

**IVI-IPO's Good Government Ticket**  
**Endorsed Candidates for the November 4, 2008 General Election**  
**October 14, 2008 Press Conference**

BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States - Democratic

Barack Obama's election will end eight years of failed policies and a dangerous cynical philosophy. Our support is predicated upon Obama's understanding the need to change direction in the Iraqi War. His foreign policy will be firmly seated in democratic American values of cooperation and understanding which will restore the damage of the Bush administration. Domestically a much needed change will be implemented as Obama understands the positive role that government can play and will use it to spur economic growth, provide opportunities for our citizens, restore the environment, and preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States.

ANITA ALVAREZ, Cook County State's Attorney - Democratic

Career Prosecutor Anita Alvarez has worked in various areas of the Cook County State's Attorney's office which has prepared her to assume the leadership position. Alvarez plans on instituting a community prosecution program, placing states attorney offices throughout the county to work closer with citizens, police and community organizations. Alvarez's guiding principals will be professionalism over politics; her background is that of a hard working attorney she will manage and administer the office free from political influence.

DOROTHY A. BROWN, Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court - Democratic

Dorothy Brown has turned around decades of turmoil and brought the Clerk's office into the 21st century both technologically and professionally. She has recruited qualified managers, invested in employee training programs, and implemented best practices in customer service. Brown's efforts to implement a 21st century document management system under difficult budgetary constraints are laudable. Under Brown's direction, operational efficiency and financial accountability have improved dramatically and she has earned our support for reelection to a third term.

FRANK AVILA, Water Reclamation District Commissioner - Democratic

Commissioner's Avila's priorities are to protect the health and safety of the public, including the water supply, water quality of Lake Michigan and other waterways, wastewater treatment, which includes bio-solid issues, the use and disposal of pharmaceutical and personal care products and their implications on human and ecological health, flooding, pollution; and invasive species.

Avila has produced and hosted CAN-TV shows that are on the Internet in Google Video titled "Commissioner Frank Avila Speaks" to keep then public informed on District issues.

KATHLEEN THERESE MEANY - Water Reclamation District Commissioner - Democratic

Kathleen Meany is currently the Vice President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, having been elected as an independent in 1990. IWI-IPO has been impressed with her technical knowledge, expertise, and experience. She designed and implemented the District's Household Hazardous Waste Collection program and is dedicated to work to protect the environment.

NADINE BOPP, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner - Green

Nadine Bopp, an environmental planner, college professor and landscape architect, will bring to the Water Reclamation Board professionalism and a much needed fresh perspective. Bopp's support of good government initiatives to reduce the corruption and patronage at the MWRD will raise the standard for all commissioners. Her ideas for the treatment of waste where methane is captured and used for electricity generation are but one area where her technical competency makes her an outstanding addition to the board.

JEROME POHLEN, 3rd Congressional - Green

Berwyn Library Trustee Jerome Pohlen is an educator, editor, community activist and former Peace Corp volunteer. His campaign platform includes support of immediate withdrawal of US forces and contractors from Iraq; development of alternative, non-carbon energy resources; a windfall profits tax on oil companies; establishment of block grants for municipalities to improve and expand their mass transit systems; and enacting universal, single-payer, not-for-profit health care. Pohlen also advocates for stronger protections of our civil liberties, criticizing the incumbent for voting to reauthorize FISA, and calling for repeal of the Patriot Act.

OMAR N. LÓPEZ, 4th Congressional - Green

A convener and leader of the March 10 Movement for immigrant rights, Omar López has been an activist for over 40 years, fighting for greater educational opportunities, quality health care, and equal rights for Chicago's Latino communities. His campaign calls for voters to look beyond the 2-party system to elect responsive government that will work for universal, single-payer health insurance, re-energize the economy through a massive public-works jobs program, and adopt comprehensive and compassionate immigration reform that will reunite families, protect workers' rights and provide due-process for undocumented workers.

