



**TO: Illinois Credit Unions**  
**FROM: ICUL Governmental Affairs Staff**  
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**RE: 2020 General Election update**

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As you know by now, the November 3rd General Election resulted in many tight races on both the state and federal level, with a number of new legislators being elected to represent different areas of the state. This update will focus on a summary of the General Election results on the state and federal level, as well as the CUPAC batting average for election. Overall, candidates supported by CULAC and CUPAC fared well in this election cycle.

The Illinois Congressional delegation is comprised of 18 Congressional districts. In cooperation with CUNA's federal PAC, CULAC, we identified several key races to support during the General Election. Specifically, two CULAC supported candidates in open seats won: Marie Newman-D-3 Chicago (seat currently held by Congressman Dan Lipinski) and Mary Miller-R-15-Oakland (seat currently held by Congressman John Shimkus). Congressman Rodney Davis (R-13-Taylorville) won, with the support of CUNA/League/credit unions participating in partisan communications. Longtime credit union supporter, Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-Rock Island) won an unexpectedly close race. Additionally, in US House 14 CULAC-supported Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (D-Naperville) was reelected in a close contest.

We look forward to continuing our great working relationships with members of the Illinois Congressional delegation and their staff. Many thanks to the credit unions that were involved in these Congressional races. Please refer to CUNA's election website (<https://www.cuna.org/elections>) to learn more about the impact of the Congressional elections upon credit unions.

On the state level, CUPAC has contributed more the \$229,680 to Illinois Senate and House candidates throughout 2020. This cycle, twenty State Senate and 118 State House districts were up for election. We identified twenty-five priority races and CUPAC provided transfers totaling \$63,500 in the Illinois General Election. Twenty candidates won and five lost. CUPAC's winning contributions to candidates resulted in an overall CUPAC batting average of 81%. Among the priority races identified by CUPAC, we are pleased to report that long time credit union champions Senator Dave Koehler (D-Peoria) and Senator Robert Martwick (D-Chicago) both won reelection!

There were sixteen open seats and seven incumbent state lawmakers that were defeated which resulted in twenty-three new members of the General Assembly. ICUL staff will be in contact with these newly elected members to provide information about the credit union industry and the ways their constituents benefit from having credit unions as a financial option. Credit unions are encouraged to contact new (and returning) legislators from your areas to provide them with information about the ways credit unions benefit their members by advancing local communities.

Please contact ICUL's Governmental Affairs staff (information below) for more information about the election results and outreach to local legislators.

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