



ILLINOIS GREEN PARTY

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ILLINOIS GREEN PARTY 2016 STATE CONVENTION CONFERENCE CHICAGO AT UNIVERSITY CENTER, CHICAGO MARCH 5

The Illinois Green Party 2016 State Convention will take place on Saturday, March 5, at Conference Chicago at University Center, 525 South State Street. This year's convention will include the selection of delegates to the Green Party National Convention (Houston, August 6), panels, presentations, and planning for our presidential petition drive which begins on March 29. A before-dinner social will be followed by a fundraising dinner at the meeting venue.

Registration, Food & Fundraiser

There is no cost for convention registration. Members can join or renew in advance of the meeting by visiting the ILGP site at www.ilgp.org/join or can join or renew at the convention.

Lunch, Noon to 1 pm

Attendees will have the option to dine in the Conference Chicago Dining Center for lunch service or go out on State Street to one of the many fast food establishments. <http://conferencechicagouc.com/location/>. The Dining Center offers a rich variety of pastas, sandwiches, pizzas, and full dinners, with meat, vegetarian, vegan, and special menu/allergy sensitive options for one price (~\$11.00).

Before-Dinner Social, 5 to 6:30 pm



Legends, 700 S. Wabash, is on the south side of the parking lot next to the University Center. buddyguy.com It has a large open bar area, acoustic music, and no cover charge before 8 pm. (We must vacate the meeting rooms from 5 to 6:30 to allow for dinner set-up, and there will be no bar service at dinner.)

Saturday Night Fundraiser Dinner, 6:30 -9 pm

Conference Chicago at University Center

Price: \$40/\$20 low income.

Buffet Menu: Grilled lemon-oregano chicken, Lemon penne pasta & vegetables (vegan)
Greek salad with lemon dill vinaigrette (vegan, feta on side)
Bruschetta w basil & tomato (vegan), Yellow gazpacho (vegan)
Pita triangles (vegan), House-made baklava

For this dinner, please RSVP to [<ilgp.2016.convention@gmail.com>](mailto:ilgp.2016.convention@gmail.com)

Questions about the meeting? Email [<ilgp.2016.convention@gmail.com>](mailto:ilgp.2016.convention@gmail.com)

Travel

Amtrak runs to Chicago Union Station, 225 South Canal Street, which is about 12 city blocks from the University Center. The Metra Red Line runs very close.

See map and directions below. Carpools from other parts of the state may be available – if you are interested in carpooling, let us know.

Lodging

International Youth Hostel 24 East Congress Parkway, at the corner of Congress Parkway and Wabash Avenue, 1 block east of State Street, next to the University Center. <http://hichicago.org/>
And there are numerous other hotels nearby as well.

Tentative Schedule/Proposed Agenda

More information about the schedule/proposed agenda will be available on ilgp.org in coming weeks. All times are subject to change.

9:00 – 9:30 am Registration

9:30 – 10:00 am Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Approval

10:00 – 10:30 am Internal Elections: ILGP Officers & GPUS Delegation

10:30 – 11:15 am 2016 Elections: Endorsement of Candidates for
President, VP, Senator, & Comptroller

11:15 – 12:00 pm Social Justice Panel

12:00 – 12:45 pm Reports from Chapters

12:45 – 1:45 pm Lunch

1:45 – 2:30 pm Ecological Wisdom Panel

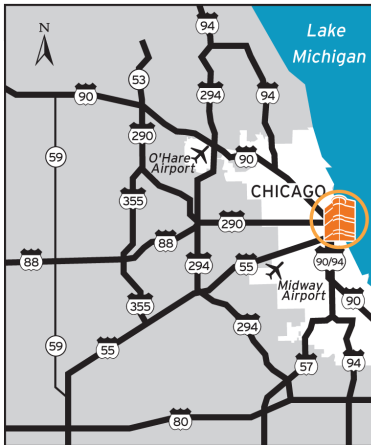
2:30 – 3:15 pm Presidential & Congressional Candidates

3:15 – 4:00 pm Presidential Delegate Overview & Selection

4:00 – 5:00 pm 2016 Elections: Petitioning

5:00 - 6:30 pm Before-dinner social hour at Legends

6:30 – 9:00 pm Fundraising Dinner at Conference Chicago at University Center



Chicagoland Area



Chicago Loop



Location

Conference Chicago at University Center is located in downtown Chicago at the intersection of State Street and Congress Parkway.

Conference Chicago
 525 South State Street
 Chicago, IL 60605
 877-482-2463
 312-924-8000 (Direct)
 312-924-8100 (Fax)
www.conferencechicagouc.com

How to get there

By Car:

From the Southwest (I-55 Stevenson Expressway)
 Proceed east to the end of I-55 to North Lake Shore Drive. Continue north (towards downtown) on Lake Shore Drive to Balbo Street. Turn left on Balbo to State Street; turn right on State Street. Continue one block. Conference Chicago will be on your right between Harrison Street and Congress Parkway.

From the South (I-57 to I-94 Dan Ryan Expressway)
and From the North (I-90/94 Kennedy/Edens Expressway)
 Exit at Congress Parkway. Drive east towards downtown to State Street. Turn right on State Street. Conference Chicago will be on your left between Congress Parkway and Harrison Street.

From the West (I-290 Eisenhower Expressway)
 I-290 turns into Congress Parkway as it nears downtown. Continue driving east to State Street. Turn right on State Street. Conference Chicago will be on your left between Congress Parkway and Harrison Street.

Parking:

Conference Chicago does not have its own parking. However, there are a number of parking garages and lots all around the building. These parking locations are shown in the "Chicago Loop" map to the left.

By Public Transportation:

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| Amtrak | Metra | Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) |
| 800-872-7245 | 312-322-6777 | 888-968-7282 |
| www.amtrak.com | www.metra.com | www.transitchicago.com |

By Air:

From Midway Airport

- Take CTA (subway/"EL") Orange Line to Library/Van Buren stop; walk 1 block south on State Street to Congress Parkway.
- or-
- Take a taxi, expect to pay around \$25-\$30 from Midway to Conference Chicago.

From O'Hare International Airport

- Take CTA (subway/"EL") Blue Line to LaSalle/Congress stop; walk four blocks east on Congress to State Street.
- or-
- Take a taxi, expect to pay around \$35-\$40 from O'Hare to Conference Chicago.