



Northwest Suburban Retired Teachers Unit 90 of the Illinois Retired Teachers' Association

Endorsements from the Northwest Suburban IRTA Legislative Breakfast 2016

We had nearly 100 in attendance at the Inverness Golf Club for our legislative breakfast. We heard from Republican State Representative David Harris, Democratic State Representative Michelle Mussman and State Senator Laura Murphy as well as State Senator candidates Christina Castro and Tracy Smodilla and State Representative candidate, Jillian Rose Bernas. Each of these guests were given time to express their views as Bob Lyons moderated the discussion. Following the responses regarding the state of Illinois' lack of a budget and revenue problems they all gave possible answers depending on election results this November. They all spoke to the Supreme Court and their decision of protecting retiree pensions as a result. There were differing thoughts along party lines regarding solutions to raising needed revenue for all programs and unfunded liabilities for TRS.

The executive board of our Unit met at the conclusion of the brunch and considered each of the legislators and candidates.

David Harris (R) was endorsed in the 53rd District by Unit 90. He has always been approachable having served previously in the House. He also voted nay to SB 1 before it was overturned.

Michelle Mussman (D) is opposing Jillian Rose Bernas (R) of the 56th District and she was also endorsed by **IRTAPAC**. We agreed that **Mussman** deserves **our endorsement and support**. She has served 3 previous terms and her experience was clear when compared to the newcomer Bernas.

Christina Castro (D) is running against Tracy Smodilla in the 22nd Senate District. **IRTAPAC** has already endorsed **Castro** and we concur that Unit 90 finds her extremely knowledgeable as well and endorse her over her opponent.

Laura Murphy (D) is our choice in the 28th district. We join **IRTAPAC** and agree her positions on pensions and insurance closely match those of our membership.

We want to thank all of those that were at the breakfast. The room was full and the legislators and candidates could see that we are serious and motivated in protecting our interests. Remember to vote for those on November 8 that will vote for you. That is not being selfish. You earned your pension and are entitled to receive what you were promised. Even if you do not live in the 22nd, 28th, 53rd or 56th districts you can ask friends and family that do to vote for Harris, Mussman, Castro and Murphy.

The pension you protect is your own and you will live on it for the rest of your life.

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