



**ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CHAIRS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY MAY 15, 2021
CONDUCTED ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Guest Speakers
 - a. *Congresswoman & DPI Chair Robin Kelly*
 - b. *Treasurer Mike Frerichs*
 - c. *Comptroller Susana Mendoza*
 - d. *Chicago Alderwoman Pat Dowell (Secretary of State Candidate)*
 - e. *former State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis (Secretary of State Candidate)*
 - f. *State Senator Michael Hastings (Secretary of State Candidate)*
 - g. *Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia (Secretary of State Candidate)*
 - h. *Chicago Alderman David Moore (Secretary of State Candidate)*
 - i. *US Senator Dick Durbin*
5. President's Report
6. Secretary's Report
 - a. *Approval of minutes from February 20, 2021 General Membership Meeting*
7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. *Approval of Treasurer's Report from March 2021 – May 2021*
8. Executive Director's Report
9. 2021 General Membership Resolution
 - a. *Code of Conduct*
 - b. *Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy*
10. Upcoming IDCCA Events
 - a. *2021 Boot Camp*
 - b. *Summer Brews Young Professionals Reception*
 - c. *County Chairs' Brunch*
11. REV Project Update
12. Adjourn



Code of Conduct

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MINUTES

Attendance – Executive Board

President Kristina Zahorik, (McHenry)	Vice President Billy Halstead, (Peoria)	Vice President Terry Redman (DeWitt)
Vice President Jay Briney (Mason) via proxy	Vice President Charlie Laskonis (Winnebago)	Vice President Paul “Snow” Herkert (Calhoun)
Treasurer Brittany Miller (Tazewell)	Secretary Pam Monetti (Macoupin)	At Large Member Derek Jones (Rock Island)
At Large Member Dan Sidwell (Bond)	Executive Director Dan Kovats	Assistant Executive Director Jillian Hawkins

Attendance – General Membership

Katherine Daniels, Adams	Rick Wilkin, Bureau	Kimberly Hance, Cass
Carol Ammons, Champaign	Craig McNary, Clark	John Spencer, Clay
Robert Brandkamp, Clinton	Mac White, Coles	Kori Rempfer, DeKalb
Rocky Warner, Douglas	Al McDowell, Fayette	Daryle Coleman, Fulton
Jimmy Naville, Greene	Richard Joyce, Grundy (via proxy)	Henry Murphy, Henry
Dustin Wells, Iroquois (via proxy)	Robert Alexander, Jasper	Gerri Suddeth, Kankakee
Julie Gondar, Kendall	Lauren Beth Gash, Lake	Dani Brzozowski, LaSalle

Joe Weger, Lawrence	Kasey Considine, Lee (via proxy)	Dan Hobart, Livingston
Gary Davis, Logan	Laura Zimmerman, Macon	Randy Harris, Madison
Rob Schnicker, Marion	Hank Gauwitz, Marshall	Randy Cottom, Massac
Patrick Cortesi, McLean	Brian Short, Menard	Jan Occhi, Mercer
Scot Luchtefeld, Monroe	Dana Ryan, Morgan	Tim Singer, Moultrie
Christine Ballard, Ogle	Calen Campanella, Perry	Shelia Maloney, Piatt
Chauntelle Biagi-Bruer, Putnam	Greg Mullinax, Richland	Dan Kovats, Sangamon (via proxy)
Ed Hoover, Scott	Diana Frazier Brenneman, Vermilion	Rena Bever, Wabash
Steven Buban, Warren	Fidencio Hooper-Campos, Whiteside	Nora Gruenberg, Will
Junius Rodriguez, Woodford		

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 12:01pm by President Kristina Zahorik.
- 2) The following proxies have been submitted for the purpose of voting:
 - a. Richard Joyce (Grundy) gives proxy to Marcia Wolter.
 - b. Dustin Wells (Iroquois) gives proxy to PJ McCullough.
 - c. Kasey Considine (Lee) gives proxy to Jennifer Lamone.
 - d. Dan Kovats (Sangamon) gives proxy to Bill Houlihan.
- 3) President Kristina Zahorik asked for a moment of silence to remember those who have passed away from COVID – 19. President Zahorik also asked for a moment of silence for Pope County Chair Les Hardin and former Madison County Chair Jim Stack who have passed away.
- 4) President Zahorik led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5) President Zahorik gave welcome remarks and thanked all of the County Chairs for their work in the 2020 cycle.

6) Guest Speakers

a. *Scott Kennedy*

- i. Provided an analysis of the 2020 General Election. Reported that voting trends mirrored over the last three Presidential elections.
- ii. While Joe Biden did not do as well in Chicago as Hillary Clinton & President Obama, he did better in the collar county suburbs.
- iii. Senator Durbin improved his vote totals from 2014 due in part to an increase in Democratic voters in the collar counties.
- iv. The Fair Tax came up 6 points short of passing. This was in part to a significant number of voters in the collar counties and downstate voting against it. Data showed that the Fair Tax underperformed the top performing Democrat in every Congressional, State Senate, & State House district throughout the state.
- v. Turnout was just under 73% statewide.
- vi. Spoke about voting trends and how that will impact on redistricting on the Congressional, State Senate, & State House level.

b. *MWRD Commissioner Josina Morita & Zach Koutsky*

- i. Spoke about the importance of advocating for maps on the local level to push back on the Republican efforts.
- ii. Gave an overview of what is redistricting is, why it is important to County Chairs, what are the rules / strategies, and what resources are available.
- iii. Spoke on the proportional data on the federal level and how Illinois will be losing one congressional seat.
- iv. Spoke on the rules of redistricting including equal population, compact and contiguous, and the Federal Voting Rights Act.
- v. Redistricting is a political process. The absolute rule is the map must comply with the Voting Rights Act.
- vi. Political gerrymandering is a legal process. Maps can be drawn to pack Democrats / Republicans into a single district, but maps cannot be drawn to pack communities of color into a single district.
- vii. Spoke about the offensive and defensive strategies to consider in redistricting.

c. *US Senator Tammy Duckworth (via video)*

- i. Thanked all the Chairs for their work.
- ii. Remarked that elections matter, no matter how much Trump & his enablers continue to push The Big Lie.
- iii. Thanked the Chairs for their work to elect Joe Biden President and Senator Durbin.
- iv. Spoke about the important work that Democrats are doing to provide relief to Americans.

