November 5th, 2024 Presidential Election Voter's Guide



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Vote Tuesday, November 5

Lyons Township Democrats Host Huge DNC Watch Party!

Kamala Harris & Tim Walz Endorsed

On the fourth and final night of the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, the Democratic Party of Lyons Township (DPLT), in association with Indivisible - La Grange, La Grange Park, Brookfield, and Western Springs chapters, hosted a DNC Watch Party at Milk Money Brewing to see Vice President Kamala Harris accept the nomination as our 2024 Democratic Presidential Nominee.



The energy in the room was electrifying, and the crowd of nearly 100 people was even larger than anticipated. Local people interested in electing the Harris-Walz ticket shared their common interest as they enjoyed drinks, appetizers, and DNC programming throughout the night. Among the watch party attendees were Lyons Township Supervisor Chris Getty, State Senator Mike Porfirio, Judge Koula Fournier, and candidate for judge Michael Chvatal who mingled with the crowd. Lyons Township Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg, Lyons Township Democratic Committeeman Steve Landek, Lyons Township Assessor Patrick Hynes, and President Sean Kirchman of the Young Democrats of Lyons Township, each spoke to the energized crowd about the work being done by the Democratic Party of Lyons Township and coalition partners to elect Democrats locally and





Speakers for the Indivisible chapters similarly discussed the need to keep fighting and taking any action we can to ensure that the Harriz-Walz ticket wins in November. Attendees also had the chance to see the DPLT-created Harriz-Walz yard signs available for purchase on the DPLT website, giving Township residents the opportunity to showcase their support for Democratic candidates.

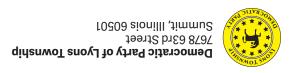






Finally, Vice President Kamala Harris took the stage amid roaring applause from both the DNC and watch party crowds. She spoke powerfully and eloquently about the needs of our country and how the next Harris-Walz administration will work to address them. The contrast between her and her anti-democracy, anti-choice, anti-union opponent couldn't be any clearer. The energy behind Presidential Nominee Harris is overwhelming, and the Lyons Township Democrats thank everyone for joining us at the successful DNC Watch



















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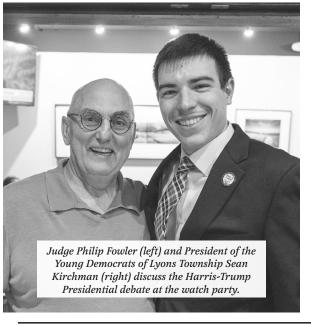
Meet Your Local Lyons Township Democratic Judges!





Judge Philip Fowler, a lifelong resident of the 4th Judicial Subcircuit who was raised in Bridgeview by his working-class parents, and Pat Heery, a candidate for judge who's worked with the Lyons Township Democrats for years, watched the Presidential Debate between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow LT Dems at Hillgrove Tap in Western Springs. They laughed, jeered, and applauded along with the crowd throughout the night. Judge Koula Fournier, the proud daughter of immigrant parents who was born and raised on the north side of Chicago, and Judge Michael Chvatal, a La Grange Highlands resident and former Park District Commissioner, similarly joined more than a hundred Democrats at the LT Dem's DNC

Watch Party at Milk Money Brewing in La Grange. They listened intently, along with the crowd to Vice President Harris's uplifting vision for the future of America. These local Democrats know our community and share our values. They even throw great parties; helping to make our 2024 Fall Fest more exciting by sponsoring a variety of highlights like the taco guy at the huge family fun-filled event! When you see their names on your ballot, know that you are voting for judges who share our commitment to fairness, justice, and a more equitable future for the Lyons Township communities. Come on out and shake their hands in-person at the next Democratic Party of Lyons Township Election Night Watch Party!







