ILLINOIS
2016
VOTER GUIDE

A YALLA VOTE 2016 STATE VOTER GUIDE
In November, Illinois will be voting for several seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, in addition to the President of the United States. The Arab American community of Illinois is the seventh-largest in the nation. The number of Illinoians who claim an Arab ancestry has more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1980. Arab Americans in Illinois reside in 82 of the 102 counties in the state, with the greatest number of Arab Americans living in Cook County. The largest component of the Arab American community in the state has Palestinian or Assyrian/Chaldean roots and the largest number of new Arab immigrants to Illinois came from Iraq, Jordan, and Syria.

Out of Illinois’s 18 Congressional districts, 8 are Republican held and 10 are Democratic held. Notably, Rep. Tammy Duckworth of District 8 is leaving her seat in the House of Representatives to challenge Senator Mark Kirk for his seat in the Senate. Her House seat is being contested by Democrat Raja Krishnamoorthi and Republican Peter DiCianni.

A few seats will remain unchallenged, including District 4 represented by Congressman Luis Gutierrez, District 15 held by John Shimkus, and District 16 held by Adam Kinzinger. Two districts will have Green Party challengers in addition to Republican and Democratic candidates. Rob Sherman will represent the Green Party in the race for District 5, while Paula Bradshaw will contest for District 12.

Senator Dick Durbin will be up for reelection in 2020, and Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner will be up for reelection in 2018.

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ARAB AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS

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POPULATION BY COUNTY (2013)

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*Research by AAI and Zogby International suggest that the number above is likely significantly lower than the actual number of Arab Americans in the state. The American Community Survey identifies only a portion of the Arab population through a question on “ancestry.” Reasons for the undercount include the placement of and limit of the ancestry question (as distinct from race and ethnicity); the effect of the sample methodology on small, unevenly distributed ethnic groups; high levels of out-marriage among the third and fourth generations; and distrust/misunderstanding of government surveys among recent immigrants.

GENERAL ELECTION

General Election Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Polls OPEN at 6 AM and CLOSE at 7 PM

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DEADLINES

Voter Registration: October 11, 2016
Absentee Application: September 29 - November 7, 2016
Grace Period Registration/Voting: October 12 - November 8, 2016
Absentee Registration/Voting: August 10th - November 7, 2016.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Online
You may register to vote online and year-round except 28 days prior to election day. You may also check if you are already registered to vote.

In-Person
Registration applications must be turned in by October 4, 2016. Illinois also has a grace period for late registrations or voter information updates. The grace period begins October 5, 2016. Any person who registers during the grace period can choose to vote early in-person on the same day of registration. Vote by mail is not available for individuals who register during the grace period. Designated registration and polling places can be found online.

You may register to vote or turn in a complete registration form at any of the following locations:

• County Clerk’s Office
• Board of Election Commissioner’s Office
• City and Village Offices
• Schools
• Public Libraries
• Military Recruitment Offices

To find your specific registration and polling location you may go online to the Illinois State Board of Elections website.

If a voter registers in person, they must bring two forms of identification, including at least one demonstrating their current residence address.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

• An Illinois state driver’s license
• Social Security card
• Public aid ID card
• Employee/student ID card
• Utility bill
• Bank statement
• Paycheck

Mail
Voters may register by mailing in an application to your local County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners by October 11, 2016. If you register by mail and do not have a driver’s license or social security number, and you have never registered to vote in the jurisdiction you are now registering in, then you must send, with your application, any of the forms of identification listed above. If you do not provide the information required with your registration application, then you will have to provide election officials with any form of identification listed above the first time you vote at a polling place or by absentee ballot.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Anyone may request an absentee ballot, without any specific reason for doing so. A voter must be registered before applying to vote absentee. Absentee registration begins August 10, 2016 and the application must be mailed to your local County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners by November 3, 2016. The application can also be handed in-person by November 7, 2016 to the same elections authorities. Once a voter receives a ballot by mail, the ballot may be mailed back or handed into the aforementioned offices. An absentee voter is not permitted to vote in-person on election day, except for in the case of a ballot cancellation or if the voter has filed an affidavit claiming that the ballot was never received. An absentee voter may also authorize any other person
to return their ballot for them, so long as the affidavit for authorization has been signed on the ballot envelope.

**EARLY VOTING**

Illinois allows for early voting starting **September 29, 2016** up to and including **November 7, 2016**.

Election authorities across the state will announce the locations of early voting centers. In almost all cases, the early voting centers will be different from the voters’ regular polling place. Contact your County Election Officials for information about location and times.

**VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS**

Generally, no identification is required to vote at the polls. However, if you mailed in an application to vote and did not provide the required identification with the mail-in application, then you must submit one of the forms of identification listed above.