7) President's Report

- a. Welcomed all new County Chairs to the organization. Recognized Bob Brandkamp (Clinton), Kori Rempfer (DeKalb), Lauren Beth Gash (Lake), Patrick Cortesi (McLean), Ken Leonard (Pope), and Dan Kovats (Sangamon).
- b. Thanked all our staff, consultants, organizational partners, and Leadership Circle members who helped make the 2020 cycle successful.
- c. Reported that we have renewed our contract for fundraising consulting with Nancy Kohn Consulting.
- d. Reported that we have contracted for digital consulting with Apollo Artistry.
- e. Thanked IDCCA Legal Counsel Tony Schuering for his pro bono work for the IDCCA.
- f. Thanked Greg Bales, Zach Koutsky, Dan Lewis, & Craig Colbrook for their work to build our Young Professionals events.
- g. Thanked Kevin Conlon for his work as the Chair of the Leadership Circle. Asked him to say a few words on behalf of the Leadership Circle.
 - i. Chair Conlon spoke about the Leadership Circle and the role they play in the organization. He offered each of the Leadership Circle as guest speakers and / or advisors for each of the County Chairs.
 - ii. Chair Conlon announced the development of a monthly series for the County Chairs where they can meet with and talk to Leadership Circle members.
- h. Reported that suspicious / malicious emails have been sent out using her name and contacting each of the County Chairs. Asked everyone not to respond to the emails.
- i. Reported that the 2020 Annual Report was released and highlights the four main projects including 1) Resource / Training, 2) REV Project, 3) Voter Integrity, & 4) Get Out The Vote.
- j. Spoke about our plans for 2021 including digital outreach, trainings, candidate recruitment, messaging, and a toolbox for the County Chairs.
- k. Announced the formation of a Training Committee & a Finance Committee.
- l. Spoke about the Secretary of State's race and stated that it was premature to consider an endorsement. Stated that we should allow the candidate the opportunity to get to know us and our organization. Reminded everyone that our organization does better when we are able to speak as one voice.
- m. Reported that we are working to set up smaller, regional meetings with Governor JB Pritzker.

8) Secretary's Report

- a. Secretary Pam Monetti presented the minutes from August 1, 2020 General Membership Meeting.

- b. Secretary Monetti made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. At Large Member Dan Sidwell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9) Treasurer's Report
 - a. Treasurer Brittany Miller presented the Treasurer's Reports for March, April, & May 2021 for both the State & Federal PACs.
 - b. Reported the following cash on hand:
 - i. State PAC - \$265,685.60
 - ii. Federal PAC - \$3,571.85
 - c. Champaign County Chair Carol Ammons made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Ogle County Chair Christine Ballard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 10) Recruit, Engage, Vote (REV) Project Update
 - a. Announced we will be continuing with this project targeting counties throughout the state.
 - b. Announced that we will be meeting one on one with Chairs to do a deeper dive into their counties to discuss how we can specifically build their county party.
 - c. Reported that 77 counties either held or over performed their Democratic average scores in the 2020 General Election.
- 11) IDCCA Party Builder Awards
 - a. Announced that we will be honoring Senate President Don Harmon & Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch at this year's event.
 - b. The event, to be held virtually, will be on Monday March 29, 2021.
 - c. Asked for County Chairs' help to build an even bigger reception this year.
- 12) Executive Director's Report
 - a. Reported that he has stepped up as County Chair for Sangamon County following the appointment of Doris Turner to the Illinois State Senate. Has notified the Executive Board that he would serve in the role until May when a new County Chair would take over.
 - b. Reported that IDCCA staff has returned to the office and we are being very mindful of COVID – 19 protocols.
 - c. Reported that three interns have started with the organization this semester. The interns are Blake Meyer, Evan Blankenberger, and Nicki Meyer.
 - d. Reported that staff is working on identifying all candidates who are running for office in the Consolidated General Election. This includes identifying their likely party based on scoring and then encouraging County Chairs to engage with these candidates.
 - e. Reported that we are missing County Chair photos for the website from several Chairs. Staff will be reaching out to get an updated photo.

- f. Asked for County Chairs to report their meetings, fundraisers, and events to the IDCCA so we can share that information with our statewide elected officials and candidates.
- g. Reported that everyone has received a copy of the IDCCA Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and Pledge. Encouraged all the County Chairs to review and reaffirm the policy and pledge.
- h. Reported that the IDCCA General Membership Meetings for the year have been announced and the dates are listed in the Chairs' Packet.
- i. Reported that a memo regarding the contribution limits has been included for the County Chairs to review. Pointed out that limits have gone up and all Chairs should be aware of the changes.
- j. Reported that the 5th Annual Boot Camp will be held on Saturday May 22nd. The IDCCA is partnering with the National Democratic Training Committee for a one-day training for candidates, staff, and leaders. Training will focus on field, fundraising, communications, and messaging. Reminded the Chairs that they will approve each of the applicants who apply to attend the training. Reminded the Chairs that we do not train anyone who is looking to primary incumbent Democrats. Sign up will be announced in March.

13) Meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm.



