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2024 Voter Guide





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Metropolitan Family provides and mobilizes for the services needed to strengthen families and communities. Part mentor, part motivator, part advocate, since 1857 Metropolitan Family Services has been the engine of change that empowers Chicago-area families to reach their greatest potential and positively impact their communities.

Metropolitan is a certified State Civic Organization. We empower families through civic engagement. This voter guide is a one-stop resource to help you vote your values.

For more information on Metropolitan's advocacy work, please visit <https://www.metrofamily.org/get-involved/action-center>.



Are you registered?

Check your voter registration.
Register online through March 3.
Learn what you need to register.



How Do You Plan to Vote?



By mail: Apply for a ballot. Learn where and when to return your ballot



Early in person: Vote on your schedule. Find out where your early voting site is and when it is open.



Election day in person: Find your polling place.



What is on your ballot?

Get informed. See who and what is on the ballot in your area on the following pages.





REGISTERING TO VOTE

Visit the Illinois State Board of Elections, www.elections.il.gov, or scan this QR code to register, check your status, and find your voting location for election day.



Voting Requirements

- ✓ Must be a U.S. Citizen
- ✓ Must be at least 18 years of age by Election Day
- ✓ Must have been a resident of the precinct for at least 30 days before Election Day
- ✓ Must not claim the right to vote elsewhere
- ✓ Must not be in prison, serving time for a conviction, on Election Day
(returning citizens who have completed their sentences and who meet all other requirements listed above are eligible to vote in Illinois)



In case you forget...

You can also register in person on Election Day at your local voting site. Bring two forms of ID*, with at least one showing your current address. You must have lived in your precinct for at least 30 days prior to Election Day.

**No ID is required to vote in your home precinct on Election Day unless you are voting for the first time and registered by mail without verification.*

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In Illinois, **you still have the right to vote** if you were previously incarcerated or convicted of a felony.

Those with felony convictions may need to re-register upon release.



If you are awaiting trial in a county jail with more than 3 million residents, you can vote onsite, if not, you can vote by mail. If you were in custody for a non-felony, your right to vote is automatically restored upon release.



Illinois allows same-day registration but it is highly recommended to do so a month before Election Day.



To verify your status or to register to vote, visit www.elections.il.gov, or scan the QR code.



Where do I find information about voting for judges?

Every two years, voters go to the polls to elect new judges and decide whether to retain sitting judges.

Injustice Watch Judicial Election Guide



For a comprehensive, nonpartisan voter guide for each Cook County judicial election, visit <https://www.injusticewatch.org/topics/judges/judicial-elections/>



Illinois State Bar Association

The Illinois State Bar Association has judicial evaluations for every county in Illinois. Check them out at www.isba.org/judicialevaations





2024 Chicago Municipal Elections

What is on the ballot? vote YES or NO

A proposal to restructure the Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT), a one-time tax on properties when they are sold to create a substantial and legally dedicated revenue stream to provide permanent affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness.

Under the proposed ordinance, the RETT on property sale values below \$1 million will decrease, and the RETT on sale values of \$1 million and above will increase. The Bring Chicago Home ordinance will generate an estimated \$100 million in revenue annually for solutions to homelessness.

Amending the Real Estate Transfer Tax

"1) a real estate transfer tax decrease of 20% to establish a new transfer tax rate of \$3 for every \$500 of the transfer price, or fraction thereof, for that part of the transfer price under \$1,000,000 to be paid by the buyer of the real estate transferred unless the buyer is exempt from the tax solely by operation of state law, in which case the tax is to be paid by the seller; AND

(2) a real estate transfer tax increase of 166.67% to establish a new transfer tax rate of \$10 for every \$500 of the transfer price or fraction thereof, for that part of the transfer price between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 (inclusive) to be paid by the buyer of the real estate transferred unless the buyer is exempt from the tax solely by operation of state law, in which case the tax is to be paid by the seller; AND

(3) a real estate transfer tax increase of 300% to establish a new transfer tax rate of \$15 for every \$500 of the transfer price, or fraction thereof, for that part of the transfer price exceeding \$1,500,000 to be paid by the buyer of the real estate transferred unless the buyer is exempt from the tax solely by operation of state law, in which case the tax is to be paid by the seller? The current rate of the real estate transfer tax is \$3.75 per \$500 of the entire transfer price, or fraction thereof, and the revenue is used for general corporate purposes. The revenue from the increase (the difference between revenue generated under the increased rate and the current rate) is to be used for the purpose of addressing homelessness, including providing permanent affordable housing and the services necessary to obtain and maintain permanent housing in the City of Chicago?"

Ballot Language



How will this
proposal affect
me?

Visit
<https://harclab.com/bch/> to see
how the ballot
proposal will affect
your future
property purchase
in Chicago.

Are there more ballot proposals?



There may be more questions on your ballot depending on your Ward and Precinct.

- Visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f0DRize3gZD6Z8impHQyz-6c-L498qX_/view?usp=sharing to see the full list of City Ordinances.





2024 Chicago Municipal Elections



Primary Election Calendar

February 8, 2024 - First day of mailing for Vote By Mail ballots.

February 15, 2024 - First day of Early Voting in Chicago at the Board Supersite (191 N. Clark / Clark & Lake).

February 20, 2024 - Last day to register to vote by paper application, with the exception of Grace Period/Same Day Registration.

February 21, 2024 - Grace Period/Same Day Registration begins.

March 3, 2024 - Last day to register to vote by [online registration](#).

