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THERE'S GOOD REASON FOR EVERYONE TO VOTE BY PAPER ABSENTEE BALLOT.

Voting by paper absentee ballot insures that there is a paper copy of your ballot, that your vote will be counted on election day. Applications for absentee ballots are available from the DuPage Election Commission website: www.dupageelections.com.

At this website, you can check for voter status, candidate and proposition information, see a sample ballot, access absentee ballot applications, and early voting locations. You can also call 630-407-5600 with questions.

Please note these important election season dates:

- September 23**, First Day to Vote by Absentee Ballot
- October 5**, Last Day to Register for Nov. 2 Election
- October 6**, Grace Period Registration and Voting begins
- October 11**, Early Voting begins
- November 2**, Election Day, Polls open from 6am - 7pm

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to prosperity and security. Students need dedicated professionals in their classrooms, and teachers deserve professional pay and paycheck security. The unfunded mandates of No Child Left Behind encouraged teaching to test content and did not encourage best practices for students or teachers.

Rep. Biggert voted YES on No Child Left Behind and NO on extending student loans.

National Security: Scott wants the brave military men and women serving our nation to have our full support. But, he also knows that lasting peace and security will require diplomatic solutions. Scott wants to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center because it negatively impacts this country's image abroad and does not make us safer. He seeks reform of the defense procurement process so that taxpayers get their money's worth while ensuring that our troops are well equipped and ready.

Rep. Biggert voted YES to authorize the Iraq war and NO on withdrawing troops. Biggert voted NO on combat pay bonuses for our troops.

Health Care: Scott believes that all citizens deserve access to quality, affordable health care. While the health care plan that recently passed Congress might not be perfect, it provides protection for people with pre-existing conditions, extends coverage to young adults, and halts many predatory insurance practices.

While there is still more to do, Rep. Biggert signed a letter calling for immediate repeal of the health care bill, which would force us back to square one. Biggert voted no on S-CHIP, and NO on health care reform. She has taken tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from drug and insurance companies.

Endorsements: Scott has been endorsed by Circle of Friends for American Veterans, Citizen Action IL (the state's largest public interest group for social and economic justice), AFL-CIO, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, and after Biggert's recent vote against assisting states to rehire teachers lost to budget cuts—the Illinois Federation of Teachers. Organizations representing carpenters, steelworkers, mechanics, transport workers, postal workers and others stand alongside Scott.



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Message From Chair, Kim Savage

It's been a long, hot summer and political misinformation has continued to bounce around like a Superball. Health care. Bail outs. Campaign finance reform. Electronic voting machine flaws. Ethically challenged officials. The list is endless, making even the most savvy voters cringe and the average American withdraw from the process.

It is no secret that midterm elections are plagued by low voter turnout. This year, combined with twisted truths repeated in short sound bytes, more voters are indicating that they plan to sit out the election on November 2. Yes, they plan to stay home...or they plan to just vote out all incumbents because they are not getting the results they expect from their elected officials. Frustration with elected

officials and political shenanigans is palpable, but the more people abdicate their personal responsibility to elect others to represent them, the worse the situation gets and then it can't be fixed over night.

Knocking on doors this summer, I have frequently found voters confused about important issues facing us in Illinois as well as candidates seeking office. Here are a few key points that everyone needs to know as they consider their choices this year.

• American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Myth: The ARRA failed to create jobs and restore economic growth.

Fact: Through March 31, 2010, \$8.3 billion was expended and 60,000 jobs were created or retained in Illinois.

• Wall Street Reform

Myth: Financial reforms will make it difficult for businesses to create jobs.

Fact: Clear rules and basic safeguards that prevent abuse and check excess will ensure that it is more profitable to play by the rules than to game the system.

• Jobs for Main Street Act

Myth: Democrats create an unfriendly business environment.

Fact: Jobs for Main Street Act provides incentives for businesses to hire unemployed workers.

• Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act

Myth: Health care reforms will negatively impact senior citizens and will cost Americans more.

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Scott Harper, U.S. House of Representatives, Dist. 13



www.Harper2010.com

According to a June poll, Scott Harper has a good chance to win this fall. The district is leaning 38% GOP, 32% Dem and 27% independent. Rep. Biggert's increasingly hard-right voting record has alienated more and more of

the District's voters, persuading them to look with keen interest at Harper and his positions on the issues.

Jobs and the Economy: Scott sees that the answer to our economic malaise is jobs. He says we must close tax loopholes that send jobs over seas. A simplified corporate flat tax would ensure that corporations pay their fair share of taxes and that Main Street merchants have the capital needed to expand and hire. He believes real corporate oversight and accountability, community lending, and real fair trade/tariff agreements must be enacted to create long-term stability and growth.

Rep. Biggert voted NO on the Recovery & Reinvestment Act and NO on the Jobs bill. She is the ranking member of the Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, yet she voted NO on mortgage restructuring and bankruptcy, NO on regulation and oversight of the country's financial system, and NO on monitoring TARP funds. Rep Biggert was the single biggest recipient of Citigroup PAC funds in the first quarter of 2010.