April 2021 Treasurer's Report – Federal PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: April 1, 2021

Balance: \$3,937.75

2. Indicate money received:

Amount: \$2,441.50 from Various Donors (Digital)

Amount: \$950.00 from Various Donors (2021 Party Builder Awards)

Total Contributions: \$3,391.50

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$500.00 to Nelson Wurth Consulting (Compliance)

Amount: \$309.00 to NGP Van (Fundraising Software)

Amount: \$110.78 to Various Disbursements (Online Donation Processing)

Total Disbursements: \$919.78

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: April 30, 2021

Balance: \$6,409.47

Prepared by: [Signature]

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date: 5/4/21

Date: 5/7/21

Accepted by: [Signature]

Date: 05/10/2021



April 2021 Treasurer's Report – State PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: April 1, 2021

Balance: \$301,124.21

2. Indicate money received (contributions to events or programs):

Amount: \$2,628.43 from Various Donors (2021 Party Builder Awards)

Amount: \$417.30 from Various Donors (Web Store)

Total Contributions: \$3,045.73

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$11,365.03 to Payroll

Amount: \$10,000.00 to Consulting (Party Building Activities)

Amount: \$3,480.00 to Rent

Amount: \$3,000.00 to Campaign Contributions

Amount: \$1,129.96 to 2021 Party Builder Awards (Event Expenses)

Amount: \$750.00 to NGP Van (Fundraising Software)

Total Disbursements: \$31,947.28

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: April 30, 2021

Balance: \$272,222.66

Prepared by: [Signature]

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date: 5/4/21

Date: 5/4/21

Accepted by: [Signature]

Date: 05/10/2021



March 2021 Treasurer's Report - Federal PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: March 1, 2021

Balance: \$2,626.85

2. Indicate money received:

Amount: \$1,300.00 from Various Donors (2021 Party Builder Awards)

Amount: \$530.00 from Various Donors (Digital)

Total Contributions: \$1,830.00

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$500.00 to Nelson Wurth Consulting (Compliance)

Amount: \$19.10 to Aneidot (Online Donation Processing)

Total Disbursements: \$519.10

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: March 31, 2021

Balance: \$3,937.75

Prepared by: [Signature]

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date: 4/1/21

Date: 4/1/21

Accepted by: [Signature]

Date: 04/04/2021



March 2021 Treasurer's Report – State PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: March 1, 2021

Balance: \$278,315.72

2. Indicate money received (contributions to events or programs):

Amount: \$55,180.00 from Various Donors (2021 Party Builder Awards)

Amount: \$1,312.50 from Various Donors (Digital)

Total Contributions: \$56,623.93

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$13,000.00 to Consulting (Fundraising, Digital, Redistricting)

Amount: \$11,420.98 to Payroll

Amount: \$4,500.00 to Campaign Contributions

Amount: \$1,864.42 to 2021 Party Builder Awards (event expenses)

Amount: \$785.94 to Online Donation Fees

Total Disbursements: \$33,814.54

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: March 31, 2021

Balance: \$301,124.21

Prepared by: [Signature]

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date: 4/1/21

Date: 7/1/21

Accepted by: [Signature]

Date: 04/04/2021



February 2021 Treasurer's Report – Federal PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: February 1, 2021

Balance: \$3,961.85

2. Indicate money received:

Amount: \$15.00 to Michael Johnson

Total Contributions: \$15.00

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$850.00 to Lamar (Billboard Rental)

Amount: \$500.00 to Nelson Wurth Consulting (Compliance)

Total Disbursements: \$1,350.00

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: February 28, 2021

Balance: \$2,626.85

Prepared by: [Signature]

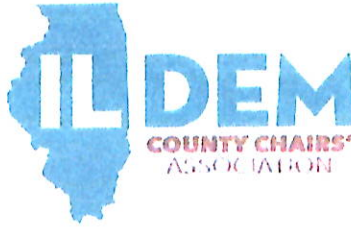
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Date: 3/3/21

Accepted by: [Signature]

Date: 03/07/2021



February 2021 Treasurer's Report – State PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: February 1, 2021

Balance: \$297,879.72

2. Indicate money received (contributions to events or programs):

Amount: \$5,000.00 from Senate President Don Harmon (2021 Party Builder Awards)
Amount: \$1,700.00 from Various Donors (2021 Party Builder Awards)
Amount: \$310.00 from Various Donors (2020 Annual Report)
Amount: \$300.00 from Jackson County Democratic Party (2020 GOTV)
Amount: \$164.00 from Various Donors (digital)

Total Contributions: \$7,474.00

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$11,647.13 to Payroll (wages, taxes, processing)
Amount: \$8,000.00 to Fundraising Consulting
Amount: \$560.00 to Compliance

Total Disbursements: \$27,038.00

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: February 28, 2021

Balance: \$278,315.72

Prepared by: [Signature]

Reviewed by: [Signature]

Date: 3/2/21

Date: 3/3/21

Accepted by: [Signature]

Date: 03/07/2021



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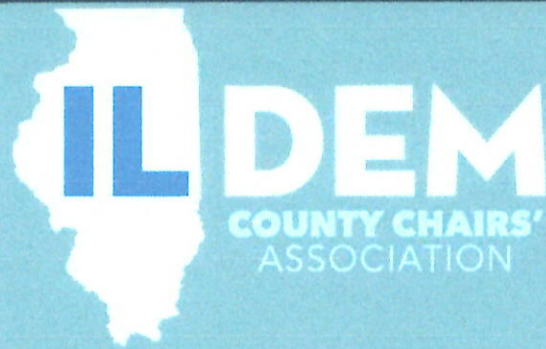
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2021 Important Dates to Remember

2021 IDCCA / NDTC Boot Camp	Saturday, May 22, 2021
Summer Brews Young Professionals Reception – Chicago	Monday, July 12, 2021
General Membership Meeting	Saturday, August 7, 2021
County Chairs' Brunch – Springfield	Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Fall Brews Young Professionals Reception – Springfield	TBD
General Membership Meeting	Saturday, November 13, 2021

** General Membership Meetings begin at 12pm. Currently all General Membership Meetings are conducted via Zoom*



GREG BALES & ZACH KOUTSKY

Host Committee in formation

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE 3RD ANNUAL

**SUMMER BREWS
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
EVENT**

IN SUPPORT OF THE

**ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC COUNTY
CHAIRS' ASSOCIATION**

JULY

12

MONDAY

5:30-7:30PM

MIDWEST COAST BREWING CO

**2137 W. WALNUT STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60612**

TICKET:

\$40

HOST:

