



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION

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Exercise Your Voice, Cast Your Vote

General Election Voter Guide for Illinois Supportive Housing Providers and Residents

Candidates for President, Congress, Illinois General Assembly and Numerous Local Offices Will Appear on the General Election Ballot

The results of the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election will determine not only the course of the United States, but also the composition of the Illinois General Assembly responsible for deciding how the state government raises tax revenue and allocates spending each year.

Across Illinois, approximately one-third of the state's 59 Senate seats and all 118 of its House seats are up in this election.

Candidates for judge, state's attorney, county board and other local offices across the state also will appear on the ballot. SHPA, on behalf of the supportive housing providers of Illinois, strongly encourages every eligible Illinoisan to vote in this general election.

Preview Candidate Choices by Locating Your Sample Ballot

Chicago: Visit chicagoelections.gov and click "Sample Ballots."

Suburban Cook: Visit cookcountyclerk.com, click "Elections" and then "Your Voter Information."

Other Jurisdictions: Visit the website of the local election authority, or call and ask how to view a sample ballot in advance of the general election (for directions to find this local contact info, see the red box on the following page).



Homeless Individuals Have the Right to Vote

State law makes clear: "A person experiencing homelessness has ... the right to vote, register to vote, and receive documentation necessary to prove identity for voting without discrimination due to his or her housing status."

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless has noted that as one form of ID necessary for an individual to register to vote in Illinois, "a homeless person can provide a letter from a drop-in center, shelter, or the person in whose home they are living doubled-up. The letter must confirm that the named person has permission to use their address for the purpose of registering to vote."

**Early Voting Begins Monday, Oct. 19; Or Vote by Mail
SHPA Encourages All Eligible Voters to Vote ASAP**

**If You Vote in Person, Please Protect Your Health: Wear a Mask,
Wash or Sanitize Your Hands, and Practice Social Distancing**



Election Authority Contacts

Chicago: 312-269-7900
chicagoelections.gov

Suburban Cook County: 312-603-0906
cookcountyclerk.com/agency/elections

Other Jurisdictions: Visit elections.il.gov, click "Information for Voters" and see "Election Authority Contact Information"

Find Your Polling Place and Early Voting Locations

Use the State Board of Elections polling place locator to find your Election Day polling place as well as locations where you may vote early.

Visit elections.il.gov, click "Polling Place Locator," enter your zip code, then enter your street number and name. The page should then display in a box the location of your Election Day polling place.

To view locations for early voting and grace period registration and voting, click the hyperlink appearing on that page below the box.

Vote by Mail

Return the Application to Obtain a Ballot; Return Ballot ASAP & No Later than Oct. 20

Under a new state law, local election authorities were required by Aug. 1 to mail or email a vote-by-mail ballot application to any person who voted in a recent election or who recently registered to vote or changed his or her registration address. A voter must return this application to receive the ballot.

Or to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot, visit elections.il.gov and click "Voting by Mail Application."

SHPA strongly encourages each voter choosing this option to return the mail ballot as soon as possible — and no later than Oct. 20.

If You're Not Already Registered to Vote, Please Do So Immediately

Registration Is Easy; Register Online, By Mail or In Person

If you have an Illinois driver's license or state ID, register online at ova.elections.il.gov through Sunday, Oct. 18. To register by mail, download an application from the website, then complete and return it.

Or register in person with a deputy registrar or certain other local or state government offices. If registering to vote in person, you must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address.

To learn about other ways to register to vote, visit the Cook County Clerk's Office (go to cookcountyclerk.com, click "Elections" and then "Register to Vote") or the State Board of Elections (go to elections.il.gov, click "Information for Voters" and under "Register to Vote" see the "Registering to Vote in Illinois."

Also at Stake: Fair Tax Amendment to Illinois Constitution

Voters in the general election will decide whether to amend the Illinois Constitution to allow the state to implement a graduated income tax structure to generate additional revenue to address the state's structural deficit, provide adequate funding to supportive housing services, and meet its obligations to all Illinoisans, especially vulnerable citizens.

SHPA supports adoption of the "Fair Tax Amendment." If this amendment to the state Constitution is approved, state officials anticipate that revenue will grow by more than \$1.27 billion during the second half of this fiscal year.