Scott believes that the high-tech energy sector can create jobs, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and protect the earth. District 13, home to Argonne Labs, can lead the way in bringing science and industry together to strengthen the marketplace and broaden employment.

Biggert voted NO on renewable energy standards, NO on renewable energy credits for small business, and received just a 27% rating from the League of Conservation Voters.

Education: Scott advocates a quality, world-class public education system that will lead America and the world back

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Support Democratic Candidates Running For Office

Dennis P Clark

President, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
www.electdennisclark.com

People want their elected leaders to be honest and to have integrity and common sense.

For over a year, I have attended the Forest Preserve weekly board meetings, made presentations, and filed Freedom of Information requests to try to understand how the board has operated. Audited financial statements going back to 2002 reveal many ways that the budget can be trimmed. Yet, this year the board passed another budget increase of 5.25%— the fourth in the last eight years! Imagine the hit this will be to everyone's property taxes and in this economy!

To improve my understanding of Forest Preserve business, I have taken several classes to become a certified Woodland Steward. No one else on the board has these skills

In an effort to provide a more fiscally astute, honest and transparent government, if I am Forest Preserve President we will stop: No bid contracts, End blind approval of costly contract change orders, Refuse contributions from special interest groups, Look for ways to roll back the 5.25% budget increase, Prohibit using tax dollars to put up political signs in the preserve, Insist on the use of green products in all future projects, and Accurately record report and post public meetings. I will protect the tax payers and our Forests.

Karol Sole

County Board, District 3
www.KarolSole.com

Economic development and job creation intersect as critical issues in DuPage County. "Green/hi-tech" jobs are an opportunity to improve the economic outlook. We need to be innovative and create jobs.

- What skills will the green jobs of the future require? We can create or expand educational and training programs.
- How can we reduce our reliance on petroleum fuel? We can build factories to manufacture component parts for solar panels and wind turbines.
- How do we eliminate resistance to installing 'green technology'? We can create incentives to make retrofitting existing facilities attractive.

Transportation issues are intertwined with jobs and the economy. From maintenance and construction of roadways to grade separations at rail crossings to a more efficient public transportation system, more attention needs to be paid to how we move people and freight through DuPage County. An improved transportation system will increase the attractiveness of the county to businesses, save money by reducing the time spent in traffic, and provide better access to jobs.

I bring a wealth of experiences and skills to the position of County Board member that will help me identify and promote solutions with the goal always to serve residents of DuPage County and their long-term interests.

Carole Cheney

DuPage County Board Chair
www.electcarolecheney.com

Vibrant, complex DuPage County has grown and changed but, over and over again, we have elected a County Board that has not kept up with county developments. For too long, DuPage County has been run by career politicians seeking to advance their own interests rather than the needs of the people they were elected to serve.

For the first time in more than a decade, the DuPage County Board

Chair is an open seat. The county is ready for a leader who will work across the aisle, listen to constituents, and put the interests of county residents ahead of political interests.

I am that leader while my opponent is more of the same. He is the consummate political insider. He is chairman of the DuPage County Republican Party, has been a Springfield politician for nearly two decades, and is still taking money from his law firm. Unlike my opponent, I am not in this race for personal, political, or financial gain. Serving the taxpayers of DuPage is so important that I have been on an unpaid leave of absence from the law firm where I am a partner.

If elected, I will leave my present job so that I can devote my time to serving my constituents. I have gained the support of Democrats and Republicans alike who want good government and a leader who will work tirelessly to serve the interests of the public. Further, if elected, I would be the first woman to hold this position. It is time to make history and to elect a person dedicated to service and good government. Together, we can win this race for all of DuPage County's residents.

Kathryn Vlahos

Illinois House of Representatives, District 42
www.votersforvlahos.com

I want to put PEOPLE BEFORE POLITICS. We must put Illinois and its citizens back to work. That means restoring statewide fiscal integrity, creating a budget funded sufficiently to pay the bills on time and maintain essential human services and quality schools. It means streamlining Illinois government, removing unnecessary layers of government administration, reducing the number of taxing bodies, consolidating where appropriate. And, it means expanding employment, evaluating the effects of proposed legislation on job opportunities for the people of Illinois now and in the future, setting good policies for the long-term economic vitality of the state.

We need additional measures to end the "corruption" cultures in Illinois. We need to become a leader in the energy field, using traditional energies in better, cleaner, more efficient ways while we lead in developing alternative energies and conservation techniques.

My background as a teacher, business owner, and hearing officer has honed my ability to listen and understand opposing positions. This will help us find common ground and practical ways to move our state forward.

I have received the endorsements of the Democratic Women of DuPage County, the Illinois Federation of Teachers, West Suburban Teachers Union Local 571, and the Indo-American Democratic Organization.

Jim Speta

Illinois House of Representatives, District 47
www.jimspetaforthe47.com

Everyone is talking about job creation. Does Illinois offer that environment? Politicians and the media state over and over that the way to encourage business development is to maintain low taxes, yet low taxes alone do not necessarily bring high-paying jobs.