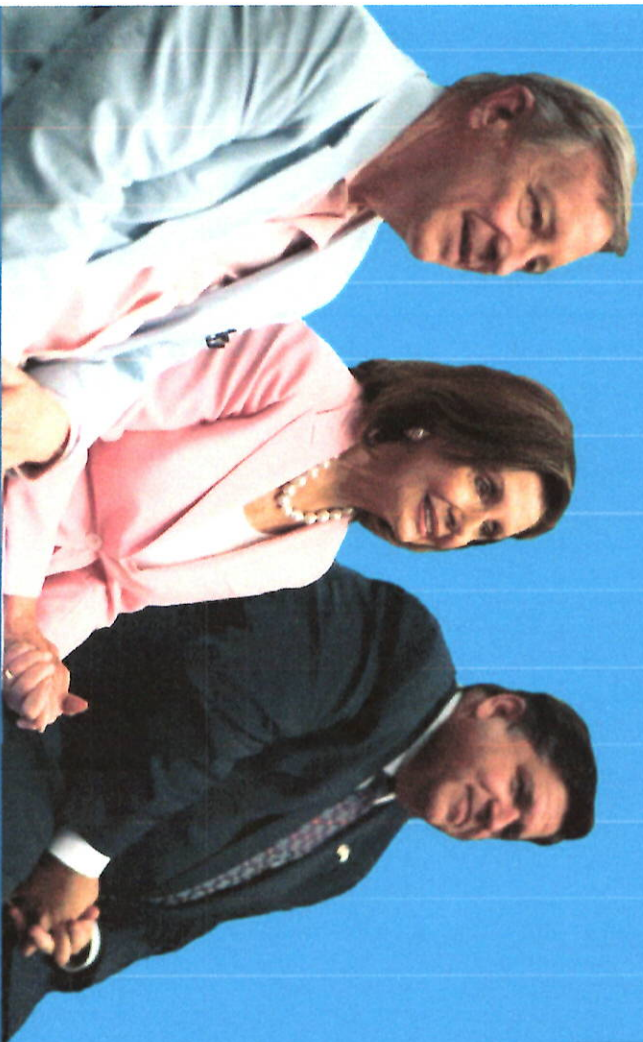
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IDCCA County Chairs' Brunch

Save The Date

for the LARGEST virtual and in-person
Democratic event in Illinois

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August 18, 2021 • 9 AM • Crowne Plaza Hotel • Springfield

AT THIS TIME, WE ARE CURRENTLY IN PHASE 4 OF THE RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN. ALL ILLINOIS PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED AT THIS EVENT. PLEASE WEAR A MASK, AND EXPECT TO ABIDE BY ALL PHYSICAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES. FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT DAN@IDCCA.ORG

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION 2021 – 001

WHEREAS, the membership of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (the "IDCCA") is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination and harassment. This includes, but not limited to, General Membership Meetings, regional meetings, training sessions, and day to day office operations; and,

WHEREAS, the IDCCA believes, and does hereby restate its belief, that all members, staff, consultants, volunteers, and guests of the IDCCA should not be subjected to discriminatory, harassing, or otherwise unacceptable behavior; and,

WHEREAS, the IDCCA has caused to be created a Code of Conduct, and a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto, which it intends to apply to its meetings and other events which it hosts; and,

WHEREAS, the IDCCA asks all members, staff, consultants, volunteers, and guests to embrace our values of equity and equality, and abide by the Code of Conduct attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, the IDCCA asks all members, staff, consultants, volunteers, and guests to conduct themselves consistent with those values and the Code of Conduct attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CHAIRS' ASSOCIATION, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the preambles hereto are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if restated in full.
2. That the IDCCA hereby adopts the Code of Conduct attached hereto.
3. That the IDCCA and its agents will encourage, and by passage of this Resolution do hereby encourage, anyone who feels they have experienced this type of behavior to report it to the designee as assigned by the IDCCA President.
4. That the IDCCA will begin every General Membership Meeting by reading and affirming its commitment to the Code of Conduct.
5. The IDCCA will encourage all members, as well as organizations, associations, and/or groups affiliated with the Democratic Party to adopt and abide by a code of conduct.

Kristina Zahorik
President of the IDCCA

Pam Monetti
Secretary of the IDCCA

May 15, 2021



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For Immediate Release:
Monday February 22, 2021

Contact: Dan Kovats, Executive Director
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Extremist Darren Bailey announces bid for Governor
Plans to alienate half the state population

Springfield, IL – This evening, conservative extremist and Donald Trump loyalist State Senator Darren Bailey announced his run for Governor of Illinois. President Kristina Zahorik of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) released the following statement:

“It was the worst kept secret in Illinois that grandstanding, first term State Senator Darren Bailey wanted to run for Governor. But the real mystery is his campaign strategy: Bailey doesn’t believe in a unified Illinois, [calling for Chicago’s removal from the state](#). Additionally, Bailey continues to undermine the COVID-19 recovery despite numerous [court losses](#), and uses social media to [attack other Republicans](#) who he deems are not loyal enough to Donald Trump.”

“Darren Bailey is an extremist. And much like his idol, Donald Trump, Darren Bailey has focused on ginning up outrage to impress his fellow zealots, further dividing Illinois. Illinois voters said no to Donald Trump this past November. Darren Bailey should expect the same.”

Darren Bailey’s open advocacy to segregate Illinois would deprive much needed [tax revenue from the residents of central & southern Illinois](#).

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Friday February 26, 2021

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Investigate Rep. Chris Miller for January 6 Insurrection Attendance
IDCCA Calls on Office of Legislative Inspector General to Open Investigation

Springfield, IL - Following multiple public reports showing State Representative Chris Miller in attendance at the January 6, 2021, rally that led to an insurrection of the U.S. Capital, President Kristina Zahorik of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) submitted a request to the Office of the Legislative Inspector General to investigate Miller's involvement in the day's events. A copy of the letter is below.

