

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. She is a working mother of three and an attorney by trade. She was formerly an adjunct professor of law and a Wheaton city councilwoman.

Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti was born to teenage parents in Hialeah, a neighborhood outside of Miami, Florida. Her mother was a Cuban refugee and her father, an Ecuadorian immigrant. She recalls moving frequently as a child because her parents were unable to afford rent. While they were of little means, her parents were determined to give Evelyn 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. Sanguinetti not only became an accomplished pianist, she cultivated a love for learning. This educational opportunity allowed her to pursue a college education at Florida International University.

Following graduation, Sanguinetti moved to Chicago to attend The John Marshall Law School where she developed an understanding and passion for the law and for Illinois. She soon 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.

In 2010, Sanguinetti suffered an accident while walking on Wheaton city property. Subsequent medical examinations revealed that she has Multiple Sclerosis. 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.

As lieutenant governor of Illinois, Sanguinetti is committed to fighting for all Illinois residents. She will apply the same passion to her new role that has propelled 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 Interagency Military Base Support and Economic Development Committee. The lieutenant governor also serves as ambassador to the Illinois Main Street program.