



Turn Illinois Red



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Dear Illinois Republican Family,

Welcome to the Red Gala! Tonight is more than a celebration—it's a mission, a critical step toward victory in 2026. Your presence here underscores a shared commitment to the future of the Illinois Republican Party and to building a winning path forward.

Our goal is clear: raise essential funds for our statewide Get Out The Vote (GOTV) program, with a strategic focus on expanding early voting and vote-by-mail (VBM). Why? Because the party that votes for weeks and months will always outpace the party that votes for just one day.

In 2024, Democrats invested nearly \$20 million in early voting, VBM, and GOTV efforts. We had just \$400,000—but thanks to your support, we made historic gains. Republicans were the only voting bloc to increase early and mail-in turnout from 2020 to 2024. We boosted participation by 35%, and for the first time in Illinois history, low-propensity Republicans outperformed Democrats in early and mail voting by 7.6%.

You proved we can win when we adapt. But we cannot stop here. Now is the time to double down—on outreach, on unity, and on building a data-driven, year-round ground game. Illinois Republicans must remain laser-focused on maximizing early voting and VBM to close the gap, compete in every corner of the state, and deliver Republican victories up and down the ballot.

A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors, whose commitment makes this Gala—and our mission—possible. And to my wonderful family, thank you for your unwavering support every step of the way.

Let's keep pushing forward. Together, we're not just rebuilding—we're rising. Thank you for standing with us.

With gratitude and resolve.

Kary Salvi

Chairman Illinois Republican Party





Keynote Speaker

Honorable Byron Donalds

Byron Donalds grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and he is also the proud son of a hardworking and loving single mother. His mother dedicated her time instilling in him that greatness requires sacrifice, which drives him as a devoted family man and United States Congressman.

Byron is a graduate of Florida State University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance and marketing. Byron's career led him to Southwest Florida, where he worked in the banking, finance, and insurance industries. Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016, Byron represented Hendry County and east Collier County in the State Capitol. During his tenure in the Florida House, Byron served as the PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee Chair during the 2018-2019 Legislative Session and served as the Insurance & Banking Subcommittee's Chairman 2019-2020 Legislative Session. While serving in the Florida House, primarily focused on elder affairs, criminal justice reform, and ensuring that each child has access to a world-class education.

Byron is committed to serving and giving back to the community that gave him so much. He has served Southwest Florida in many ways, including previously serving on the Board of Trustees for Florida Southwestern State College after being appointed by then-Governor Rick Scott. Byron continues to volunteer in his church as a youth leader and a mentor. He also enjoys volunteering as a coach in youth football and basketball leagues.

Congressman Byron Donalds lives in Naples, Florida, with his wife, Erika, and their three sons: Damon, Darin, and Mason. Byron has spent his entire adult life serving others, whether it be through volunteering, business, or leadership. He is committed to representing Florida's 19th Congressional District's conservative values in Washington DC to ensure a stronger Florida and a stronger nation.



The Illinois Republican Party Red Gala's organizing committee is a passionate group of Republican volunteers dedicated to making a difference in Illinois.

Our mission is vital: to raise funds and reenergize our base in order to compete effectively with the Democrats in early voting, Vote-By-Mail (VBM), and Get Out The Vote (GOTV) initiatives. As we prepare for the Red Gala on April 25th at the Renaissance Schaumburg we are reaching out to ask for your generous support. Your contribution will play a pivotal role in helping us achieve our goals, and bring about positive change in our beloved state.

Mission and Purpose of the Red Gala:

 Competing in Critical Initiatives: Last election cycle, the Democrats invested nearly \$20 million in early voting, VBM, and GOTV initiatives, while we could allocate only approximately \$400,000. This disparity greatly affected the outcomes of many close races. However, Republicans made significant gains in early voting and utilizing VBM as more Republicans embraced voting before Election Day, thanks to the efforts of our first Bank Your Vote gala.

2024 Results

- The ILGOP increased Republican mail and early vote turnout by 35%.
- 1 in 4 low propensity Republicans voted before Election Day–the highest percentage in Illinois history.
- Low propensity Republicans voted early and by mail at a higher rate than unreliable Democrats for the first time in IL history, outperforming them by 7.6%.
- Republicans were the only voting group who increased their share of mail/early voters from 2020 to 2024.
- Energizing the Republican Base: Many Illinois Republicans have lost hope over the years, however, our Gala not only serves as a fundraiser, but also as an event that inspires pride and hope within the Republican Party. With our 2nd annual gala, we are creating an annual tradition that Illinois Republicans can rally behind and use as a platform to keep fighting for our values in the state.