“Representative Chris Miller swore an oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois. Miller’s attendance at the rally that turned into a mob and insurrection of our nation’s Capitol is troubling, and to date many unanswered questions remain about his subsequent actions and whereabouts that day. The Legislative Inspector General, at a minimum, should investigate to what extent Miller played a role in the events of January 6, 2021.”

The Office of the Legislative Inspector General receives and investigates complaints of violations of any law, rule, or regulation or abuse of authority or other forms of misconduct by members of the General Assembly. As criminal charges accumulate for those involved in the attack on the Capitol, Representative Miller has removed his social media posting showing he attended the rally suggesting he hopes to distance himself from the insurrection.

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Honorable Carol Pope
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Dear Inspector General Pope:

Following public reports showing State Representative Chris Miller was in attendance January 6, 2021, at the rally in Washington, D.C. that led to a deadly insurrection, we are calling on the Office of the Legislative Inspector General to open an investigation into Representative Miller's presence and involvement in the day's events.

- Mark Maxwell, Twitter, January 7, 2021: <https://twitter.com/MarkMaxwellTV/status/1347236821512695810>
- Huffington Post, January 22, 2021: https://www.huffpost.com/entry/republican-lawmakers-at-the-capitol-riot_n_6009e17cc5b6df63a91e5cf4
- Huffington Post, February 13, 2021: https://www.huffpost.com/entry/57-gop-officials-at-capitol-insurrection_n_6026c5e2c5b6f88289fb90a6
- The Daily Beast, February 26, 2021: <https://www.thedailybeast.com/rep-mary-millers-husband-owns-three-percenter-militia-truck-at-capitol-riot>

As federal charges accumulate against those who stormed the nation's Capital -- ranging from unlawful entry in a restricted building to assault on a federal officer -- very little is known about Representative Miller's activity that day. Miller has since deleted his social media posting showing himself at the aforementioned rally.

As the United States Congress pursues the creation of a commission to investigate the mob attack of January 6, it is only appropriate that the Office of the Legislative Inspector General investigate any potential violations of any law, rule, or regulation or abuse of authority or other forms of misconduct by a member of the General Assembly. At minimum, this constitutes the type of conduct that is unbecoming of a legislator and warrants an investigation by the Inspector General.

Sincerely,

Kristina Zahorik
President
Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association

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Dem County Chairs' Congratulate New DPI Chair Robin Kelly

IDCCA is looks forward to continue working with a strong Democratic Party

Springfield, IL - Following the meeting of the Democratic Party of Illinois (DPI) State Central Committee and the election of Congresswoman Robin Kelly as the next Chair of the State Democratic Party, Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) President Kristina Zahorik released the following statement:

“On behalf of all 102 County Democratic Party Chairs and the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association, I would like to congratulate our new State Democratic Party Chair Robin Kelly. Chair Kelly brings a wealth of experience to the table and has been a friend of the IDCCA. We have a lot of work to do before 2022 and we look forward to working with her. We are confident Chair Kelly will lead our Party to victories throughout Illinois.”

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RODNEY DAVIS' COMMENTS XENOPHOBIC, INAPPROPRIATE, AND DISCRIMINATORY

Springfield, IL - Following [public reports highlighting Illinois Congressman Rodney Davis' defense of offensive remarks](#) from his colleagues regarding violence and racism against Asian-Americans, President Kristina Zahorik of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) released the following statement.

“Inflammatory and xenophobic language from elected officials is part of the problem. Our organization has said it before and we will say it again: words matter, particularly from those who were elected to lead by example. Rodney Davis’ decision to double-down on offensive and dangerous rhetoric while the country mourns and confronts violence and discrimination against Asian-Americans is troubling. Rodney Davis should apologize, and work to set an example for his constituents by being part of the solution and not part of the problem.”

Davis’ remarks came in defense of Texas Congressman Chip Roy who [referenced hanging criminals from a tree](#) -- lynching -- during a House Judiciary Committee Hearing on the rise of anti-Asian American violence and discrimination. [Per CNN](#), Davis said the “relation between rhetoric and hate crimes against Asian Americans is ‘all political correctness.’ Davis instead said phrases like ‘Kung flu’ or ‘China virus’ are no different than saying ‘UK variant.’”

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STATEMENT ON KARL ROVE SUPPORTING ADAM KINZINGER

Springfield, IL - The [Chicago Sun-Times reported](#) that infamous Republican strategist Karl Rove is headlining a fundraiser for Illinois Congressman Adam Kinzinger. Today, President Kristina Zahorik of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) released the following statement:

“Let us not forget that Adam Kinzinger is a tried and true Republican who voted with Donald Trump [more than 90%](#) of the time and repeatedly voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act. And now, Adam Kinzinger is teaming up with Karl Rove, one of the architects of the war in Iraq, who helped elect George W. Bush -- someone who, after Trump, is one of the worst Presidents in modern history -- and to this day still defends the Bush administration’s use of torture.”

“Adam Kinzinger is attempting to rebrand his image so people will forget how extreme his voting record is. But even while Adam Kinzinger is *now* throwing Donald Trump under the bus, he continues to align him himself with some of the worst members of his party. We can acknowledge Kinzinger for standing up and impeaching Trump, but we can’t forget who he has always been -- an extreme Republican.”

Karl Rove has a history of incorrigible behavior and practices, including just last year his use of racially loaded language when he attacked President Obama for speaking at a historically black college and, in Rove’s words, committing a [“political drive-by shooting.”](#)

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DARREN BAILEY'S PLAN: GUT THE MIDDLE CLASS, WORKING FAMILIES

Springfield, IL - Following the introduction of [legislation to eliminate pension protection](#) language in the Illinois Constitution by Republican State Senator Darren Bailey, President Kristina Zahorik of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) released the following statement:

“Darren Bailey has just shown the cornerstone of his platform for Governor: gutting the middle class. Working and middle class families are the backbone of Illinois, and Darren Bailey has singled them out with his bill to gut guaranteed, protected pensions for those workers and retirees.”

