

# Six seeking three seats on county board

## DuPage County Board District 3 - Republicans

### Who is Greg Abbott?



Abbott is a Woodridge resident who holds bachelor's and JD

degrees from the University of Notre Dame and has served as a village trustee since 2011. He is a school board member at Our Lady of Peace in Darien and has coached basketball and baseball.

### Why is he running?

Crime is increasing and is expected to continue to do so with the SAFE-T Act. Many residents now feel unsafe. He will make sure the sheriff and state's attorney's offices have the resources and support they need to meet upcoming challenges and keep community safe.

### Most important issue

Crime. It will likely get worse, as new laws will make it harder to keep dangerous people in jail pending trial.

### Steps to address it

Ensure the sheriff and state's attorney have the additional funding they need to deal with the new rules of the SAFE-T Act to keep residents safe.

### Other top priorities

Pledges to hold the line on property taxes. Board must make sure county delivers needed services in fiscally responsible way. While he has been a Woodridge trustee, the village board has kept property tax levy flat and eliminated the water utility tax.

### Who is Kari Galassi?



Galassi is a Hinsdale mom and volunteer who has a bachelor's in account-

ing from Indiana University. She has served on the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation Board and is one of the lead fundraisers for NICU renovation. She was president of the D86 Vote Yes referendum campaign, is on the boards of the Central football and boys lacrosse programs and has led other volunteer initiatives.

### Why is she running?

She has been looking for ways to be a source for good in the county since moving here. She believes fully supporting the sheriff's and state's attorney's offices is necessary to defeat crime. She plans to join the HOPE task force to get involved with opioid and fentanyl crisis. Her accounting/finance expertise will be an asset to the board.

### Most important issue

Crime. Carjackings are up 300 percent, unlawful use of weapons charges up 100 percent. Hinsdale has been hit with crime many times over past year. After Jan. 1, SAFE-T Act will cause a further increase in crime. Chicago is a very dangerous city; DuPage County must not follow suit.

### Steps to address it

Continue to fully fund state's attorney and sheriff's offices. Pass a board resolution calling for SAFE-T Act to be overturned to send a message to Springfield legislators.

### Other top priorities

- fiscal responsibility — maintain a balanced budget without raising taxes while looking to improve efficiency
- mental health support — including building an intake facility for patients
- reach across the aisle to work as a cohesive board

### Who is Brian Krajewski?



Krajewski is a current county board member and former Downers Grove

mayor. An attorney and CPA, he has a bachelor's in accounting from Benedictine College and a JD and LLM from the John Marshall Law School. He is a Downers Grove Rotary Club member, a Faith Hope & Charity for Animals board member and former St. Mary of Gostyn girls basketball coach.

### Why is he running?

He seeks re-election to ensure the county is a place where families feel safe to raise their children, businesses want to grow and develop, and law enforcement officials have sufficient resources. He stands for government transparency, economic development and fiscal responsibility.

### Most important issue

Addressing crime and safety by equipping county law enforcement with adequate resources to deal with past increases in crime and those anticipated after SAFE-T Act goes into effect. Over half of felonies in DuPage are committed by nonresidents who soon will see a decline in consequences due to cash bail being eliminated.

### Steps to address it

Will continue to advocate for funding to enhance sheriff's and other law enforcement entities' capacities to respond effectively to crimes and work to prevent them. Plans to encourage residents to pressure Springfield legislators to overturn SAFE-T Act.

### Other top priorities

- food insecurity — wants to allocate \$5 million in ARPA funds to support 46 food pantries in DuPage
- tax burden — will continue to vote against raising property taxes and work to attract more businesses and tourists to DuPage to lower resident's taxes

### Who is Lucy Chang Evans?



Evans, a Naperville resident, is civil engineer with a bachelor's from USC who is

working on her MBA at the University of Illinois. She is a member/volunteer with the Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force and Naperville Jaycees and a Scarce Sustainable Design Challenge judge. She ran unsuccessfully for city council in 2021.

### Why is she running?

A 16-year county resident and former DuPage County Stormwater Management Department employee, she wants to ensure the county is a great place to live, work and play for generations to come. She would bring business, engineering, public services and family perspectives to the county board.

### Most important issue

Inflation. Even though county had \$40 million surplus last fiscal year, cost of operations (labor, fuel, materials) has increased and could put future budgets in jeopardy. If expenses exceed funds, will have to look at cost-cutting measures, revenue streams and funding sources.

### Steps to address it

Consolidate resources across departments to reduce costs and increase efficiencies in IT, staffing and equipment usage. Maintain and grow county's diversified mix of businesses to increase sales tax revenues and keep property values healthy/property tax revenues stable. Apply for federal funds from new infrastructure bill passed by Congress.

### Other top priorities

Aging infrastructure. Plan for future when replacing infrastructure. Design or retrofit stormwater facilities for higher capacity due to higher projected rainfall. Ensure new housing and commercial developments are EV ready for transition to electric vehicles. Use climate-resilient materials to replace pavement.

## DuPage County Board District 3 - Democrats

### Who is Amanda Roudebush?



Roudebush of Hinsdale is a consultant, professor and educator who is completing her

doctorate in education (ABD) at Loyola University Chicago. She co-founded After the March in 2017. Her community service includes PADS in Kane County, Social Justice Research Fellowship faculty mentor, Vote 2018 Electoral Simulation Regional Caucus facilitator and many more.

### Why is she running?

Running for office has been a professional goal and she was asked to run. Her 11 years in public schools and years of service to the community and Loyola University illustrates her commitment to serving others.

### Most important issue

Public safety. The idea that Democrats do not support law enforcement is not true. The Democratic majority on the county board has delivered an incredible amount of support and funding for law enforcement, in part through programs like MERIT and license plate readers.

### Steps to address it

Supports county board initiative to fund a crime portal, a live, real-time resource that allows residents and police agencies to monitor calls for service. Believes gun safety measures are necessary and supports recently passed resolution to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, require safe storage and reform FOID. Would also explore other options like gun buy-back programs and ways to ensure red flags laws are utilized to get guns out of the wrong hands.

### Other top priorities

Accessibility and transparency for elected officials and government in general. Hopes to enhance communication with residents and engage them through outreach. One issue that can be addressed through enhanced education is gun safety.

### Who is Rosemary Spann?



Spann is a 29-year Naperville resident and the owner of a corpo-

rate meeting management services company who holds a bachelor's in hospitality management from Roosevelt University. She served on the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce Board from 2017-21.

### Why is she running?

She was asked to run, and after a 13-year career as a meeting planner with McDonald's Corp. and owning a small business for 17 years, she wanted to give back to her community and the other 10 in District 3.

### Most important issue

Aging infrastructure, including roads, bridges, streets, aging water main lines, flood water control and disaster preparedness. Last year her community and homes were hit by tornado, and some neighbors are still dealing with insurance company payment issues and can't use backyards due to glass and debris.

### Steps to address it

Wants to work on county board committees that address these issues, such as stormwater management, transportation and environmental committee and others.

### Other top priorities

With the "collective trauma" of COVID, wants to work to increase mental health awareness, education and services throughout the county. Wants getting a mental health checkup to be as normal as getting a physical checkup.