

Election 2012

Welcome to the 2012 Windy City Times General Election Guide.

Many of the races have already been decided locally—although there are a few tight ones still up for grabs (such as the Congressional races between Tammy Duckworth and Joe Walsh; Bill Foster and Judy Biggert; and Robert Dold and Brad Schneider).

This week's issue features our Guide to the Gays, which lists LGBT candidates. There are several still in the running for everything from judicial posts to Metropolitan Water Reclamation commissioner.

Of course, the battle getting the most exposure is the race between President Barack Obama and GOP challenger Mitt Romney (as well as their respective vice-presidential running mates, Joe Biden and Paul Ryan). Ryan is a current member of the U.S. House, and the latest Human Rights Campaign scorecard (for the 112th Congress) gave him a score of zero. (When Obama was a U.S. senator, his scores in the 109th and 110th sessions were 89 and 94, respectively.)

As always, there are political charts that show recommendations and endorsements from various organizations and associations as well as candidates' scores on our questionnaire. (Windy City Times does not endorse any candidates.)

Lastly, please do not forget to vote; everyone's voice deserves to be heard. And please feel free to take our charts into the voting booth with you.

Also, don't forget that early voting ends Nov. 3. Voting locations and hours are listed at www.cookcountyclerk.com. In Chicago, visit www.chicagoelections.com for sites and times.

People who vote early must vote in person.

COOK COUNTY RACES

WCT = Windy City Times questions, number listed is of the total questions correct for that race

IVI = Independent Voters of Illinois/Independent Precinct Organization

PPAC = Personal PAC

EI = Equality Illinois

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In addition, the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund endorses Debra Shore for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

	WCT	IVI	PPAC	EI
COOK COUNTY CLERK				
Dorothy A. Brown (D)	11/12	Y	Y	
Diane S. Shapiro (R)				
RECORDER OF DEEDS				
Karen Yarbrough (D)	9/9	Y	Y	Y
Sherri Griffith (R)				
STATE'S ATTORNEY				
Anita Alvarez (D)			Y	Y
Lori S. Yokoyama (R)				
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT				
Debra Shore (D)	6/6	Y	Y	Y
Kari Steele (D)		Y	Y	
Patrick Daley Thompson (D)	6/6			
Harold "Noonie" Ward (R)				
Carl Segvich (R)				
Dave Ehrlich (G)				
Karen Roothaan (G)	6/6			
Nasrin R. Khalili (G)				

US CONGRESS RACES

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HRC = Human Rights Campaign 112th Congress, ratings are a percentage of total 100% based on HRC tracking of how candidates voted in the 112th Congress

PP = Planned Parenthood

LCR = Log Cabin Republicans

NOW = NOW PAC

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	WCT	IVI	HRC	PP	LCR	NOW
1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Bobby L. Rush (D)			94	Y		
Donald E. Peloquin (R)						
2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. (D)			100	Y		
Brian Woodworth (R)						
Marcus Lewis (I)						
3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Daniel William Lipinski (D)			30			
Richard L. Grabowski (R)						

	WCT	IVI	HRC	PP	LCR	NOW
4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Luis V. Gutierrez (D)			100	Y		
Hector Concepcion (R)						
5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Mike Quigley (D)	19/19		100	Y		
Dan Schmitt (R)						
Nancy Wade (G)						
6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Leslie Coolidge (D)	17/19		0	Y		Y
Peter J. Roskam (R)						
7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Danny K. Davis (D)	18/19		88	Y		
Rita Zak (R)						
John H. Monaghan (I)						
8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Tammy Duckworth (D)			0	Y		Y
Joe Walsh (R)						
9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Janice D. Schakowsky (D)	19/19	Y	100	Y		
Timothy Wolfe (R)						
10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Brad Schneider (D)						
Robert Dold (R)			35		Y	
11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Bill Foster (D)						
Judy Biggert (R)			70		Y	
12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
William L. Enyart (D)						
Jason Plummer (R)						
Paula Bradshaw (G)						
13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
David M. Gill (D)		Y		Y		Y
Rodney Davis (R)						
John Hartman (I)						
14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Dennis Anderson (D)		Y				
Randy M. Hultgren (R)			0			
15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Angela Michael (D)			0			
John M. Shimkus (R)						
16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Wanda Rohl (D)			0			
Adam Kinzinger (R)						
17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Cheri Bustos (D)			0	Y		Y
Bobby Schilling (R)						
18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT						
Steve Waterworth (D)			0			
Aaron Schock (R)						

ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RACES

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EQIL = Equality Illinois PAC

PP = Planned Parenthood

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	WCT	IVI	PPAC	EI	PP
1ST SENATE DISTRICT					
Antonio "Tony" Munoz (D)			Y	Y	
2ND SENATE DISTRICT					
William "Willie" Delgado (D)			Y	Y	Y
3RD SENATE DISTRICT					
Mattie Hunter (D)			Y	Y	Y
4TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Kimberly A. Lightford (D)			Y	Y	Y
5TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Patricia Van Pelt Watkins (D)			Y		
6TH SENATE DISTRICT					
John J. Cullerton (D)		Y	Y	Y	

	WCT	IVI	PPAC	EI	PP
7TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Heather Steans (D)			Y	Y	Y
8TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Ira I. Silverstein (D)			Y		Y
9TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Daniel Biss (D)			Y	Y	Y
Glenn Farkas (R)					
10TH SENATE DISTRICT					
John G. Mulroe (D)			Y	Y	Y
11TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Martin A. Sandoval (D)			Y	Y	Y
12TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Steven Landek (D)					
13TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Kwame Raoul (D)			Y	Y	Y
14TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Emil Jones III (D)			Y	Y	Y
16TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Jacqueline "Jacqui" Collins (D)			Y	Y	
17TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Donne E. Trotter (D)			Y	Y	Y
19TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Michael E. Hastings (D)			Y		Y
Edgar Montalvo (R)					
20TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Iris Y. Martinez (D)			Y	Y	Y
22ND SENATE DISTRICT					
Michael Noland (D)		Y	Y	Y	Y
Cary Collins (R)					
23RD SENATE DISTRICT					
Thomas E. Cullerton (D)			Y	Y	Y
Carole Pankau (R)					
25TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Corinne M. Pierog (D)	16/17	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Oberweis (R)					
26TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Amanda Howland (D)	17/17	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dan Duffy (R)					
27TH SENATE DISTRICT					
David R. Page (D)			Y	Y	Y
Matt Murphy (R)					
28TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Daniel W. Kotowski (D)			Y	Y	Y
Jim O'Donnell (R)					
29TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Julie A. Morrison (D)			Y	Y	Y
Arie Friedman (R)					
30TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Terry Link (D)			Y	Y	Y
Don Castella (R)					
31ST SENATE DISTRICT					
Melinda (Willen) Bush (D)			Y	Y	Y
Joe Neal (R)					
34TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Steven "Steve" Stadelman (D)			Y		Y
Frank M. Gambino (R)					
36TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Mike Jacobs (D)			Y	Y	Y
Bill Albracht (R)					
38TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Christine Benson (D)			Y		Y
Sue Rezin (R)					
39TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Don Harmon (D)			Y	Y	Y
40TH SENATE DISTRICT					
Toi W. Hutchinson (D)			Y	Y	Y
Joseph C. "Tuck" Marshall (R)					
42ND SENATE DISTRICT					
Linda Holmes (D)			Y	Y	Y
Peter Hurtado (R)					
43RD SENATE DISTRICT					
Pat McGuire (D)			Y		
Sandi Johnson (R)					
46TH SENATE DISTRICT					
David Koehler (D)			Y	Y	Y
Pat Sullivan (R)					