We need to attract businesses that will manufacture products requiring investment in equipment, and require skilled employees who will earn good wages. Corporations want to be sure that the necessary infrastructure exists to support their production.

Regretably, Illinois is becoming known as a state that pays its bills late, is approaching bankruptcy, is defined by corrupt politics, is known for a high crime rate, and has problems with educational funding and achievement. Can we ensure CEOs that taxes won't increase to pay for past mistakes or that the workforce here is able to be productive and advance a company's bottom line.

To be competitive, Illinois must look to funding and improving local education and universities. This will deliver the greatest return on our investment because our children are the future of our prosperity.

I pledge to go to Springfield ready to look at things as they are and as they should be. I pledge to work for meaningful change for Illinois.

Hilary Denk

DuPage Forest Preserve Commissioner, District 2
www.ElectHilaryDenk.com

The top issues facing the DuPage Forest Preserve are fiscal accountability and mission-based decision-making. The current Commission has spent your tax dollars senselessly, awarding no-bid contracts and allowing charge-ups on current contracts. This board has forgotten its responsibility to the citizens of DuPage County. I will bring transparency, community involvement and sound decision-making to the Commission. Utilizing my experience as an attorney, insurance executive and community leader, I will work ethically, collaboratively and passionately for excellence in environmental stewardship.

Catherine D. Sewell

DuPage County Board, District 2
www.cathysewell.com

Years of one-party rule in DuPage County has led to a feeling of political entitlement, making the best interests of residents seem more like an afterthought than for providing service.

The most important issues now are jobs and securing a growth economy for our residents. However, you cannot accomplish what is best for constituents if you aren't using the filter of "putting people first" in decision-making. The financial resources of the County must be allocated considering how the choices will affect all citizens for the long term.

In addition, it is important that constituents are informed and provided with the details of decisions that spend their hard-earned tax dollars. Transparency is key to operating in a trusting environment.

DuPage County has grown over the years and has not stayed static. This is a vibrant, diverse and dynamic County. We need fresh ideas to deal with the many challenges we face, not only as a County but as a state and a country. You will have my commitment to lead in a way that is honest and accountable to you if you elect me on November 2.

Matt Mostowick

Rep. to General Assembly, District 82



Candidate Information:

U.S. Senate, Alexi Giannoulias

<http://alexiforillinois.com>
<http://truthaboutalex.com/>

Governor, Pat Quinn

<http://quinnforillinois.com>
<http://whoisbillbrady.com>

Attorney General, Lisa Madigan

<http://www.lisamadigan.org>

Secretary of State, Jesse White

<http://www.jessewhite2010.com>

Comptroller, David Miller

<http://www.davidmillerillinois.com>

Treasurer, Robin Kelly

<http://www.robinfortreasurer.com>

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Fact: American citizens will no longer be denied access to health care because of pre-existing conditions or lose their health insurance because they get sick and the legislation will help reduce the national deficit.

These examples highlight some of the tactics being used to persuade voters that Democrats are not serving the needs of our country at the federal and state levels. Such smoke and mirrors arguments are also intended to instill mistrust against candidates and officials in Illinois. The elected officials on the statewide ballot have collectively championed many accomplishments that have helped to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in Illinois and improve the quality of life for citizens in our state, despite the current economic climate.

DEMOCRATS FOR THE ECONOMY AND JOBS

State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias stood up against Wells Fargo Bank to stop the shutdown of Hartmarx, saving 600 Illinois jobs.

Under Governor Quinn, many jobs have been created or retained: Illinois Now!- 439,000; Ford Motor-1,200; Navistar-3,000.

Scott Harper running for U.S. Congress and State Representative David Miller running for Illinois Comptroller bring experience as small business executives that will provide a strong foundation for economic development and fiscal accountability.

The Treasurer's Office, under Robin Kelly's leadership, authored legislation to fund venture capital for Illinois businesses.

Democrats for Health Care

As a health care provider, Comptroller candidate David Miller brings an understanding of the need for the state to make prompt payment for reimbursements to health care providers.

Governor Quinn has signed legislation that increases access to prescription drugs for seniors and to health insurance for unemployed small business employees and children with congenital disorders.

Democrats for Advocacy to Protect Illinoisans

Attorney General Lisa Madigan has worked to enact laws that:

- Protect women, children, and seniors from sexual and physical abuse,
- Make nursing homes safe,
- Defend consumer rights,
- Hold Wall Street accountable,
- Fight corruption in government and business.

Governor Quinn has worked to reform state purchasing procedures, campaign finance reform and restrictions on lobbyists.

All of the candidates on the Democratic ticket, from U.S. Senate down to Forest Preserve Commissioner, are committed to bringing open and accountable government back to Illinois. Consider the future if we elect officials who hold extreme policy views, change opinions on major issues, and willfully misrepresent their service to the country.

We need your help to put the best candidates in office. *Get involved. Get your family and friends involved. Get educated on the issues. Vote on November 2. Donate.*