ALAN AUGUSTSON, 5th Congressional - Green

Management Consultant Alan Augustson hits the incumbent hard on his support of President Bush's failed policies abroad and constitutional violations at home. Augustson calls for the US to an end military involvement in Iraq, and for Congress to repeal the Patriot Act and the Military Commissions Act, and begin vigorous investigations of war profiteering and other contractor abuses. He is also a strong advocate of expanding and modernizing our rail system to meet energy and transportation needs of the future, and for Congress to immediately develop an action plan to curb global warming and wean the nation from fossil fuels.

DANNY K. DAVIS, 7th Congressional - Democratic

Congressman Danny K. Davis is a leading champion for human rights and against the Iraq War, a spokesperson for the poor, the homeless, and the hungry. Davis supports reordering our budget priorities to cut the deficit and create good jobs at a living wage. In recent years, he has led efforts to assist ex-offenders to reintegrate into community life, find housing and employment, and resume their roles as productive members of society. We heartily endorse Davis for an eighth term.

JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY, 9th Congressional - Democratic

Since 1998, Congresswoman Schakowsky has distinguished herself as one of the leading progressive voices in Congress. A leading spokesperson against the Iraq War, she has also been in the forefront against the civil liberties abuses in the Patriot Act and other domestic violations of civil liberties. Recognizing that armed security-contractors remain one of the biggest grey areas of the entire war effort, Schakowsky has been working in Congress to provide transparency and oversight of the use of private contractors deployed with U.S. military personnel overseas. She secured unanimous passage of an amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill to create a database to collect descriptions of contracts, which will enable Congress to exercise its lawful oversight authority over spending.

DANIEL J. SEALS, 10th Congressional - Democratic

Dan Seals is running for Congress because he believes its time for a change, not only in the course of our country, but in the way business is done in Washington. As a local businessman and former presidential management fellow, Dan has spent enough time in Washington to know how it works, but more importantly, enough time outside Washington to know how it should work. On the critical issues facing our country- bringing a responsible end to the war in Iraq, making health care available to every American, regaining control of spiraling national debt- Dan Seals is the Tenth District's best hope to bring wholesale change to Washington.

DEBORAH "DEBBIE" HALVORSON, 11th Congressional - Democratic

Debbie Halvorson has been a progressive and independent leader in her tenure in the Illinois State Senate. Her ability to remain focused upon legislative solutions that solve the real problems confronting the hard working people in her district and not become embroiled in the various political struggles and bickering in Springfield will be a great asset in Washington. Halvorson's commitment to a responsible end to the Iraq war, as well as support for the men and women who serve in our military, is a refreshing, results-oriented alternative. The fresh leadership that Halvorson will provide will be much needed in the 11th District

SHELDON SCHAFER, 18th Congressional - Green

Educator Sheldon Schafer will bring to the Congress a breath of experience and education uniquely matched to the challenges which face our nation. Technology is the driving force behind the economy, Shafer's experience as a scientist will be invaluable in shaping congressional debates concerning global warming and alternative energies. His platform of bringing peace to Iraq, retooling the economy based upon alternative "green" energy, detailed proposals to improve education, a focus on practical community values as well as his support for a single payer healthcare system makes for an outstanding candidate.

JOHN J. CULLERTON, 6th Senate - Democratic

Senator Cullerton has served in the Illinois General Assembly since 1979. Recent accomplishments include The Smoke-Free Illinois Act, which bans smoking in public places and The Citizen Participation Act, which limits the effects of Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (SLAPP) lawsuits. Senator Cullerton has also worked to reduce teenage driving deaths by sponsoring legislation that extends the learner's permit period, extends passenger restrictions and limits nighttime driving. Not all of Senator Cullerton's efforts are prohibitive in nature; heeding the voices both of science and humanity, he introduced medical marijuana legislation, a first for Illinois.