March 4, 2024 - First day of Early Voting in all 50 Wards in Chicago.

March 14, 2024 - Last day to apply to Vote By Mail for the March 19, 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

March 18, 2024 - Last day of Early Voting in Chicago. *All Early Voting sites will also be open on Election Day as Vote Centers.*

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

On Election Day from 6:00am to 7:00pm, a voter may cast a ballot at either their assigned precinct polling place or at any vote center within Chicago. *Same Day Registration is available at all precinct polling places and vote centers.*



Who is on the ballot?



Visit www.ballotready.org to research every name and measure on the ballot



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2024 Cook County Elections

What is on the ballot?

City, Village, Township, Park District, & Other Referenda

City of Berwyn, Nonpartisan Elections:

- “Shall Candidates for Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Aldermanic Candidates of Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the City of Berwyn be Elected in Nonpartisan Primary and General Consolidated Elections?”

.....➔ **Yes** or **No**

Village of Deer Park, Sales Tax:

- “Shall the corporate authorities of the Village of Deer Park be authorized to continue to levy, for a 4-year period, the Village’s temporary additional Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers’ Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax (which together are commonly referred to as “municipal sales tax”) at a rate of 1/2 of 1% of eligible sales for expenditures on municipal operations, expenditures on public infrastructure, or property tax relief?”

.....➔ **Yes** or **No**

Village of Kenilworth, Issue Bonds:

- “Shall the Village of Kenilworth, Cook County, Illinois, improve and enhance Kenilworth Beach and the surrounding lakefront area by renovating and repurposing the water plant for community purposes, improving shore protection and making other necessary improvements to Kenilworth Beach and issue its general obligation bonds to the amount of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof, said bonds bearing interest at not to exceed the rate of 6% per annum?”

.....➔ **Yes** or **No**

Are there more ballot proposals?



City, Village, Township, Park District, & Other Referenda:

- There are more Referenda questions on your ballot depending on your City, Village, Township, and Park District.
- [Click here to see the full list of Referendas.](#)
- <https://www.cookcountyclerk.kil.gov/elections/current-elections/view-all-referenda>





2024 Cook County Elections



Primary Election Calendar

Illinois Primary Election March 19, 2024

December 20: First day to apply for a vote by mail ballot.

February 8: First day to vote early at the office of the election authority.

First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to registered voters within the United States.

February 20: Last day for regular (paper) voter registration.

February 21–March 19: Grace period registration and voting at election authority and polling sites.

March 3: Last day for online voter registration. Grace period registration is available at election authority and early voting sites.

March 4: First day to vote early at permanent polling places.

March 14: Last day for election authority to receive vote by mail applications.

March 18: Last day for early voting.

Last day to apply in person at the election authority for a vote by mail ballot.

March 19: General Primary Election Day! Polls open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.



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2024 DuPage County Elections



What is on the ballot?

City, Village, Township, Park District, & Other Referenda

Village of Bolingbrook

- "Shall the Office of the Village Clerk for the Village of Bolingbrook be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Village Board of Trustees, rather than being elected, to be effective upon the expiration of the term of office held by the current Village Clerk?"

.....➔ **Yes or No**

Village of Roselle: Proposition To Become A Home Rule Unit

- "Shall the Village of Roselle, Cook, and DuPage Counties, Illinois, become a home rule unit?"

.....➔ **Yes or No**

Village of Bolingbrook

- "Should the Village of Winfield encourage the placement of electric vehicle charging stations in commercial areas of the Village?"

Village of Winfield

- "Should the Village of Winfield consider adopting environmental policies to help limit climate change even if such policies are more expensive to the Village and its residents?"
- "Should the Village of Winfield consider allowing an additional dwelling unit, commonly known as a coach house, on single-family properties where lot size allows?"

.....➔ **Yes or No**

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2024 DuPage County Elections



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Illinois Primary Election March 19, 2024

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Resources

Election Protection

Election Protection Hotlines

Have questions about voting? Call or text 866-OUR-VOTE to speak with a trained Election Protection volunteer.

ENGLISH 866-OUR-VOTE 866-687-8683

SPANISH 888-VE-Y-VOTA 888-839-8682

ASIAN LANGUAGES 888-API-VOTE 888-274-8683

ARABIC 844-YALLA-US 844-925-5287



Illinois State Board of Elections



312-814-6440



www.elections.il.gov



Cook County Board of Elections



312-603-5656



<https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/service-groups/voting-and-elections>



Early Voting

- <https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/voter-registration>



Voting by Mail

- <https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail>



Dropboxes

- <https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/vote-mail/mail-ballot-drop-box-locations>

Resources



DuPage County Board of Elections



630-407-6500



https://www.dupagecounty.gov/elected_officials/election_and_voter_information/



Early Voting

- https://www.dupagecounty.gov/elected_officials/election_and_voter_information/voting_information/early_voting_locations.php



Voting by Mail

- https://www.dupagecounty.gov/elected_officials/election_and_voter_information/voting_information/vote_by_mail.php



Dropboxes

- https://www.dupagecounty.gov/elected_officials/election_and_voter_information/voting_information/vote_by_mail.php



City of Chicago Board of Elections



312-269-7900



<https://chicagoelections.gov/en/home.html>



Early Voting

- <https://chicagoelections.gov/en/early-voting.html>



Voting by Mail

- <https://chicagoelections.gov/voting/vote-mail>



Dropboxes

- <https://chicagoelections.gov/voting/drop-boxes>