When voting during the early voting period, voters must provide either an Illinois driver’s license, non-driver identification card issued by the Illinois Secretary of State, or another government-issued identification document containing the applicant’s photograph.

**CAMPAIGNING & THE POLLS**

On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or himself or in behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the election or referendum within a radius of 75 feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any polling place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach, except as provided in section.

The selectmen shall provide suitable markers to indicate the 75-foot distance from such entrance.

**POLL WATCHERS**

Any citizen may go to a polling place and observe. The poll watcher looks to see if any violations of the election laws occur. If such a violation occurs, the poll watcher is to inform the election board of the violation. The election board consists of the poll workers. Uniformed law enforcement officers are not allowed to be poll watchers. Poll watchers are responsible for supplying any necessities or materials needed while at the polls, i.e. chairs, tables, writing materials, etc. They cannot use the poll workers’ supplies.

The poll watcher may not interfere with or impede the conduct of any election. He/she should come no closer to the official table or the voting booths than is reasonably necessary. Unless there is an observation of questionable nature, the poll watcher is not permitted to speak to the election board or voter.

**Things poll watchers may do:**

1. The first poll watcher of the Election Day has the right to see that the ballot box is empty before the first ballot is cast.
2. A poll watcher may observe the distribution of the ballot to the voter and after the voter has voted the depositing of ballot into the ballot box.
3. If the poll watcher observes what he thinks might be a violation, he/she may question a voter’s privilege by stating his/her case to the election board.
4. The poll watcher may observe the closing procedures when the polls close. A poll watcher is not allowed to talk to any person in the polling place except when questioning a procedure.

No poll watcher may wear anything advertising a candidacy or promoting for or against an issue. Poll watchers are official observers only. They may observe the conduct of the election before, during and after the polls close. The election board is the sole authority in the polling place on Election Day. No person, except
the board, may handle or touch election supplies and materials. If the poll watcher feels that a violation has taken place during an election, the poll watcher must notify the election board. Electioneering, campaigning or solicitation within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling room is prohibited.

**CONVICTED FELONS**

Illinois residents are not eligible to vote if they have been convicted of any crime in Illinois, another state, or any federal court, and are serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution. Confinement includes persons granted a furlough or admitted to a work release program but does not include situations in which a person is convicted and imprisoned but released on parole.

"ILLINOIS ALLOWS FOR EARLY VOTING STARTING SEPTEMBER 29, 2016 UP TO AND INCLUDING NOVEMBER 7, 2016."
Democratic Presidential Challenger

**Hillary Clinton**, a graduate of Yale Law School, began her career working for the Children’s Defense Fund, and later acting as an advisor to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate scandal. She served as First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1992, during which she became a partner at Rose Law Firm and led several business ventures. In 1993, Hillary Clinton became First Lady of the United States when Bill Clinton was elected as President. As First Lady, she chaired the Task Force on National Healthcare Reform. In 2000, Clinton was elected to the U.S. Senate from New York, where she served two terms. During her time in the Senate, Clinton served on the Committee on Budget, Armed Services, Environment and Public Works, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Special Committee on Aging. Additionally, she was a member of the Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In the 2008 Presidential election she ran unsuccessfully against President Barack Obama. President Obama appointed Clinton U.S. Secretary of State, where she served from 2009 to 2013. She announced her campaign for the 2016 Democratic nomination on Twitter in April 2015.

Hillary for America  
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Democratic Vice Presidential Challenger

**Senator Tim Kaine** (D-VA) graduated from the University of Missouri, and earned a law degree from Harvard Law School during which he interrupted his studies to work for nine months at a Jesuit mission in Honduras. Upon completion of Harvard Law, Kaine entered private practice and became a lecturer at the University of Richmond School of Law. He was first elected to public office in 1994, when he won a seat on the Richmond, Virginia City Council. He was then elected Mayor of Richmond in 1998, serving in that position until 2001 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. Kaine was elected Governor of Virginia in 2005, serving until 2010. He served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2009 to 2011, and then decided to run for the vacant U.S. Senate seat, an election he won. Senator Kaine is presently serving in the Senate and is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Budget Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Senator Kaine was selected by Hillary Clinton as her Vice Presidential running mate on July 22nd. On July 27, 2016 Senator Kaine officially accepted the Democratic nomination.
Republican Presidential Challenger

Donald Trump is a real estate mogul and television personality best known for the eponymous Trump Organization and his reality TV program “The Apprentice.” Born and raised in New York City, Trump earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in 1968. In 1973, Trump inherited his father’s real estate and construction firm, and renamed it “The Trump Organization.”