4th Judicial Subcircuit Judges of Cook County *Vote for all 3!*



Toula Fournier

Judge

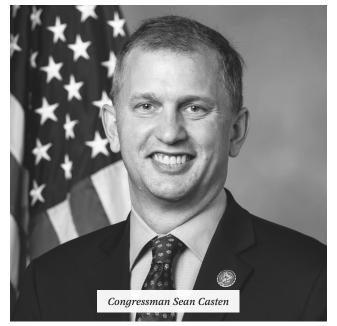


3rd Judicial
Subcircuit Judges
of Cook County





Support Congressman Sean Casten for a Brighter Future



With the upcoming election right around the corner, it's time for residents of Lyons Township to rally behind a proven leader, Congressman Sean Casten. Casten has consistently championed policies that benefit our community, from clean energy to job creation, and he's been a fierce advocate for middle-class fami-

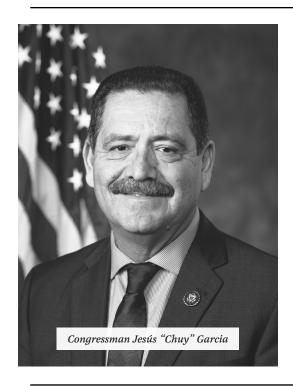
Since his first election, Casten has worked tirelessly to protect the environment, supporting policies that promote renewable energy and combat climate change. His science-driven approach, backed by his background as a clean energy entrepreneur, has helped position Illinois as a leader in sustainability. His work on reducing greenhouse gas emissions not only benefits our planet but also creates jobs right here in our

Casten has also stood up for working families by supporting economic policies that prioritize job

growth, affordable healthcare, and quality education. His push for affordable healthcare is particularly important for families who face rising medical costs, and his dedication to investing in public education ensures that future generations have the tools they need to suc-

In a time of political uncertainty, it's more important than ever to support a candidate who is fighting for your values. Congressman Casten has proven that he understands the challenges we face in Lyons Township and across the district. He's worked to ensure economic fairness, protect our environment, and strengthen access to healthcare and education.

This election, let's continue to build on the progress we've made by re-electing Congressman Sean Casten. Your vote can make a difference in shaping a brighter, stronger future for Lyons Township. Let's show up at the polls and keep moving forward!



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE Jesús "Chuy" García

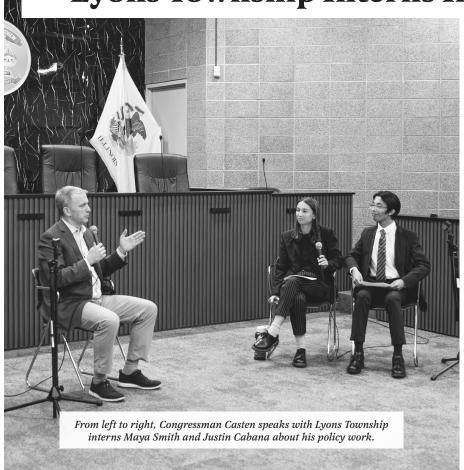
proudly represents the Fourth Congressional Disary 3, 2019, during the 116th Congress.

Throughout his career, Congressman García has been a progressive voice fighting to improve the lives of his working-class neighbors, many of whom are immigrants like him. He is a coalition builder committed to empowering youth and expanding access to quality education, affordable housing, and economic opportunity.

Prior to his election to Congress in Novem-

U.S. Representative Jesús G. "Chuy" García ber of 2018, Congressman García was a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. As trict of Illinois. He was sworn into office on Janu- Commissioner, he opposed housing discrimination against disadvantaged communities, raised the minimum wage, and mandated that County employees have access to paid sick leave. He also passed an ordinance ending Cook County's cooperation with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). The measure was the first of its kind in the nation and set an example followed by more than 250 localities.

Lyons Township Interns Interview Congressman Casten



Youth members of the Township of Lyons and Village of Bridgeview summer internship program coordinated a question-and-answer session with U.S. Representative Sean Casten of the 6th District of Illinois on Tuesday, August 6th at Bridgeview's Village Hall. The event provided interns with a chance to discuss topics especially important to young people, including the economy and youth voter engagement, with a national official. Maya Smith from Indian Head Park, age 19, and Justin Cabana from Burr Ridge, age 17, asked questions they had prepared for the Congressman before finishing the interview with questions from the wider audience of interns eager to learn about policymaking at the highest level of government.

"I'm overjoyed to see so many young people interested in the important work of government," said Congressman Casten. "I look forward to seeing this new generation get more involved in our democratic process, and I'm happy to support them in their efforts."