BILL GENTES, 26th Senate Democratic

Bill Gentes, two-term mayor of Round Lake, has gained valuable insight and experience in managing a growing city the past seven years. Gentes recognizes the conflicting interests inherent in Illinois' educational funding system and understands the need to solve the inequity without overburdening taxpayers. Refreshingly, he has focused on the issues key to Illinois economic development such as the maintenance of infrastructure, education and taxation. His commitment to clean open and responsive government will make him a good addition to the Illinois Senate.

PETER GUTZMER, 27th State Senator – Democratic

Firefighter Peter Gutzmer's primary goal is to deliver service with integrity, and to restore public confidence in public officials. He will advocate for strong ethics legislation that fights corruption, waste and cronyism at all levels of government, and pursue fiscal responsibility in an honest, transparent budget process. Gutzmer maintains that a state as rich as Illinois should be able to fund education at a higher minimum level for all students, and that a better educated workforce, rather than knee-jerk tax cuts for businesses, is what will really keep jobs in Illinois. IVI-IPO agrees, applauds Gutzmer's straight talking, and enthusiastically endorses him for election to the State Senate.

TERRY LINK, 30th State Senator - Democratic

Illinois residents breathe easier now that four-term incumbent Terry Link's Smoke Free Illinois Act has been enacted. Link has been a stalwart supporter of the environment, winning acclaim from organizations working to protect our natural resources, expand recycling efforts, and develop clean energy initiatives. He has also been a leader on privacy legislation to protect biometric data and other genetic information from being misused, and to protect children from Internet predators.

SARA FEIGENHOLTZ, 12th State Representative- Democratic

Representative Feigenholtz has served for more than two decades, championing adoption reform, AIDS funding, stem cell research, affordable and accessible health care, environmental issues and education. Legislative initiatives include improved access to mammograms, requiring prescription drug plans to cover contraceptives, and reducing the transmission of HIV and STDs by permitting access to sterile syringes without a prescription. Representative Feigenholtz has authored legislation to increase AIDS Drug Assistance funding (ADAP) and fund HIV prevention measures and expansion of KidCare and Family Care.

HARRY OSTERMAN, 14th State Representative- Democratic

Harry Osterman, a lifelong resident and advocate for his northside neighborhood, has served his district admirably. A leading campaigner for sensible gun legislation, he secured the re-enactment of the Safe Neighborhoods Act. Osterman's work on the Family Care initiative which provides health care to working poor families is an example of the broad progressive agenda that he advances. As a key member of the education committee in the House, he is poised to provide leadership on educational reform. His consistent drive for quality public education makes Osterman well suited to his district and should be returned to continue his work.

DANIEL BISS, 17th State Representative - Democratic

Daniel Biss cares deeply about solving our state's problems and ensuring that the 17th District's progressive values are represented in Springfield. When political powerbrokers offered Daniel Biss all the resources he would need to run a typical campaign, he turned them down, instead building a one-of-a-kind grassroots campaign that relies upon the energy, commitment, and support of hundreds of volunteers. An experienced mathematician and teacher, Daniel Biss understands the needs facing his community — from economic development and environmental protection to education and healthcare reform — and he has the commitment and support to bring real solutions to Springfield

RITA MANIOTIS, 21st State Representative - Green

Rita Maniotis is a teacher and activist with local PTAs and PTOs and with the Near West Citizens for Peace and Justice. Education funding reform is her top priority, along with promotion of quality public education. As a former teacher in a charter school, she decries the notion that schools should be run like corporations, with students and parents considered customers, and she demands public oversight of all schools. Other components of her campaign platform are expansion of mass transit, which she notes is needed throughout the state, not only the Chicago metro area, and development and promotion of renewable energy.

WILLIAM D. “WILL” BURNS, 26th State Representative - Democratic

University of Chicago alumnus Will Burns has a long record of service to his community, as vice president of program and field offices of the Chicago Urban League, education and tax policy manager for the Metropolitan Planning Council and as a Board member of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, and many other diverse organizations. He has pledged to hit the ground running in the legislature, sponsoring initiatives to halt gun violence and to improve funding and accessibility of quality education.

