

# FOR CITY OF ROCKFORD VOTERS

Following is a complete set of specimen ballots for the General Primary Election, March 17, 2026. Voters will be eligible to vote in the districts as indicated on their valid voter identification card.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

**TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE OVAL TO THE LEFT OF YOUR CHOICE, LIKE THIS:** 

To cast a write-in vote, complete the oval to the left of the blank space provided and print the candidate's name in that space. For specific write-in instructions, refer to the card of instructions provided in the booth. If you tear, soil, deface or erroneously mark this ballot, return it to the Election Judge and obtain another.

### DEMOCRATIC PARTY SPECIMEN BALLOT

I hereby certify the following specimen ballot is a true and correct copy of the Democratic Party Official Ballot to be voted in the General Primary Election to be held in the City of Rockford, Illinois on March 17, 2026.



Executive Director  
Board of Election Commissioners

#### FEDERAL

##### FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Vote for one)

- ☐ KEVIN RYAN
- ☐ ROBIN KELLY
- ☐ JULIANA STRATTON
- ☐ RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY
- ☐ STEVE BOTSFORD JR.
- ☐ BRYAN MAXWELL
- ☐ JONATHAN DEAN
- ☐ SEAN BROWN
- ☐ AWISI A. BUSTOS
- ☐ CHRISTOPHER SWANN
- ☐

Write-in

#### STATE

##### FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(Vote for one)

- ☐ JB PRITZKER AND  
CHRISTIAN MITCHELL

##### FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

(Vote for one)

- ☐ KWAME RAOUL

##### FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

(Vote for one)

- ☐ ALEXI GIANNOLIAS

#### STATE

##### FOR COMPTROLLER

(Vote for one)

- ☐ KARINA VILLA
- ☐ STEPHANIE A. KIFOWIT
- ☐ HOLLY KIM
- ☐ MARGARET CROKE

##### FOR TREASURER

(Vote for one)

- ☐ MICHAEL W. FRERICHS

#### CONGRESSIONAL

##### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- ☐ PAUL NOLLEY

##### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- ☐ ERIC SORENSEN

##### FOR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEPERSON SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for not more than two)

- ☐ KEVIN LAMM
- ☐ PATRICK CORTESI
- ☐ KIM ARMSTRONG

##### FOR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEPERSON SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for not more than two)

- ☐ MAURICE A. WEST II
- ☐ PAMELA DAVIDSON

#### LEGISLATIVE

##### FOR STATE SENATOR THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- ☐ SARAH B. MERTENS

##### FOR STATE SENATOR FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- ☐ JOSEPH H. "JOE" BERNING

#### REPRESENTATIVE

##### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIXTY-SEVENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- ☐ MAURICE A. WEST II

##### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIXTY-EIGHTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- ☐ DAVE VELLA

##### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIXTY-NINTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- ☐ PETER JANKO

##### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EIGHTY-NINTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

##### FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NINETIETH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

- ☐ JOHN PING

#### COUNTY

##### FOR COUNTY CLERK

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

##### FOR TREASURER

(Vote for one)

- ☐ THERESA GRENNAN

##### FOR SHERIFF

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

#### REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

##### FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES)

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

##### FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (LEE, OGLE AND WHITESIDE COUNTIES)

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

## COUNTY BOARD

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
DISTRICT ONE  
(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
DISTRICT FIVE  
(Vote for one)

☐ DAVID TASSONI

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
DISTRICT EIGHT  
(Vote for one)

☐ ERIC WEST

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
DISTRICT NINE  
(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
DISTRICT TEN  
(Vote for one)

☐ MICHAEL SUERTH, JR.

☐ SULLY CADENGO

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
DISTRICT TWELVE  
(Vote for one)

☐ FREDDY De La TRINIDAD

☐ BARRIOS ISIDRO

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
DISTRICT FOURTEEN  
(Vote for one)

☐ TIMOTHY NABORS JR.

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
DISTRICT FIFTEEN  
(Vote for one)

☐ Write-in

## JUDICIAL

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
FIRST SUBCIRCUIT  
(To fill the vacancy of the Hon. John S. Lowry)  
(Vote for one)

☐ PAUL CARPENTER

☐ ERIN C. HANNIGAN

**FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SECOND SUBCIRCUIT  
(To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Eugene Doherty)  
(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

PRECINCT  
COMMITTEEPERSON

**FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON**  
(Vote for one)

☐ Candidates from the following list

ward 2 pct 5 MICHAEL SUERTH, JR.  
ward 3 pct 1 BRADFORD BENEDICT  
ward 3 pct 5 MAURICE A. WEST II  
ward 3 pct 6 CHARLES H LASKONIS  
ward 3 pct 7 CATHERINE VALDEZ DOYLE  
ward 4 pct 3 CARL WASCO  
ward 4 pct 4 JOHN M. NELSON  
ward 5 pct 1 VALERIE HANSERD  
ward 5 pct 2 VALERI DeCASTRIS  
ward 5 pct 4 VICTORY BELL  
ward 5 pct 5 GERALD O. ALBERT  
ward 6 pct 1 BETTI CALDWELL  
ward 6 pct 5 PAMELA STUTZEL  
ward 7 pct 1 KATHY TALL  
ward 8 pct 3 KAREN HOFFMAN  
ward 9 pct 4 HILLARY LASKONIS  
ward 11 pct 1 JOSE L. TORRES  
LUIS ESPADA  
ward 11 pct 2 THERESA McLAIN  
ward 11 pct 3 JAIME J. SALGADO  
MELANIE K. BARRIOS  
ward 11 pct 4 FREDDY De La TRINIDAD  
ward 12 pct 1 KYLEE D. MILLER  
ward 12 pct 4 NICHOLAS ROBERSON  
ward 13 pct 2 LaKESHIA WINGO  
ward 13 pct 3 TAMIR BELL  
JEFFREY BAILEY  
ward 13 pct 5 GWEN LASHOCK  
ward 14 pct 3 LITESA WALLACE

## PUBLIC QUESTION

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN ADVISORY  
REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS OF  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
REGARDING THE FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP  
TAX CREDIT**

"Shall Illinois opt into a federal program that would provide Public K-12, private school, and homeschool students with privately - donated funds for academic needs, such as tutoring and test preparation, educational therapies for students with disabilities, tuition, books, exam fees or for other specified academic needs?"