Discussing the impact that the incubator program has had on her, Maya Smith said, "Interning for the Village of Bridgeview has taught me a lot about the everyday work it takes to run a local government, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to learn more about solving local and national problems from Congressman





Delicious food put smiles on everyone's faces.

Games entertained all ages!





than 300 local township residents to celebrate the impactful Democratic work being accomplished at the local, state, and national levels.

The family-friendly Fall Fest offered plenty of free food and drink options for all who attended. The aromas of freshly grilled La Chilanguita tacos and Lyons Democrats' freshly grilled hamburgers and sausages filled the area. After receiving their main course, attendees grabbed chips, chili, and the delicious, warm sugar and chocolate chip cookies that melted in your mouth from the nearby Talerico Martin Bakery. Adding to the desert options, Maja's Ice Cream handed out cones with scoops of fruity strawberry, rich chocolate, and creamy vanilla. The Fall Fest also provided cups of Franzia wine and beer and an ice cooler filled with water bottles to ensure everyone could beat the heat. When attendees weren't enjoying a delicious meal, they got their faces brilliantly painted, requested intricate balloon creations, decorated pumpkins in the Kid Zone, or enjoyed free bingo prizes in the forms of \$25 and \$50 gift cards to local businesses. Community members also appreciated the opportunity to meet with their local elected officials and learn more about ways with the enthusiastic crowd included Summit Mayor Sergio Rodriguez, Lyons Township Clerk Elyse Hoffenberg, Lyons Township Supervisor and Lyons Mayor Christopher Getty, Judge Koula Fournier, Judge Michael Chvatal, and candidate for judge Pat Heery (three of the event's sponsors), and State Senator Mike Porfirio. The Fall Fest's esteemed speakers included Bridgeview Mayor and Lyons Township Democratic Committeeman Steve Landek, Water Reclamation District Commissioner and candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Mariyana Spyropoulos, Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar, and Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs who each outlined the importance of engaging our community and encouraging people to vote in this extremely consequential election.

The Democratic enthusiasm was palpable, and it's clear that community members are interested in electing passionate Democratic candidates committed to protecting our rights and improving our economy. The Democratic Party of Lyons Township thanks our sponsors, Democratic partners, members, and all who attended the spectacular 2024 Democratic Party of Lyons Township Fall Fest!



2024 Lyons Township Democrats

Pumpkin Champions











Democratic Party of Lyons Township



Stay Engaged Beyond November 5th!



school board, and library boards. dominate attention, these local elections are essential to shaping public services and the quality of life in our communities. Candidates for these roles are already circulating petitions, signaling the beginning of their campaigns and the importance of continued public participation.

sentatives to village board, park district boards,

Local boards are the foundation of community governance. They handle responsibilities that affect residents' day-to-day lives, from managing public parks and libraries to setting draw near, residents have a unique opportunity policies that impact schools and local services. Serving on these boards allows individuals to directly influence their communities, creating a strong connection between residents and their sponsive communities. Staying involved in local government. 100% of your local property taxes politics beyond November ensures that demoare used to fund services by the county, schools, cratic values remain strong and that every voice local government, and various other government is heard. Whether through candidacy or voting, tal entities. None of your property tax is paid to every effort counts toward building inclusive, the state or federal government. It is entirely local and entirely in our own hands.

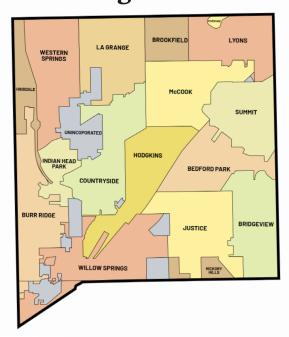
ing that democratic principles are upheld. Candivolved in the process!

hold consolidated elections to elect new repredates who serve on these boards should bring diverse perspectives and ideally are committed to transparency, accountability, and inclusivity. While national and statewide elections often These values are essential for fostering public trust and ensuring that local institutions serve all community members fairly. Our democratic system is not just about the presidency. It is about our neighbors and us, joining together in deciding how we will govern ourselves. When we are concerned about democracy, we should start at the ground floor and make sure we govern ourselves, thoughtfully and with full transparency.