JEREMY KARPEN, 39th State Representative - Green

Therapist Jeremy Karpen works with abused and neglected children at the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, and volunteers additional time as a Partner Abuse Intervention Facilitator at the West Side Domestic Abuse Project. He is also a housing activist with the Logan Square Neighborhood Association and ranks affordable housing, equitable education funding, universal health care, and publicly funded mass transportation as his top legislative priorities. Karpen is a strong critic of patronage and nepotism, and pledges to fight for election and ethics reform in Springfield.

RACHEL SHATTUCK, 49th State Representative – Democratic

With a degree in international development, and stints with the Peace Corp and Cape Town’s Students’ Health and Welfare Centres Organisation, Rachel Shattuck brings an atypical and compelling perspective to solving community problems in Illinois. She maintains that change is possible, against all odds, and that it all starts with a small group of motivated people who are inspired to action. Her priorities would be to pass HB311, the Universal Health Care Act; enact a graduated income tax, with increased proceeds available to equalize funding for our schools; and develop renewable energy sources to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, while preserving Illinois’ natural resources.

KAY HATCHER, 50th State Representative - Republican

Marketing Director Kay Hatcher has over 20 years of local government experience, on the Oswego School Board, Kendall County Board, and as President of the Kendall County Forest Preserve. Her number one goal if elected to the legislature would be to fight for strong ethics reform. She also brings significant experience in transportation and education issues, and promises to make environmental protection and preservation of farmland top priorities. Hatcher supports family planning, comprehensive sex education and a woman's right to choose.

AMANDA HOWLAND, 51st State Representative - Democratic

Government reform is high on Amanda Howland's list of legislative priorities, and the attorney from Lake Zurich would target double-dipping by legislators and campaign contributions from government contractors as abuses to be eliminated. Rising property taxes are another of her concerns and she pledges to work for tax relief and to require developers of new neighborhoods to pay their fair share of the cost of schools, roads and emergency services. Noting that more than 1.8 million Illinois residents lack health insurance, with thousands more having inadequate insurance, Howland calls for reforms that will make health insurance more affordable and accessible.

MARK H. BEAUBIEN, JR., 52nd State Representative - Republican

Mark Beaubien is a true independent, following his own conscience, regardless of whether or not his opinions are in sync with those of his party or of any issue group. He is a stalwart supporter of civil liberties and civil rights, defends reproductive freedom and the rights of every person to be protected from discrimination. Beaubien also advocates fiscal responsibility and zero based budgeting, but with the caveat that it can not adversely affect point of service agencies. His is a desperately needed voice of moderation in an often bitterly partisan legislature and IVI-IPO recommends him heartily.

ELAINE NEKRITZ, State House 57th District – Democratic

Running for her first term in 2002, Elaine Nekritz promised to provide top quality constituent services to the residents of her district, and she has delivered. She also has contributed legislative leadership in the area of privacy protection, sponsoring legislation combating identity theft and abuse of information in the public domain. Nekritz is a leading advocate for inter-city passenger rail in Illinois and identifies three immediate needs to be addressed: improving track safety, updating equipment, and expanding service to other Illinois cities. She has been an independent, innovative thinker in the legislature and we heartily endorse her for re-election.

KATHLEEN A. RYG, State House 59th District – Democratic

Three term legislator Kathy Ryg has demonstrated an admirable commitment to bi-partisanship in the drafting and sponsorship of legislation. Her initiatives include expansion of public health care programs, consumer protection against identity theft, establishment of energy-efficiency standards, expediting state reimbursement to local governments, and granting property tax relief to persons with disabilities and owners of accessible housing. Ryg's legislative priorities for the coming session include increasing the availability and viability of public transportation and reforming school funding to ensure a quality, accessibly education for all children.

