

Who Represents Skokie?

Some of the people you will vote for are based on your zipcode. They directly represent you and are called your **local representatives**.

- State Senator
- State Representative
- Congressman

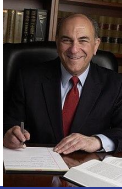
Our State Senator is: Daniel Biss



- Represent the 9th district (Skokie and Evanston)
- Democrat
- Was a state representative first (2008)
- Elected to senate in 2012

Our State Representative is: Laura Fine or Louis Lang depending on your zip code

- Both are democrats
- Louis Lang represents the 16th district
- Laura Fine represents the 17th district



Our congresswoman is: Jan Schakowsky



- Democrat
- One of the most influential people in Congress
- Important to note she is female and Jewish
- Elected in 1998
- Serves 9th district (where she also grew up)



People who represent all of Illinois are known as **State Representatives**. Some examples are:

- Senators
- Governor



Senator: Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth

- Both are democrats
- Durbin has been a senator since 2005
- Duckworth was just elected senator (from U.S. House of Rep.) in this past election in 2016 against incumbent Mark Kirk
- Duckworth lost her legs in the Iraq War
- Duckworth has only been a senator for less than 2 years and is already making history
 - first disabled woman to be elected to Congress
 - First Asian American woman elected to congress
 - first female double amputee in the Senate
 - First Senator to give birth while in office
 - First member of congress to be born in Thailand



Illinois governor is Bruce Rauner



- Elected in 2015
- Up for reelection this year
- Republican

Chicago

- Over half the population of Illinois lives in Chicago/ the surrounding suburbs
- Skokie is included in one of those Suburbs
- The racial makeup is pretty even in Chicago with about a third of the people being white, a third being black, and a third being Latino (about 5% being Asian and 3% being other)



Springfield

- Current state capital
- Only has about 9% of the population
- Where the governor lives and the state representatives go to hold meetings/ make laws