☐ YES

☐ NO

**PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE COUNTY SCHOOL  
SALES TAX**

"Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") be imposed in The County of Winnebago, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals?"

☐ YES

☐ NO

REPUBLICAN PARTY  
SPECIMEN BALLOT

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Board of Election Commissioners

## FEDERAL

**FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR**  
(Vote for one)

☐ CASEY CHLEBEK

☐ DON TRACY

☐ R. CARY CAPPARELLI

☐ PAMELA DENISE LONG

☐ JIMMY LEE TILLMAN, II

☐ JEANNIE EVANS

## STATE

**FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT  
GOVERNOR**  
(Vote for one)

☐ TED DABROWSKI AND  
CARRIE MENDOZA

☐ JAMES MENDRICK AND  
ROBERT RENTERIA

☐ DARREN BAILEY AND  
AARON B. DEL MAR

☐ RICK HEIDNER AND  
CHRISTINA NEITZKE-TROIKI

☐

Write-in

**FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
(Vote for one)

☐ ROBERT W. FIORETTI

**SPECIMEN BALLOT** (cont.) **General Primary Election – March 17, 2026**

**STATE**

**FOR SECRETARY OF STATE**

(Vote for one)

☐ WALTER ADAMCZYK

☐ DIANE M. HARRIS

**FOR COMPTROLLER**

(Vote for one)

☐ BRYAN DREW

**FOR TREASURER**

(Vote for one)

☐

Write-in

**CONGRESSIONAL**

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

SIXTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
(Vote for one)

☐ DARIN LaHOOD

☐

Write-in

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
(Vote for one)

☐ DILLAN S. VANCIL

☐ JULIE BICKELHAUPT

**LEGISLATIVE**

**FOR STATE SENATOR**

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
(Vote for one)

☐ DAVE SYVERSON

**FOR STATE SENATOR**

FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
(Vote for one)

☐ ANDREW S. CHESNEY

**REPRESENTATIVE**

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

SIXTY-SEVENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT  
(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

SIXTY-EIGHTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT  
(Vote for one)

☐ KATHY EASTON

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

SIXTY-NINTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT  
(Vote for one)

☐ JOE C. SOSNOWSKI

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

EIGHTY-NINTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT  
(Vote for one)

☐ VICTORIA ONORATO

☐ TONY M. McCOMBIE

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

NINETIETH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT  
(Vote for one)

☐ JOHN M. CABELLO

**COUNTY**

**FOR COUNTY CLERK**

(Vote for one)

☐ LORI GUMMOW

**FOR TREASURER**

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

**FOR SHERIFF**

(Vote for one)

☐ GARY CARUANA

**REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

**FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

(BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES)  
(Vote for one)

☐ SCOTT BLOOMQUIST

**FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

(LEE, OGLE AND WHITESIDE COUNTIES)  
(Vote for one)

☐ CHRISTOPHER J. TENNYSON

**COUNTY BOARD**

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

DISTRICT ONE

(Vote for one)

☐ AARON BOOKER

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

DISTRICT FIVE

(Vote for one)

NO CANDIDATE

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

DISTRICT EIGHT

(Vote for one)

☐ CHAD BRYDEN

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

DISTRICT NINE

(Vote for one)

☐ JOHN PENNEY

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

DISTRICT TEN

(Vote for one)

☐ DAVID PEYTON

**FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**

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☐ BURT GERL

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SCOTT ROBINSON

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COMMITTEEPERSON**

**FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON**  
(Vote for one)

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ward 1 pct 4 DANETTE MAYNARD  
ward 1 pct 6 LELAND FREBERG  
ward 1 pct 7 SARA SALBERG  
ward 1 pct 8 ALLAN BENSON  
ward 2 pct 5 JOHN K. WATTON  
DAVID HALE  
ward 2 pct 6 JEFFREY LEE  
ward 3 pct 1 SCOTT CARTER  
ward 3 pct 2 ABIGAIL ROZANAS  
ward 3 pct 3 CAROLYN WELLS  
ward 4 pct 1 JOSIP "BOS" BILICH  
ward 4 pct 4 FORT A. ZACKARY III  
ward 4 pct 6 ALLEN MURPHY  
ward 4 pct 8 KATHY EASTON  
ward 5 pct 3 WRITE-IN  
ward 7 pct 4 HASSAN MUHAMMAD  
ward 8 pct 4 RACHAEL VYBORNY  
ward 10 pct 3 DAVID PEYTON  
ward 10 pct 6 MICHAEL E. O'TOOLE  
ward 10 pct 7 RAY MONTELONGO  
ward 11 pct 5 KATHLEEN DAVIS  
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ward 12 pct 4 GEOFFREY PAGE  
ward 14 pct 2 JUAN REYES  
ward 14 pct 5 JULIE DANIELSON

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