Trump is a politically active member of the Tea Party movement and had discussed the idea of running for President of the United States in five previous election cycles. In June 2015, Trump announced his campaign for the 2016 Republican nomination in front of Trump Tower in New York City. Trump officially accepted the Republican National Committee’s nomination for President at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

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Republican Vice Presidential Challenger

Following graduation from law school, Governor Mike Pence unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1988 and 1990, losing both times to Democratic incumbent Phil Sharp. In 1991, Pence was named President of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pence was elected to Congress in November 2000 and served for six terms. In November 2008, his fellow GOP members elected him to serve as Chairman of the House Republican Conference. During his tenure in Congress, Pence served on multiple House committees including, Agriculture, Judiciary, Small Business, and Foreign Affairs. In May 2011, Pence announced that he would not run for re-election in Congress, and instead successfully ran for Governor of Indiana in the 2012 election. As Governor, Pence made national headlines when he signed Indiana’s controversial “Religious Freedom Restoration Act” into law. This action brought about widespread criticism alleging that the bill would permit discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

On July 15, 2016, Donald Trump announced that he had selected Pence as his Vice Presidential running mate in the 2016 Presidential election.
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2016 U.S. Senate Candidates

U.S. Senate, IL Statewide

Incumbent

Mark Kirk (R) is running to remain a U.S. Senator from Illinois. Elected to the Senate in 2008 to finish the Senate term of president-elect Barack Obama, Kirk then won reelection in 2010. In 2012, the Senator suffered a stroke that kept him from his Washington, DC office for a full year. Before his 2008 election, Kirk represented the 10th district of Illinois in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2000 until his move to the Senate. Prior to seeking office, Kirk practiced law for two decades and joined the intelligence field of the United States Navy Reserve in 1989. He was called to active duty in 1999 to participate in the NATO bombings of Yugoslavia, and again in 2000 for an operation in Iraq. He retired from the Navy Reserve with the rank of Commander in 2013.

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Challenger

Tammy Duckworth (D) is the Democratic candidate in the 2016 Illinois race for U.S. Senate. Duckworth is currently representing the 8th district of Illinois in the U.S. House of Representatives, an office she has held since 2013. Duckworth is the first Asian American woman elected to Congress from Illinois and is the first ever disabled woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, having sustained serious injuries while serving in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot in the Iraq War. After a double amputation of her legs, Duckworth began a career in politics, and served in the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs from 2006 to 2009. She was then asked to serve in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which she did from 2009 to 2011 until deciding to run for office.

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### U.S. House, IL 4th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
Unchallenged

### U.S. House, IL 5th District

**Incumbent**  
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**Challenger**  
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**Challenger**  
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**Challenger**
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U.S. House, IL 7th District

**Incumbent**
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Campaign information unavailable

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U.S. House, IL 8th District

**Incumbent**
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U.S. House, IL 9th District

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**Challenger**  
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# U.S. House, IL 12th District

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**Challenger**  
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# U.S. House, IL 13th District

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**Challenger**  
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# U.S. House, IL 15th District

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**Challenger**  
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**Challenger**
Unchallenged

U.S. House, IL 17th District

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U.S. House, IL 18th District

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**Challenger**
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This is the second-most-important form you’ll fill out this fall.

Your ballot is the first. Please vote. But also, please consider our future beyond Nov. 8.

Yes, we want your contributions - your donations, your activism.

But really, we just want you.

If your only political actions this fall are to vote and to update your contact information with AAI, you are making a big investment in the future of the Arab American community.

When we reach more people, then, over time, our strength as a political constituency grows.

In the 30 years since AAI’s founding, our community has found a place in national politics that used to be just a dream.

Send back this form. Together, let’s see how much we can grow in the next thirty years.

☐ I’m already an AAI member, but I want:
  ☐ Update my contact information
  ☐ Promise that I’ll vote Nov. 8
  ☐ Make a donation to our #YallaVote campaign

☐ I want to join! My information is below, or I’ll visit www.aaiusa.org and join online.

☐ Please add my name to your email list, so I can get weekly political news updates, action alerts, and event notices. I’ll visit your website for more information about joining AAI.

☐ Don’t want to join right now - but I DO want to be part of our community’s future. Here’s my contact information, and I’ll hear from you down the road.

  Name _________________________________________
  Email _________________________________________
  Address ________________________________________
  City __________________________________________
  State/ZIP ______________________________________
  Phone _________________________________________

☐ I want to join AAI or make a donation.
  ☐ My check is enclosed.
  ☐ Please charge my Mastercard/Visa

  Name on card __________________________________
  Card no. _______________________________________
  Exp. date _______________________________________
  Signature _______________________________________