.com
Cynthia Cobbs Vacancy
Linda Sackey www.judgelindasackey.com
COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
8th Judicial Subcircuit – Gamrath Vacancy
Elizabeth Dibler www.diblerforjudge.com
20th Judicial Subcircuit – Miller Vacancy
Belle Katubig www.belle4judge.com
DUPAGE COUNTY
DuPage County Sheriff
Peter Coolidge www.coolidgeforsheriff.com
DuPage County Board District 1 (2 Year)
Nicholas Panicola www.panicolafordupage.com

DuPage County Board District 2 (2 Year)
Mary Rada Walters www.waltersfordupage.com
DuPage County Board District 5 (4 Year)
Sadia Covert www.voteforcovert.com
DuPage County Forest Preserve District 1
Susan Smentek www.votesusan.org
DuPage County Forest Preserve District 2
Augustina Tyson-Dunne www.votetina.org
DuPage County Forest Preserve District 5
Barb O'Meara www.barb4forestpreserve.com
WILL COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 3RD SUBCIRCUIT
Sonni Williams www.vote4sonni.com