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Illinois Veterans for Change Issues Political Endorsements for the 2026 Primary Elections

Barrington, IL - February 5, 2026 - *Illinois Veterans for Change* (ILV4C) has announced its endorsements for the March 17, 2026, Democratic Primary Election. We proudly endorse this slate of candidates, believing that veterans' service demonstrates an unwavering commitment to the U.S. Constitution and the protection of rights and liberties. ILV4C supports its endorsed candidates by mobilizing its membership for coordinated days of action and promoting events to ensure a successful election. As of today, Thursday, February 5, 2026, Illinois residents can begin casting their votes early, either in-person, by mail, or by requesting an absentee ballot if located abroad.

Endorsed Candidates for the 2026 General Primary:

- Stephanie Kifowit for Illinois Comptroller
- Dan Tully for Illinois 8th U.S. Congressional District
- Sam Polan for Illinois 9th U.S. Congressional District
- Demi Palecek for Illinois State House, 13th District
- Jennifer Banek for Illinois Democratic Party State Central Committeewoman, District 10
- Kevin Lamm for Illinois Democratic Party State Central Committeeman, District 16
- Nicholas Cade for Cook County Commissioner, District 8
- Jesse Gutierrez for DuPage County Board, District 6
- Esiah Campos for Lake County Board, District 16
- Austin May for McHenry County Board, District 5
- Miguel Valente for Sangamon County Board, District 18
- Sabrina Kelley for Vermilion County Board, District 6
- Mickensy Ellis-White for Vermilion County Board, District 7

Illinois Veterans for Change is a **statewide political action committee composed of Democratic veterans** committed to expanding veteran representation in elected office across Illinois. The organization builds community through networking events, strengthens capacity by funding and training veteran candidates, and amplifies veteran voices to defend democracy and promote progressive leadership. Veterans must be represented at every level of government: U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Statewide Office, Illinois General Assembly, and Local offices.

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