ROSEMARY E. MULLIGAN, State House 65th District – Republican

Rosemary Mulligan tackles tough statewide policy issues with great success; with budget expertise gained over 16 years and a valuable reputation for integrity, honesty and fearlessness. She has distinguished herself as a leader in human services appropriations, women's issues, health care, and early childhood education, and has served as a program chair for the Women's Economic Summit at the White House in the Clinton Administration and represented the United States under Clinton as a chair for Women's Business Summit in Great Britain and in Northern Ireland. Mulligan works well on both sides of the aisle and has been invaluable in promoting bi-partisan solutions to our state's problems.

EARL W. GODT II, State House 94th District – Democratic

Earl Godt, a college professor and McDonough County board member, has a lifetime of educational experience which has prepared him to tackle the most pressing issue facing the Illinois General Assembly – education reform. Providing practical solutions to real problems is what Earl Godt has taught and implemented his entire career, and he will apply his technical background to the challenges which face his constituents. He has the vision to see that a conversion to green technologies can be a win-win for Illinois, preventing further environmental damage on one hand, while creating “green collar” jobs in new industries on the other.

NAOMI D. JAKOBSSON, State House 103rd District – Democratic

Naomi Jakobsson's primary interests are education funding and affordable health care and she has been an outspoken advocate for both during four terms in the legislature. She has also sponsored legislation to protect patients' privacy rights, guard against consumer fraud, protect tenants' rights, recognize graduate research students as University employees, and eliminate the patronage-ridden General Assembly state scholarship awards. Jakobsson has worked on environmental issues as well, supporting legislation to expand recycling efforts, reduce mercury emissions, and protect Illinois' water supply and other natural resources.

PATTI J. HAHN, State House 107th District – Democratic

Marion County Treasurer Patti Hahn will fight for ethics reform and greater transparency in government if elected to this open seat in the November election. A former aide to Sen. Dick Durbin, Hahn is well versed in the issues and challenges facing Southern Illinois, and notes that the region has missed out on a lot of opportunities. Jobs in factories and with the railroads have disappeared, but new opportunities exist in clean coal technology and renewable energy. She will work to develop those industries in Southern Illinois and also to increase transportation availability to enable workers to access jobs throughout the region.

**JUDICIAL ENDORSEMENT**

PAMELA ELIZABETH LOZA, 12th Subcircuit (Devlin vacancy) – Democratic

ANN CATHERINE BRADY, 13th Subcircuit (Ryan vacancy) – Democratic

MARGARITA KULYS HOFFMAN, 13th Subcircuit (Tobin vacancy) – Republican

ANNA HELEN DEMACOPOULOS, 15th Subcircuit (“A” vacancy) – Democratic

Cook County Retention Judges – Appellate – Vote Yes

MICHAEL J. GALLAGHER

Cook County Retention Judges – Circuit – Vote Yes

EVELYN B. CLAY

THOMAS E. FLANNAGAN

JAMES P. FLANNERY, JR.

JOHN J. FLEMING

THEMIS N. KARNEZIS

KATHLEEN G. KENNEDY

THOMAS J. LIPSCOMB

MICHELE FRANCENE LOWRANCE

BARBARA A. MCDONALD

LEWIS MICHAEL NIXON

SEBASTIAN T. PATTI

JAMES L. RHODES

DAVID P. STERBA

KENNETH J. WADAS

GREGORY J. WOJKOWSKI

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION REFERENDUM – NO

IVI-IPO shares the opinion of law professor and former Con-Con delegate Dawn Clark Netsch that our current constitution is sound, modern, and meets our needs as a framework for government. Illinois has one of the strongest Bills Of Rights in the country and we would not want to see it tampered with for the sake of enacting governmental reforms that can be pursued through the existing amendment process. Many changes that have been suggested by Con-Con proponents don't even require an amendment, but can be achieved through legislation. The cause of reform would be better served if proponents would pool their efforts to lobby the legislature, or alternatively, expend the resources needed in running delegate campaigns for running campaigns to defeat those legislators blocking the reform agenda.