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ILLINOIS VETERANS FOR CHANGE

Illinois Veterans for Change Issues Political Endorsements for the 2026 General Election

Hoffman Estates, IL - September 24, 2026 - *Illinois Veterans for Change* (ILV4C) has announced its endorsements for the November 3, 2026, General 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. Starting today, 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 Election:

- Julie Fortier for Illinois 12th U.S. Congressional District
- Mike Porfirio for Illinois State Senate, 11th District
- Demi Palecek for Illinois State House, 13th District
- AJ Johnson for Illinois State House, 64th District
- Douglas Fagan for Illinois State House, 101st District
- Chip Markel for Illinois State House, 118th District
- John Idleburg for Lake County Sheriff
- Bill McNeese for McHenry County Clerk
- Derek Shaw for DeKalb County Treasurer
- Esiah Campos for Lake County Board, District 16
- Jesse Gutierrez for DuPage County Board, District 6
- Austin May for McHenry County Board, District 5
- Miguel Valente for Sangamon County Board, District 18

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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