

## Four seek two seats serving DPC Board District 2



### Who is Liz Chaplin?

The Downers Grove Democrat was elected to the county board in 2012 after serving on the DuPage Water Commission from 2002-10.

She is past president of Citizens Advisory Group

as well as Midwest Ballet Theatre and served as second vice president of the Indian Trail School PTA.

### Why is she running?

She would like to continue advocating on behalf of citizens, challenging lucrative benefits for elected officials and lucrative contracts for insiders and advocating for public safety, quality infrastructure and human services.

"When tax dollars are spent lining the pockets of those connected with the insider elite, the government cannot afford to do what needs to be done," she said.

### Where does she stand on the issues?

Pamela Lannom excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit [lizchaplin.com](http://lizchaplin.com).

### County spending

- cutting 10 percent of Human Services Grant Fund, DuPage Care Center and storm-water management while elected officials enrich themselves is not a good use of tax dollars

- DuPage has highest paid countywide elected officials in the state who also receive vehicles, pensions and health care for themselves and families

### Opioid epidemic

- county's heroin/opioid task force is a good start

- identify problems that lead to addiction, prevent future users with education, be prepared to commit resources to fight the epidemic

### Top three priorities

- make clean air and water a priority
- make sure the county uses RTA tax to fund roads and public transit
- work to ensure a vision for the future that will attract new businesses and corporations



### Who is Peter DiCianni?

The Elmhurst

Republican was elected to the county board in 2012. He is the former mayor of Elmhurst and a member of the Illinois Autism Task Force. He also has served in many volunteer posi-

tions.

President and CEO of DiCianni Graphics, he has a bachelor's in business management from Elmhurst College and is a graduate of the Leadership in County Government program at the University of Illinois School of Leadership.

### Why is he running?

As a sitting county board member, the safety and high quality of life in DuPage are most important to him.

"I will also continue to foster vital business development and create jobs for our residents, as well as be a strong voice for those most vulnerable, like our seniors, the mentally ill and those with special needs," he said.

### Where does he stand on the issues?

Pamela Lannom excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit [pete4dupage.com](http://pete4dupage.com)

### County spending

- board has been prudent with taxpayer money
- economic development push has generated more revenues and jobs, avoided the need to raise property taxes

### Opioid epidemic

- launch a multi-pronged attack focused on education, law enforcement, prosecution and recovery

- educate children and parents on the danger of heroin and opioids and the need to properly dispose of prescription medication
- add more county police officers to target drugs and gangs

### Top three priorities

- protect the quality of life for District 2 residents
- lower taxes, economic development and investment in the future
- intergovernmental cooperation and cost reduction



### Who is Arlene Kendroski?

The Downers Grove Democrat is a retired elementary school teacher who holds a bachelor's in elementary education from the University of Arizona and a master's in

curriculum and instruction from Northern Illinois University.

She is a volunteer with People's Resource Center, secretary of the Lisle Township Democratic Organization and a leader of the Candidate Recruitment DuPage Democratic Organization.

### Why is she running?

After attending meetings for more than a year, she is interested in seeing more diversity on the board, which is made up of 17 Republicans and one Democrat and is mostly male. She would like to see more rigorous discussion during meetings.

### Where does she stand on the issues?

Pamela Lannom excerpted the following bullet points and obtained the above information from an online candidate profile published by the Daily Herald. Kendroski did not respond to requests for information.

### County spending

- do away with highly paid lobbyists
- require verifiable documentation for pensions, health insurance and car allowances for county board members

### Opioid epidemic

- no information available

### Top priorities

- county board should reflect the makeup of the county and represent all population groups
- one meeting a month should be held at night and two times for questions and comments should be offered during meetings to encourage greater participation



### Who is Steve Nero?

The Westmont Republican is director of business development at Safebuilt.

He is serving his second term on the Westmont Village Board. He is a York Township committeeman,

a Westmont Knights of Columbus member and a DuPage County Sweep volunteer.

He has a bachelor's in business administration and political science from Elmhurst College and a master's in public administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

### Why is he running?

Nero said he wants to bring his public service and business experience to the county board budgeting process, with a focus on consolidation, intergovernmental agreements and sharing resources between taxing bodies.

He said he is the only Republican candidate declining the pension and health care that come with the position.

"This ties directly to the most important issues in this race, respecting the taxpayer," he said.

### Where does he stand on the issues?

Pamela Lannom excerpted the following bullet points from a questionnaire. For more information, visit [nerofordupage.com](http://nerofordupage.com).

### County spending

- increase local government engagement by educating local government leaders on consolidation and ways to share resources
- develop measurable criteria including quantifying the actual financial savings and service level impacts

### Opioid epidemic

- secure grants and prioritize funding
- work with local first responders to ensure proper training and equipment is being utilized
- partner with educational institutions and implement a robust proactive approach to educating students as well as parents/guardians

### Top three priorities

- respecting the taxpayer
- ensuring public safety is top priority
- maintaining and improving infrastructure