

Republicans, Democrats seek to serve in Springfield

Illinois House 47th District



Who is Jim Caffrey
Democrat Jim Caffrey of Elmhurst works in sales, marketing and business analysis and has served as a Democratic precinct committeeman.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University

of Michigan and an MBA from Boston University,

Why are you running for office?

Caffrey wants to serve the public and to improve and enrich the lives of citizens. He's deeply concerned about Illinois' financial crisis and the absence of the political will to fix the situation. He believes he possesses the necessary skills to make a positive impact on the district in Springfield.

Where does he stand on the issues?

Ken Knutson excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit jimcaffrey.org.

Budget crisis

- prioritize \$7 billion in unpaid bills, find solutions to the unfunded pension liability
- pay back overdue bills during the next three to five years by making it a line item in the general fund
- re-amortize pension debt by paying a level amount each year

Property tax freeze

- property tax rates are too high, it's a regressive tax, and it's driving people out of the state
- freeze is shortsighted because it doesn't address the state underfunding public education
- consolidating local governments and having the state pay a significantly larger share of education costs would be more effective

Top three priorities

- selecting a new Speaker of the House
- creating fairer, more competitive legislative maps with a bi-partisan, independent commission
- getting the state's financial house in order through more innovative and efficient spending methods



Who is Deanne Mazzochi?

Republican Deanne Mazzochi of Elmhurst is an attorney and former chairman of the College of DuPage Board of Trustees.

She holds a bachelor's degree in political science and chemistry from

Boston University and a law degree from the George Washington University.

Why are you running for office?

Serving as chair of the College of DuPage Board showed Mazzochi her how hard decisions can have long-term rewards. As state representative, she wants to bring a fresh pair of eyes to help deliver positive results for the district and ensure the government and its spending priorities align with residents' values.

Where does she stand on the issues?

Ken Knutson excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit votemazzochi.com.

Budget crisis

- adopt a multi-faceted approach to solving the budget crisis, with strong spending oversight and realistic funding assessments
- freeze discretionary spending, pay down the state's backlog of bills and direct any excess revenue to paying down pension debt
- apply best practices of the IMRF and nationwide Government Standards Accounting Board to state pension funds

Property tax freeze

- residents need more control over how, when and why their property taxes are assessed and spent
- freeze is a great start to delivering relief, but must be coupled with structural reforms to state spending and pension system to provide lasting relief

Top three priorities

- control spending to start cleaning up Illinois' budget messes
- property tax reform that helps how education is funded
- government reforms to reduce corruption and restore competency and local control

Illinois Senate 24th District



Who is Suzanne Glowiak?

Democrat Suzanne "Suzy" Glowiak is a mom, engineer and volunteer who has lived in the western suburbs for 25 years. She served for two years as a recreation commissioner and eight years as a trustee

in the village of Western Springs.

She has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a master's degree in manufacturing engineering from Northwestern University. She manages an engineering consulting firm in Oak Brook.

Why is she running?

Glowiak said she is disgusted with national politics and everyday attacks on women, minorities and working people because of the Trump administration.

"I want to be an advocate for these groups and find common ground to move our state forward," she said.

She also is passionate about health care and improving the state's health care system.

Where does she stand on the issues?

Pamela Lannom excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information visit suzyforsenate.com.

State budget crisis

- make pension payments on time to avoid interest and late fees
- review tax structure to close corporate loopholes
- consolidate government agencies to reduce costs

Property tax freeze

- believes freeze would not go far enough
- supports comprehensive reform so property taxes are not primary source of funding for so many taxing bodies
- wants to expand senior homestead exemption in DuPage

Three priorities

- government consolidation
- health care
- the environment



Who is Chris Nybo?

Republican Chris Nybo served in the Illinois House from 2011-13 and joined the Illinois Senate in 2014.

Born in Elmhurst, he is a lifelong resident of the western suburbs. He has served on the Elmhurst City Council and

is an active supporter for the Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities and other organizations.

He graduated from Dartmouth College and the University of Chicago Law School and is a principal at Much Shelist. He and his wife have three children.

Why is he running?

He believes Democratic House Speaker Mike Madigan is ruining the state and that the legislature needs more individuals who will stand up to him.

"I have always opposed Mike Madigan, but electing more Democrats like Suzy Glowiak would help him get more power to raise property taxes and income taxes," he said.

Where does he stand on the issues?

Pamela Lannom excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire and the candidate's website, chrisnybo.com.

State budget crisis

- 2019 budget is a product of bipartisan compromise that satisfies state's need for spending cuts and prioritizes funding for key programs
- budget does not impose increases on hardworking taxpayers
- reforms still need to stimulate economy

Property tax freeze

- property taxes are crushing families, especially seniors
- supports a freeze

Top three priorities

- ensuring property tax relief for middle class families
- standing up to Mike Madigan and corruption
- opposing any efforts to raise income taxes