“Public servants do not go into careers in government to get rich, they enter those fields to help people. And after they serve, the State of Illinois makes a promise to help them when they retire. Darren Bailey wants to break that promise. Illinois can and must help address its pension problems but cutting benefits for Illinoisans who put in the time to serve our state is the wrong way. Shame on Daren Bailey.”

As [reported by WMAY Springfield](#), “...Bailey’s proposal would allow pension benefits to be reduced or changed, regardless of whether those benefits have already been earned or when they were established.”

The Illinois Education Association just released [polling](#) that showed 73% of Illinoisans believe retired teachers deserve their full pension when they retire.

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Statement: New Billboard to Hold Congresswoman Mary Miller Accountable

Springfield, IL -- The Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) recently rented a billboard in Effingham, IL highlighting Congresswoman Mary Miller's public statement where she declared "Hitler was right was on one thing. He said 'whoever has the youth has the future.'" Today, IDCCA President Kristina Zahorik released the following statement:

"Words matter, particularly from those who hold elected office. And when Mary Miller tried to excuse her comments about Adolf Hitler by accusing others of attempting to 'twist her words' the IDCCA knew she needed to be held accountable for her finger-pointing defense."

"The residents of Mary Miller's Congressional district need to know that Mary Miller thinks it is acceptable to cite Adolf Hitler to make a political point. The IDCCA hopes the voters remember her inexcusable comments, and hold her accountable as a public official and eventually at the ballot box."

In January at a pro-Trump rally in DC the day before insurrections stormed the US Capitol, Mary Miller said "[Hitler was right on one thing](#). He said 'whoever has the youth has the future.'" She subsequently failed to provide an unequivocal apology, and said others were "[trying to intentionally twist her words](#)."

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Georgia Voter Suppression A Warning to Country

Springfield, IL - Yesterday, [Georgia Republican's passed and signed into law](#) sweeping legislation that restricts access to voting. Today, President Kristina Zahorik of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) released the following statement:

“Republicans do not want people to be able to vote. Democrats want everyone eligible to vote. Period. Donald Trump and Georgia Republicans lost in 2020, and now they are passing laws that will disproportionately impact black and brown voters, along with poor people. What we are seeing today is a repeat of the opposition to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It’s shameful, and it’s racist.”

“Yesterday, while Georgia Republicans were trying to take away individuals' right to vote, [Illinois Democrats passed HB1871](#) to ensure that everyone who wants to exercise their right to vote can do so safely and securely. Illinois is fortunate to have leaders like Governor Pritzker, Senate President Harmon, Speaker Chris Welch, and a Democratic Congressional Delegation who believe voting is a right that should be easy and accessible. We applaud them for pushing to keep voting fair, secure, and accessible in Illinois, and for fighting in Washington to protect those rights for everyone in this country.”

Illinois saw [record breaking early voting and mail voting](#) in 2020 thanks in part to state laws that expanded access to vote by mail, provided for automatic voter registration, and also permits same day voting and voter registration.

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UPDATE: Gary Rabine Clueless, Anti-Democratic

Springfield, IL - Today, Gary Rabine said he was “[not smart enough](#)” to know if the November 2020 Presidential election was stolen. Illinois Democratic County Chairs’ Association President Kristina Zahorik release the following, additional statement:

“Gary Rabine joined the ranks of [Illinois Republicans Mike Bost and Mary Miller](#) who do not believe our election was legal or valid. Bost and Miller both voted against certifying the electoral college votes in January, and today Gary Rabine plead ignorant.”

“Gary Rabine is either clueless or part of the conspiracy theory crew who don’t believe Joe Biden was legally elected President. Either one is disqualifying to serve as an elected officeholder.”

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Gary Rabine: More of the same, Worst of the bunch

Springfield, IL - Following the announcement that Gary Rabine had announced his candidacy as a Trump Republican for Governor, President Kristina Zahorik of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs’ Association (IDCCA) released the following statement:

“Gary Rabine is a Trump Republican who [stands with some of the most extreme, right-wing politicians](#): transphobic Jeannie Ives, disgraced Sheriff David Clarke, xenophobic Jim Oberweis, and [conspiracy theorist Charlie Kirk](#).”

“[Gary Rabine said he’d ‘avoid partisan paralysis’ and ‘surround himself with people who think differently’](#) but if Jeanne Ives, Jim Oberweis, and Donald Trump are those people then Gary Rabine will just be bringing more extreme right-wing, partisan politics to Illinois.”

[Gary Rabine is a council member of Turning Point USA](#), a conservative student group plagued with controversy as [reported by the Anti-Defamation League](#). Those controversies include their leadership appearing alongside extremists, making racist and bigoted statements, and allegedly cashing in on insider deals with the tax-exempt organizations. [ProPublica reported](#) that TPUSA has “made misleading assertions about its finances to state and federal regulators” and uses a connected accounting firm that creates a “dynamic, experts say, imperils independence and undermines the credibility of Turning Point’s financial statements, including its federal tax returns.”

[Gary Rabine hosted disgraced, former Sheriff David Clarke at a Trump rally](#) in Illinois even after [Clarke advised people how to get away with killing protestors](#) shortly after the Kenosha, Wisconsin killings.

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Rodney Davis Needs to Return Matt Gaetz Dirty Money

Springfield, IL - Following public reports of a U.S. Department of Justice investigation into Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz allegedly having sex with and trafficking a minor, Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) President Kristina Zahorik released the following statement regarding [Gaetz's political support of Illinois Congressman Rodney Davis](#):

“Rodney Davis should quickly unburden himself and his constituents of the [campaign funds he received from Matt Gaetz](#). While the U.S. Department of Justice investigates Matt Gaetz for allegedly having sexual relations with and trafficking a minor, Rodney Davis can and should either return the money to Gaetz or [give it away to charity as some of his colleagues have](#).”

“Rodney Davis has a history of accusing his political opponents of taking money from people he deems unsavory, even as [fact checkers refuted his lies](#). Now, Rodney Davis has clearly taken money from an alleged sex trafficker -- a colleague of Rodney's who was the [only member of Congress who voted NO on a sex trafficking bill](#). Rodney Davis should give away Matt Gaetz's dirty money. No excuses.”

