

WINDY CITY TIMES

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## Statewide, and State Legislature

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The candidates for 59 Senate and 118 House districts, in addition to all statewide candidates, were sent the Windy City Times questionnaires. Only a handful of suburban and downstate legislators bothered to respond. But other progressive and gay-rights organizations also take a close look at these campaigns, and we have listed the endorsements for a variety of organizations.

Democrats feel this is the year that more than 24 years of Republican rule in Illinois could be brought to an end. The state Senate is expected to be captured by Democrats, and the state House is expected to maintain its Democratic control.

But it is the statewide races that are the most wide-open in years.

Democratic candidate for governor Rod Blagojevich has a 100% rating on gay and choice issues as a U.S. Congressman, and he has the backing of progressive groups in the state. His opponent, Republican Attorney General Jim Ryan, has backed off on previous support for gay rights, and he even ran attack ads downstate against Blagojevich claiming the Democrat favors gay marriage [he does not, but he does support domestic-partnership].

Democratic Lt. Gov. candidate Pat Quinn is solidly pro-gay and pro-choice.

For Attorney General, Sen. Lisa



FROM LEFT: Cook County Commissioner Bobbie Steele, Lisa Madigan and Tom Dart at the Personal PAC luncheon Oct. 23. Photo by Tracy Baim

Madigan faces Republican Joe Birkett in a race with lots of money and tough talking.

Incumbent Secretary of State Jesse White is given a solid chance of re-election, as is Comptroller Dan Hynes.

The other statewide race causing much debate is for Treasurer. Incumbent Republican Judy Baar Topinka has solid support from conservatives and progressives, and she is the statewide Republican with the best chance of winning Nov. 5. Her opponent, state Rep. Tom Dart, also has a lot of progressive and gay support.

[Interviews with Topinka and Dart appeared in the Oct. 23 Windy City Times, see [www.WindyCityTimes.com](http://www.WindyCityTimes.com).]

[See Madigan and Blagojevich interviews this issue.]

### LEGEND FOR CHARTS:

N/A = Not available, meaning either not rated or not recommended; a "Yes" is the only solid endorsement, other groups rate based on voting records or responses to questionnaires.

WCT = Windy City Times questions, based on possible 16 correct answers (16/16 is perfect score)

Equality = Equality Illinois, the state's largest gay-rights PAC

Pers.PAC = Personal PAC, the state's largest pro-choice political action committee

AFC = AIDS Foundation of Chicago (100% is perfect score) (They did not rate state Senate & House candidates)

NOW = Illinois National Organization for Women PAC

AFLCIO = American Federation of Labor: when there is a percentage after "Yes" that is their recent voting record on AFLCIO-related labor legislation

IVI-IPO = Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization

### STATEWIDE RACES

.....WCT (16) .....Equality .....Pers. PAC .....IL. NOW .....AFLCIO .....IVI IPO .....AFC

#### GOVERNOR

Rod Blagojevich (D) .....14/16.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....100%  
Blagojevich also has a 100% HRC and NARAL voting record in Congress

Jim Ryan (R) .....N/A

#### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Carl Hawkinson (R) .....N/A

Pat Quinn (D) .....15/16.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....82%

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Joe Birkett (R) .....N/A.....73%

Lisa Madigan (D) .....15/16.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....100%

#### SECRETARY OF STATE

Jesse White (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....73%

Kris Cohn (R) .....N/A.....55%

#### COMPTROLLER

Dan Hynes (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes

Thomas Ramsdell (R) .....N/A

#### TREASURER

Judy Baar Topinka (R) .....12/16.....Yes .....73%

Thomas Dart (D) .....15/16.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....91%

## ILLINOIS HOUSE AND SENATE

.....WCT (16).....Equality .....Pers. PAC .....IL. NOW .....AFLCIO .....IVI .....AFC

### STATE SENATE

#### First District

Antonio Munoz (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes

#### Second District

Miguel Del Valle (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes

#### Third District

Margaret Smith (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes/93%

#### Fourth District

Kimberly Lightford (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes/92%

Robert Dallas (R) .....73%

#### Fifth District

Rickey Hendon (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes/100%

#### Sixth District

John Cullerton (D) .....16/16.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....100%

#### Seventh District

Carol Ronen (D) .....16/16.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....100%

#### Eighth District

Ira Silverstein (D) .....13/16.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....64%

Joseph Hedrick (R) .....55%

#### Ninth District

Jeffrey Schoenberg (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes

#### 10th District

James DeLeo (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes

#### 11th District

Louis Viverito (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes

#### 12th District

Martin Sandoval (D) .....12/16 .....Yes

#### 13th District

Barack Obama (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....100%

#### 14th District

Emil Jones (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....55%

#### 15th District

William Shaw (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes

#### 16th District

Jacqueline Collins (D) .....N/A .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....100%

Robert Pettis (R) .....82%

.....WCT (16).....Equality .....Pers. PAC .....IL. NOW .....AFLCIO .....IVI .....AFC

#### 17th District

Donne Trotter (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes/89%

Marianne Mohler (R)

#### 18th District

Edward Maloney (D) .....N/A .....Yes

Frank Bertucci (R)

#### 19th District

Maggie Crotty (D) .....N/A .....Yes

Brian Younker (R)

#### 20th District

Iris Martinez (D) .....N/A .....Yes .....Yes

#### 21st District

Dan Cronin (R) .....N/A

#### 22nd District

Steve Rauschenberger (R) .....N/A.....Yes .....82%

Robert Steffen (D) .....N/A .....Yes

#### 23rd District

James "Pate" Philip (R) .....N/A

#### 24th District

Kirk Dillard (R) .....N/A .....55%

Michael Kuper (D)

#### 25th District

Chris Lauzen (R) .....N/A

#### 26th District

William Peterson (R) .....N/A .....45%

John Nickels (L)

#### 27th District

Wendell Jones (R) .....N/A

Michael Harry Minton (D) .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....82%

#### 28th District

Doris Karpel (R) .....N/A

John Ryvold (D)

#### 29th District

Kathleen Parker (R) .....N/A

Susan Garrett (D) .....14/16.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes/63% .....Yes .....100%

#### 30th District

Terry Link (D) .....N/A.....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....Yes .....73%

Charles Fitzgerald (R)

#### 31st District

Adeline Geokaris (R) .....N/A .....64%

Glenn Ryback (D) .....82%