As the April 1, 2025, consolidated elections to make a meaningful impact. Village boards, park district boards, school boards, and library boards are central to maintaining vibrant and reeffective, and accountable local institutions. Accountability starts with all of us. That is why we Local elections play a critical role in ensur- have the right and privilege to vote. Become in-



Every Community in Lyons Township will have a meaningful Election!



Cook County Circuit Clerk Candidate Mariyana Spyropoulos Supports Lyons Township!





public servant and advocate for her community, has long been involved in the ers. Her leadership qualities were quickcivic life of the Chicago area. Born to immigrant parents, Mariyana grew up on the South Side of Chicago and attended Chicago Public Schools, where she developed an early passion for civics and public service. Her commitment to bettering her community, shaped by her upbringing, has been evident throughout her causes, especially those that promote ed- for girls in sports. By backing this histor- also set an example for future generacareer. In 2010, Mariyana was elected ucation, sports, and community engage- ic first year of IHSA-sanctioned girls flag tions of civic-minded individuals.

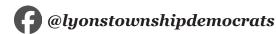
District (MWRD) Board of Commissionly recognized, and she served as Board President from 2015 to 2019.

Bevond her work at MWRD, Mariyana has remained committed to serving the Township of Lyons and surrounding communities. Her ongoing involvement reflects a deep-rooted dedication to local

Mariyana Spyropoulos, a dedicated to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation ment. Recently, she lent her support to football, Mariyana continues to contribthe Lyons Township girls flag football team, the only team currently representing the township in the sport. The team's participation in the Illinois High Spyropoulos has remained a tireless ad-School Association's (IHSA) first year of vocate for progress, whether through ensanctioned girls flag football is a historic vironmental protection, community serachievement, and Mariyana's advocacy vice, or the advancement of youth sports. has been instrumental in highlighting Her leadership and dedication have not the importance of equal opportunities only benefited the Township of Lyons but

ute to the vibrancy and inclusivity of the Township of Lyons.

Throughout her career, Mariyana





Young Democrats Mobilize a New Generation of Voters!



By Sean Kirchman, Young Democrats President

status quo. After all, if it's working for you, solve the problems we're facing through local why change it? Why innovate? Why put re- government and beyond at a time when the sources into something new? Rather than Democratic Party and our nation consider the become complacent, the Democratic Party of Lyons Township, under the leadership of our nation through the creation of the Young Democrats of Lyons Township organization. township residents primarily from Generation Z who are committed to building youth engagement in local politics and fighting for an inclusive, equitable, sustainable future.

that the world young people are inheriting redriven to meet the moment. We are working again.

It's easy to become comfortable with the hard to educate and organize young people to intersection of age and politics.

With climate change, gun violence, Committeeman Steve Landek, is investing in and the removal of women's rights posing the future of both the Democratic Party and imminent threats, it's up to every voter, especially those of younger generations being disproportionately impacted, to take action The Young Democrats are a coalition of young and help build a better society. To paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., there is an illusion that time solves problems. Truthfully, it's the organizers, the communities, and all fighting to make positive change who drive the prog-Like Committeeman Landek, we believe ress on every issue. Just as reproductive rights were granted, they were taken away, and we quires a new, progressive generation of leaders won't get them back unless we fight for them

"There are people running for political offices right now that care about the money, the power–not the people, not the economy, and not our world. I want to see someone in office that wants the younger generation to succeed." - Jane Erickson, LTHS Student

Monica Gordon

for Cook County Clerk

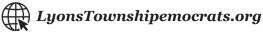
"Our generation is living in a world where home ownership seems like $a fantasy, the \ cost \ of \ living \ is \ overwhelming, \ and \ climate \ change \ is \ an$ existential threat." - Jordyn Hoffenberg, LTHS Student



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Cook County Races To Watch Eileen O'Neill Burke

for Cook County State's Attorney



Monica Gordon currently serves as Cook County Commissioner for the 5th District where she has been a fierce advocate for the working-class families that rely on good government to ensure their roads are paved, their neighborhoods are safe, and their local economy is strong. Gordon has been endorsed by multiple labor unions, including SEIU Local 73, Operating Engineers Local 150, Operating Engineers Local 399, and LIUNA, and she has the support of the Democratic Party of Cook County. She will serve our county well if elected Cook County Clerk in November.