Floridan Congressman [Matt Gaetz is under investigation](#) for allegedly having sex with a minor, and paying for them to travel with him across state lines. [Additional reports](#) suggest there are documented receipts from payments for sex, as well as further allegations of depraved behavior from Gaetz including him sharing nude photos of his partners to colleagues on the House floor.

In the 2020 election, [Matt Gaetz donated \\$2,000 to Rodney Davis' reelection](#).

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Rodney Still Silent on Gaetz, Still Holding Gaetz Campaign Cash

Springfield, IL - One week ago the Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) [called upon Illinois Congressman Rodney Davis to give away campaign funds](#) he received from Congressman Matt Gaetz following public reports that the U.S. Department of Justice is investigating Gaetz for allegedly having sex with and trafficking a minor. Today, IDCCA President Kristina Zahorik released another statement calling on Davis to speak out and give away the dirty money:

“More than a week later Rodney Davis remains silent on his political supporter Matt Gaetz’ alleged criminality. And as Illinois Republican [Adam Kinzinger calls for Gaetz to resign, Davis has only made jokes](#) and avoided taking action or a position.”

“Matt Gaetz’s partner in crime is striking a plea deal, prompting his lawyer to say [‘I’m sure Matt Gaetz is not feeling very comfortable.’](#) Rodney Davis, the public evidence is mounting: [speak out like your colleague](#) and unburden yourself and your district of Matt Gaetz’s dirty money.”

More [public revelations of electronic money transfers](#) continue to lead back to Matt Gaetz. Joel Greenberg, a former tax commissioner in Florida and a friend of Gaetz's, has been reported by CNN to be [striking a plea deal](#) in the face of federal charges that range from identity theft to sex trafficking of a minor. Last Thursday, Illinois Republican Congressman Adam Kinzinger [called for Matt Gaetz to resign](#).

Rodney Davis has taken \$4,000 from Matt Gaetz, starting in [2018](#) and then again in [2020](#). On Monday, April 5, 2021, the [IDCCA called on Rodney Davis](#) to return the money to Gaetz or give it to charity [like one of his colleagues did](#).

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Rodney Davis Continues to Deflect on Matt Gaetz, Disregard FEC

Springfield, IL - Last Friday, Rodney Davis declined to donate political contributions from Matt Gaetz to charity, instead [telling Forbes](#) they should inquire with TV and radio stations who he says received his money. Today, IDCCA President Kristina Zahorik released the following statement:

“Rodney Davis has now refused to donate to charity the tainted campaign cash he received from Matt Gaetz and continues to deflect from commenting on the damning allegations surrounding Matt Gaetz. While [three of Rodney Davis’ colleagues have donated Matt Gaetz’s money to charity](#), Rodney has only [made jokes](#) and now quips that he already spent the money -- well we have the receipts.”

“Rodney Davis closed out his reelection with money in the bank, but pretends he’s spent it all to avoid having to unburden himself and his constituents of Matt Gaetz’s dirty money. Either Rodney Davis is lying, or he’s unable to keep his own finances in order just like the FEC has recently questioned him about.”

In 2020, Rodney filed FEC campaign disclosures showing he had [\\$229,247](#) cash on hand after the campaign, and [\\$140,435](#) at the end of the year. On February 9, 2021, [Rodney Davis’ campaign received a Request for Additional Information \(RAI\)](#) from the Federal Election Commission regarding debts he owed. The RAI mandated a response by March 16, 2021, but Rodney Davis’ campaign has so far apparently [not filed](#) the required, amended report with the requested “...clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report.” The [FEC states](#) that “Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.”

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Dem County Chairs thank Bustos for her service to Illinois

Springfield, IL – Today Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL 17th) announced her intention to not seek reelection in 2022. IDCCA President Kristina Zahorik released the following statement:

“Cheri Bustos is a genuine and caring person. Her commitment to her district is unparalleled, particularly to the hard-working middle class and rural communities. The “Cheri on Shift” program showed she was willing to roll up her sleeves and walk a mile in her constituents’ shoes. On behalf of all 102 County Democratic Party Chairs, I would like to personally thank Cheri for her service and commitment to Illinois.”

“I also applaud her early drive to train the next generation of Democrats through her Build the Bench series. The IDCCA was proud to partner with her. Build the Bench trained hundreds of Democratic candidates who have gone on to be elected throughout Illinois. We are grateful for her leadership and look forward to seeing what she has in store next.”

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Esther Joy King Wants a Second Chance to Take Away Your Health Care

Springfield, IL Today, Esther Joy King has announced her intention to run for Congress again in the 17th Congressional District. Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association President Kristina Zahorik released the following statement:

"Esther Joy King supported the lawsuit that would have eliminated protections for people with preexisting conditions and taken away health care from residents of the 17th District during a global health pandemic. The job of a member of Congress is to help your constituents, not hurt them. This alone should make Esther Joy King disqualified to serve in public office. Full stop."

In 2020 when Esther Joy King [moved from Chicago to the 17th District](#) to run and lose for Congress, [she supported the lawsuit](#) that would have struck down the Affordable Care Act. Previous estimates on the loss of health insurance if the ACA was repealed showed upwards of [43,700 residents of the 17th Congressional District](#) losing coverage.

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IDCCA to host hybrid in-person County Chairs' Brunch

Springfield, IL – This week brought positive news for Illinoisians who have been looking forward to getting back to normal. Governor JB Pritzker announced a few days ago he was [optimistic Illinois was on the path to be fully reopened by July 4th](#). Earlier this week, Governor Pritzker stated he was looking forward to [this year's State Fair in Springfield](#). And yesterday more good news. The Governor announced, barring reversals in metrics, [Illinois will move into Phase 5 — normal business operations — as soon as Friday, June 11th](#).

For 34 years, the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association (IDCCA) has kicked off Democrat Day (now Governor's Day) at the Illinois State Fair. This year's County Chairs' Brunch is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 18th at 9am at the Crowne Plaza Springfield**.

