

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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Evelyn Sanguinetti (Republican) is proud to serve the residents of the State of Illinois as their 47th Lieutenant Governor. Elected alongside Governor Bruce Rauner in 2014, she serves as the first Latina Lieutenant Governor not only of the state, but of the entire country. She is a wife, a working mother of three and an attorney by trade. She was formerly an adjunct professor of law, an assistant Illinois attorney general and a Wheaton City Councilwoman.

Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti was born in Hialeah, a neighborhood outside of Miami, Florida, to teenage parents — her mother a Cuban refugee and her father an Ecuadorian immigrant. Despite their many challenges, her parents were determined to give their daughter every opportunity to succeed. Growing up, Sanguinetti developed a love for the arts. She learned how to play the piano at a local community center and was accepted into The New World School of the Arts in Miami. This educational opportunity allowed her to pursue a college degree at Florida International University.

Following graduation, Sanguinetti moved to Chicago to attend The John Marshall Law School, where she developed an understanding and a passion for the law and for Illinois. She joined Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan's office as an assistant attorney general, where she fought to protect the people of the State of Illinois. Sanguinetti then suffered an accident while walking on Wheaton city property. Subsequent medical examinations revealed that she has Multiple Sclerosis (MS). She vowed to never let her MS stop her. She proceeded to run for, and win, an election to the Wheaton City Council on a platform of delivering efficient, streamlined government to the people of Wheaton.

As Lieutenant Governor of Illinois, Sanguinetti is committed to fighting for all Illinois residents. She applies the same passion to her role that has motivated her throughout her life, from humble beginnings in Hialeah, Florida, to becoming Illinois' first Latina Lieutenant Governor.

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor is first in line for the governorship. The office handles a variety of responsibilities delegated by statute and assigned by the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor serves as the Governor's point person on education reform and chairs the Governor's Rural Affairs Council; the Illinois River, Mississippi River, and Wabash and Ohio Rivers Coordinating Councils; and the Military Economic Development Committee. The Lieutenant Governor also serves as ambassador to the Illinois Main Street program, co-chairs the Opioid Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force, and chairs the Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force.