For over thirty years as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and judge, Justice Eileen O'Neill Burke (Ret.) has spent her career committed to seeking justice for the people of Cook County. If someone commits a crime with a gun in Cook County, they'll meet head on with the best trained felony prosecution division in the country. Eileen will work with federal officials, our neighboring states, and anyone they need to tackle the flow of illegal guns into Chicago. She'll also recruit a brand-new type of State's Attorney in a newly fashioned Restorative Justice Bureau where juvenile, veterans, drug, and mental health courts will work with government agencies to get people help. She will serve our county well if elected Cook County Clerk in November.

Women's Social Group Launch Grassroots **Voting Initiative in Summit!**

A group of women from Summit called Nubian 9, better known as N9, are stepping up to ensure their community's voice is heard at the ballot box. The social group of nine long-time childhood female friends from the Summit-Argo community is committed to fostering sisterhood, social impact, and sensational living (living life to the fullest).

In alignment with its social impact efforts, N9 has put its energy into empowering the community of Summit by encouraging voter participation in upcoming elections. Organizing from the Emmett Till Memorial Center, named in honor of the 14-year-old who was brutally murdered in Mississippi in 1955, the women are helping Summit-Argo residents register to vote, mail in their ballots, or make it to the polls. The Center will serve as the headquarters for the group and will be where volunteers assist with voter registration drives and distribute policy information to ensure residents are informed. N9 hopes to engage citizens who may have previously felt disconnected or disenfranchised by the electoral process as well as new young adult voters. In addition, given its sisterhood pillar, N9 will have a special focus on (From left to right) Monica Wiggins, Mary Bowers, Kelli Moore, April Kates-Ellison, and Josette Thompson show the V.O.T.E. acronym they use to auide their voter registration and education efforts ∨ (Visualize) O (Opportunity) T (Transforming) E (Everyone) N9 VOTE #N9

encouraging women to make their voice heard

The group also plans to collaborate with local businesses and churches to ensure that information about registration and voting is accessible to all and that transportation to the polls is readily available. These efforts are particularly important for those who may face barriers to participating, such as older adults, firsttime voters, or individuals with limited access to transportation.

Summit, once home to Emmett Till before his tragic death, has been the site of many civil rights efforts over the decades. This new initiative honors that legacy by addressing the modern-day challenges of voter suppression and underrepresentation. With early voting and mail-in ballots becoming increasingly vital, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic, this grassroots effort is timely. By focusing on education and community engagement, the women behind this movement hope to not only boost voter turnout in Summit but also inspire similar efforts in other towns across Illinois and



2024 Presidential General Election Sample Ballot!



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STATEWIDE ADVISORY QUESTIONS

"Should any candidate appearing on the Illinois ballot for federal, State or local office be subject to civil penalties if the candidate interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties?"

"Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3% tax on income greater than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief?"

"Should all medically appropriate assisted reproductive treatments, including, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, be covered by any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides coverage for pregnancy benefits, without limitation on number of treatments?""

PARK DISTRICT OF LA GRANGE **PUBLIC QUESTION**

"Shall the Park District of LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois, improve and equip parks and park facilities, including constructing and improving athletic courts, upgrading athletic fields and building infrastructure, increasing accessibility with Americans with Disabilities Act compliance measures, improving and expanding pathways and renovating playgrounds and park shelters, and issue bonds of said Park District to the amount of \$13,860,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?"

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT





(Name on ballot dependent on where you live)

Jesus "Chuy Garcia 11 4th District



Sean Casten 11th District

ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR

(Name on ballot dependent on where you live)

Javier Loera Cervantes 21 1st District

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ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE (Name on ballot dependent on where you live)

ELIZABETH "LISA" HERNANDEZ 2nd District

La Shawn K. Ford 8th District

Abdelnasser Rashid 21st District

Suzanne Akhras 31 82nd District **METROPOLITAN WATER**

RECLAMATION DISTRICT Kari K. Steele

41 \bigcirc Commissioner (6 year) **Marcelino Garcia** Commissioner (6 year)

Sharon Waller Commissioner (6 year)

Precious Brady-Davis V Commissioner (2 year)