IDCCA President Kristina Zahorik released the following statement:

"Thanks to Governor Pritzker and the thousands of frontline healthcare workers, there is light at the end of the tunnel. I cannot wait to see so many friends from throughout the state at the County Chairs' Brunch on August 18th. We followed the science, and for more than a year did virtual events, masked up, and socially distanced, so we could come together again. It will be amazing for everyone to feel the energy in the room and to connect in person."

"This year's Brunch will have an added hybrid feature to allow virtual participation. We will strictly adhere to all public health recommendations. This will allow people to participate in whatever way they feel comfortable."

The keynote speaker for the 2021 Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Brunch will be announced closer to the event. Previous guest speakers include US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg (who filled in last minute for President Joe Biden), and US Senator Amy Klobuchar. Tickets are expected to go on sale mid-June.

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Illinois Republican Congress Members: How will you vote on Liz Cheney?

Springfield, IL – This week Republican members of Congress return to Washington DC to [meet](#) and potentially vote to remove Congresswoman Liz Cheney from her leadership position within their caucus. This vote will follow former President Donald Trump's repeated [false claim that the election was fraudulent and stolen](#), and Liz Cheney's repudiation of the Big Lie. Today, Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) President Kristina Zahorik issued the following statement:

"Which path will Rodney Davis, Mary Miller, Darrin LaHood, and Mike Bost take? The path of falsehoods and subversion, and vote to oust Liz Cheney from Republican leadership because she stands up to Trump and his big lie? Or the path of truth and Democracy, and defy their leaders who claim to have '[lost confidence](#)' in conservative Liz Cheney."

"Many of these Illinois Republicans have previously joined Donald Trump and conspiracists in casting doubt on our election, and as early as this Wednesday they will vote in secret to dump ultra-conservative Liz Cheney because she won't parrot the lie that the election was stolen. If Davis, Miller, LaHood, and Bost truly believe in fair and transparent elections, they can do the bare minimum of telling the public how they intend to vote."

In December 2020 Congressmen Darrin LaHood and Mike Bost [joined 104 of their House Republicans in filing an amicus brief](#) to overturn election results in four other states. In January 2021, Congress members Mary Miller and Mike Bost [voted to object to counting Electoral College votes](#) for the States of Arizona & Pennsylvania.

[Lynn Sweet in the Chicago Sun-Times reported](#) that Mary Miller has pledged to vote against Cheney. Kinzinger said he would retain. LaHood and Davis have avoided answering the question publicly.

Liz Cheney [continues to refute Donald Trump's claim](#) that the election was stolen, and credits him with inciting the insurrection at the nation's Capitol on January 6, 2021. Now, Washington Republicans are planning to remove her from her leadership post.

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Democrats Lead the Way on Clean Jobs, Electric Vehicles in Illinois

Biden, Pritzker, Durbin, Foster Deliver on Electric Vehicles and Green Infrastructure

Springfield, IL - Last week was a banner week for announcements and highlights of Illinois Democrats leading the way in clean jobs in the electric vehicle industry, a key component of the Democrats and President Joe Biden's American Jobs Plan. Governor Pritzker, Senator Durbin, and Congressman Foster all touted investments and developments from Normal to Joliet. Today, Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association President Kristina Zahorik released the following statement:

"Illinoisians have a lot to be proud of when it comes to their leaders in Washington and Springfield. [Senator Durbin highlighted President Biden's American Jobs Plan](#) and the growth potential of electric vehicle infrastructure while showcasing Rivian's automotive plant in Normal. The very next day and just north on I-55, [Governor Pritzker and Congressman Bill Foster announced Lion Electric's new electric vehicle manufacturing plant in Joliet, promising upwards of 1,400 new jobs.](#)"

"Democrats are leading with plans and real developments for new, good paying -- [union](#) - jobs. Republicans are spending their time seeing who can genuflect the lowest to a gaslighting Donald Trump. Plans versus politics -- that's the difference between Democrats and Republicans in Illinois."

Democrats in the Illinois General Assembly are [negotiating a bevy of energy bills](#) that incorporate investment in green energy infrastructure such as [electric vehicle charging stations](#). In Washington, President Joe Biden and Congressional Democrats are pushing the [American Jobs Plan](#) that will create millions of good jobs -- including IBEW electrical workers, as [Biden said last month](#) in his joint address to Congress -- and help the U.S. compete against the Chinese electric vehicle market.

Conversely, Republicans in Washington are bogged down this week, [meeting to likely eject conservative Republican Congresswoman Liz Cheney](#) from her leadership post in their caucus because she dares stand up against Donald Trump and his [reckless, life-costing lies](#).

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Congressional Republicans Choose Trump Over Democracy

Springfield, IL - This morning, Congressional Republicans met and [voted to remove ultra-conservative Congresswoman Liz Cheney](#) from her leadership position -- the same day former [Trump Administration officials testified to Congress](#) about their response to the January 6th insurrection encouraged by Donald Trump. Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) President Kristina Zahorik issued the following statement:

“Congressional Republicans took a secret vote to remove ultra-conservative Liz Cheney from leadership, choosing lying Donald Trump over someone willing to tell the truth and stand up to Donald Trump’s lies.”

“Most Illinois Republicans did not have the gaul to defend Liz Cheney because they’re afraid of Donald Trump. They buy into the Big Lie that the election was stolen, and then hold a secret voice vote so they can’t be held accountable. Shame on them. Voters shouldn’t forget.”

On Monday, the [IDCCA asked Illinois Republican Members of Congress to publicly declare](#) who they’d vote for, but only a few spoke out. This continues the pattern of subverting democracy for the likes of Darin LaHood, Mike Bost, and Mary Miller who [played various roles](#) in discounting and discrediting electoral college votes in January. Rodney Davis blatantly refuses to answer how he voted on Cheney instead [providing an ambiguous statement](#) praising Cheney while not declaring how he voted in caucus. LaHood hinted he saw “no reason to get rid of her” but [he and his spokesperson declined to answer outright](#) how LaHood voted.

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