Overall Mission:

The Red Gala will bring together a group of passionate Republicans in one room, ignite the base's enthusiasm, and leave with a sense of positive momentum and funds in the bank leading into the next election cycle. Together, we aim to reclaim Illinois for the Republican Party.

Ready to Turn Illinois Red?







Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the second annual Red Gala. Your support and presence made this event truly memorable. A big thank you to my amazing friends Molly Gibson and Cathy Hofmann you both gave so much of your time and energy, and I couldn't have done this without you. And of course, thank you to Nick and to my family for always being in my corner through it all. Let's keep pushing forward and Turn Illinois Red!

> Kari Galassi Gala Chair





Congratulations to the Red Gala team on a successful night!





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Keynote Speaker Byron Donalds, U.S. Congressman

Dinner Served

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> Dinner Ends & Dancing Begins with DJ Lee Michaels

Menu

starter

Baby Romaine Caesar Salad, Parmesan Crisp, Chive Crostini

entree

Roasted Free Range Chicken, Roasted Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Broccolini, Oven Dried Tomatoes, Pommery Cream

dessert

Eli's Cheesecake - Strawberry Coulis, Fresh Whipped Cream

Sophia Hope



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Please check her out on Instagram <u>@Sophia_Nationalanthemgirl</u> and YouTube, "<u>The National Anthem Girl</u>."



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Rhonda E. Belford RNC National Committeewoman

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~Tony McCombie House Republican Leader







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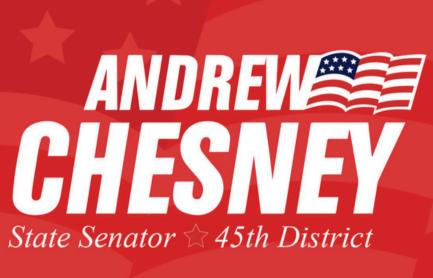
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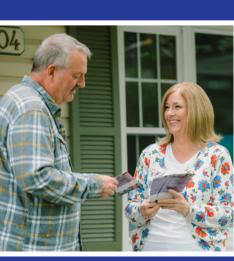
As a longtime Republican Precinct Committeeman, former Deputy State Central Committeeman, and past candidate for State Representative in one of Illinois' most competitive districts, I've always believed in showing up where I'm needed. Whether it's organizing fundraisers, mentoring those new to Republican politics, knocking doors, donating to Republican campaigns and causes, or pitching in behind the scenes—I've tried to help in any way I can. That's what our movement needs: people who step in, roll up their sleeves, and do the work.

I'm proud to be part of a party filled with people who care deeply about our communities and the future of Illinois. My message to fellow Republicans is simple: wherever you are, whatever your skills or background there's a place for you in this fight. Step up, support one another, and do what you can. When we all give a little of ourselves, we can make a big difference.

Let's keep showing up for each other, for our values, and for a better future for Illinois.

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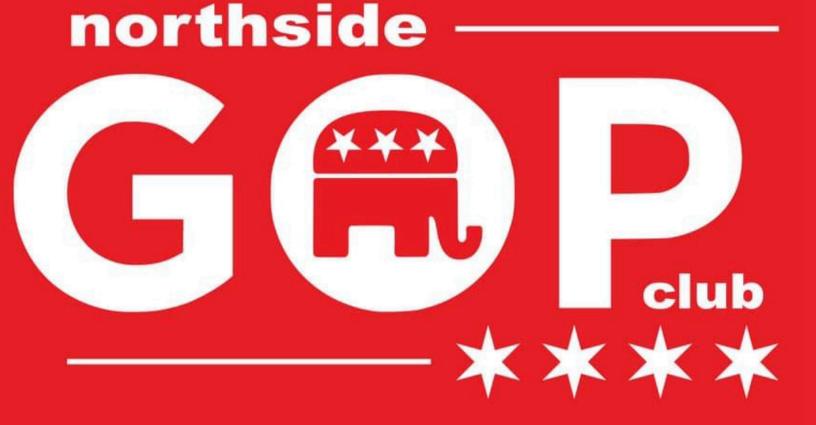


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