COOK COUNTY

Mariyana T. Spyropoulos Clerk of the Circuit Court 51

Eileen O'Neill Burke State's Attorney

Monica M. Gordon **57** County Clerk

COOK COUNTY SUPREME COURT

Joy Virginia Cunningham

COOK COUNTY APPELLATE COURT

72 Mary Lane Mikva

Cynthia Y. Cobbs

Celia Louise Gamrath

75 Carl Anthony Walker

COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

76 Pablo F. deCastro

78 Corinne C. Heggie

79 Sarah Johnson

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Deidre M. Dyer

81 **Arlene Y. Coleman-Romeo**

Neil Cohen

83 **Edward Joseph Underhill**

84 V Debjani 'Deb' Desai

85 **Jennifer Patricia Callahan**

James S. Murphy-Aguilú

Chloe Georgianna Pedersen

COOK COUNTY 3RD SUBCIRCUIT COURT

92 **Pat Heery**

COOK COUNTY 4TH SUBCIRCUIT COURT

91 Michael M. Chvatal

92 **Philip Fowler**

93 Koula A. Fournier

Before you vote, check out the

entire ballot for your area. STATE LAW ALLOWS YOU

TO BRING THIS BALLOT TO THE VOTING BOOTH

Vote YES on ALL Retention Judges - Keep an experienced and qualified Judiciary								🚖 = Appallete Court Judge Retention	
★ Thomas E. Hoffman	\checkmark	Carol M. Howard	\checkmark	Carl B. Boyd 👽	6	Cynthia Ramirez	\checkmark	Robert Harris 🍑	Lindsay Huge 🏽 🍑
★ David W. Ellis	\checkmark	Jill C. Marisie	\checkmark	Daniel R. Degnan 🕟	6	Beatriz Santiago	\checkmark	Preston Jones, Jr.	Kathaleen Theresa Lanahan 🤡
Kathy M. Flanagan	\checkmark	Mike McHale	\checkmark	John H. Ehrlich 🕟	6	Clare Joyce Quish	\checkmark	Peter Michael Gonzalez 🤡	Thomas F. McGuire 🏽 🍑
Stuart F. Lubin	\checkmark	James Patrick Murphy	\checkmark	Terry Gallagher 🕟	6	Stephanie Saltouros	\checkmark	Jeanne Marie Wrenn 🥑	Scott McKenna 🏽 🍑
Martin S. Agran	\checkmark	Ramon Ocasio III	\checkmark	William G. Gamboney 🕟	6	Kent Delgado	\checkmark	Michael B. Barrett 🏽 🍑	Shannon O'Malley 🗹
Ronald F. Bartkowicz	\checkmark	Mary Colleen Roberts	\bigcirc	Elizabeth Mary Hayes 🕟	6	Cecilia Anne Horan	\checkmark	Tiana Ellis Blakely 🗹	Erika Orr 🗹
E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.	\checkmark	Celia Louise Gamrath	\checkmark	Martin C. Kelley 🔾	6	Joanne F. Rosado	\checkmark	Joel Chupack 🗹	James "Jaime" Shapiro 🏽 🍑
James M. Varga	\checkmark	Tommy Brewer	\checkmark	Kimberly D. Lewis 🔾	6	Toya T. Harvey	\checkmark	Elizabeth Ciaccia-Lezza 🏽 🍑	Tom Sam Sianis 🗹
Mary Margaret Brosnahar	1 Ø	Erica L. Reddick	\checkmark	Aicha Marie MacCarthy 🕟	6	Adrienne Elaine Davis	\checkmark	Kevin Patrick Cunningham 🏈	Rosa Maria Silva 🏽 🍑
Maura Slattery Boyle	\checkmark	Lionel Jean-Baptiste	\checkmark	Lisa Ann Marino 👽	6	H. Yvonne Coleman	\checkmark	Colleen Reardon Daly 🥑	Kathryn Maloney Vahey 🥑
Carl Anthony Walker	\checkmark	Michael R. Clancy	\checkmark	Michael Tully Mullen 🕟	6	Debra A. Seaton	\checkmark	Beatriz A. Frausto-Sandoval 🍑	Andrea Michelle Webber 🤡
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