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2016 General Election Results

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Presidential Election:

Finally, it's over. One of the most divided, hostile elections in recent history is over. Emerging as our new president is **Donald J. Trump**. Half of the American population is extremely unhappy with this result while the other half breathes a sigh of relief. The new president will have an uphill battle in bringing this country back together to unite us. In recent history, Americans have not had as much distaste for two candidates as they have for Trump and Clinton. If there's anything positive, we can grasp from this election it's that more people have become engaged in the political process and polls do not tell us the whole story. Leading up to Election Day, most polls predicted a Hillary Clinton win with Trump trailing Clinton between 3 and 10 percent. With the Electoral College, there was a very narrow pathway for Republicans to win back the White House. A Republican win required Trump to win all dominantly "red" states along with all "toss-up" states and to flip a "blue" state. The biggest surprises of the night were flips in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Without all the votes even counted Trump won the Electoral College vote 276 to 228, and the popular vote is too close to call at this point.

While the Mid-western states went Trump, Clinton won Illinois handedly. Presidential politics in Illinois played a role in state legislative results. Trump pulled a number of GOP downstate candidates to victory and Clinton provided a wall for democrats in the collar counties.

Comptroller Race:

Similar to the down ballot races, the Comptroller race was seen as a referendum on Governor Bruce Rauner and House Speaker Michael Madigan. While Comptroller Munger has opposed the Governor on several issues, many correlated a vote for Munger as a vote supporting Rauner and his agenda and a vote for **Susana Mendoza** as a vote for Madigan and one less office in Rauner's bag. Mendoza upset Munger by just over 200,000 votes (49-45%). Mendoza will be filling her position in January for a two-year term. APSA of Illinois PAC supported Comptroller Munger.

U.S. Senate Race:

From all recent polling, it comes as no surprise that **Democratic Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth** will be the new U.S. Senator for Illinois defeating Republican Senator Mark Kirk. Kirk who held the U.S. Senate seat for 6 years after being elected in a special election. As a moderate right, he may have lost some of his party base and in effect lost the get out the vote effort. Duckworth, on the other hand, had support from the other U.S. Senator Dick Durbin and all of her party. Illinois may be the only U.S. Senate seat that flipped for the Democrats. Duckworth's margin was over 750,000 (54% to 40%).

Key Illinois Congressional Races:

8th District: Raja Krishnamoorthi (D) easily defeated Pete DiCianni (R) with 58% of the vote versus DiCianni's 42%.

10th District: Incumbent Robert Dold (R) loses his seat to **Brad Schneider (D)** who won with 5% more of the votes.

12th District: Incumbent **Mike Bost (R)** easily keeps his seat against C.J. Baricevic (D) winning with about a 14% lead.

Legislative Elections:

This year's election of candidates, especially about 20 House seats, was a referendum of the higher powers, Governor Bruce Rauner and Speaker Michael Madigan. Both sides spent record amounts to gain seats, protect incumbents, and flex political muscle for the next two years. Based on the results from yesterday, unless one side or the other is more conciliatory, Springfield likely will continue to be very dysfunctional.

Illinois State Senate Races: (highlighted candidates indicate APSA of Illinois PAC supported)

The Senate had 30 of its districts up for election; however, only 13 of the races were contested, and 7 were competitive. The Republicans already gained the 47th District seat where no Democrat challenged the Republican candidate, Jill Tracy. Senator John Sullivan, from District 47, decided not to seek re-election. The Senate GOP net two seats but the Democrat Senate President John Cullerton will maintain a 37-22 super majority. APSA of Illinois PAC spent \$1,000 in four contested races, sending \$750 to three winners.

The competitive races included (**Winners in bold**):

23rd District: Incumbent **Tom Cullerton (D)** secures his seat and defeats Republican Seth Lewis by 800 votes of 86,000 votes cast.

26th District: Newly appointed Republican **Dan McConchie** wins his first election against Democrat Kelly Mazeski winning nearly 60% of the vote. Dan Duffy (R) previously held this seat.

28th District: Incumbent **Laura Murphy (D)**, appointed to Dan Kotowski's seat, defeats Republican Mel Thillens by over 5,000 votes (53% to 47%).

31st District: **Melinda Bush** was easily reelected defeating Mike Amrozowicz (R) by 7,000 votes (54-46%).

38th District: Incumbent **Sue Rezin** (R) wins her race over Christine Benson (D) by over 15,000 votes.

49th District: Incumbent **Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant** (D) edges out Republican candidate Michelle Smith by 5,000 votes.

58th District: Republican candidate **Paul Schimpf** smokes Democratic candidate Sheila Simon winning with over 60%.

59th District: Republican candidate **Dale Fowler** whips incumbent **Gary Forby** (D) by over 10,000 votes.

Illinois State Representative Races:

Out of the 118 House Districts up for election, only 48 were contested and 18 considered competitive. The election brought a few upsets along with the Democrats no longer remaining in the super majority. The Republicans gained 4 seats taking the Democrat margin to 67 to 51. APSA of Illinois PAC enjoyed greater success in House elections providing \$2,250 to 9 winners of contested races. \$250 went to 1 unsuccessful candidates.

20th District: Incumbent **Mike McAuliffe** (R) defeats Democrat candidate Merry Marwig by over 5,000 votes. This was a race where as much as \$5 million had been spent. Rauner wins an important proxy election here.

45th District: Incumbent **Christine Winger** (R) edges out Democrat candidate Cynthia Borbas by 3,400 votes.

46th District: Incumbent **Deb Conroy** (D) in a rematch destroys Heidi Holan (R) by nearly 7,000 votes.

61st District: Republican incumbent **Sheri Jesiel** defeats Democrat Nick Ciko with over 57% of the vote.

62nd District: In another rematch, Democrat incumbent **Sam Yingling** beats Republican Rod Drobinski by 1,900 votes.

63rd District: Republican candidate **Steven Reick** notches a GOP gain in an open seat beating John Bartman (D) by 6,000 votes.

71st District: Republican candidate **Tony McCombie**, another GOP gain, wallops incumbent Mike Smiddy (D) by 12,500 votes.

76th District: **Jerry Lee Long** (R) edges Andy Skoog (D), who was appointed to replace Frank Mautino, by only 600 votes.

79th District: Republican candidate **Lindsay Parkhurst** beats incumbent Democrat Kate Cloonen by 3,300 votes.

81st District: Recently appointed, **David Olsen** (R), holds on to his seat defeating Greg Hose (D) by nearly 4,000 votes.

93rd District: Incumbent **Norine Hammond** (R) secures another term by besting John Curtis (D) by almost 4,000 votes.

95th District: Incumbent **Avery Bourne** (R) holds her ground against Mike Mathis (D), winning 57% of the vote.

99th District: Republican incumbent **Sara Wojcicki Jimenez** blasts Democrat candidate Tony DelGiorno by over 13,000 votes.

110th District: **Reggie Phillips** (R) will serve another term after beating Democrat Dennis Malak by 13,000 votes.

111th District: Democrat incumbent **Daniel Beiser** holds on to his seat against Mike Babcock (R).

112th District: **Katie Stuart** (D) upsets incumbent **Dwight Kay** (R) by 1,700 votes. Rep. Kay was one of ABC's strongest supporters in the Illinois House.

115th District: Republican incumbent **Terri Bryant** bests Democrat candidate Marsha Griffin by approximately 5,000 votes.

117th District: **Dave Severin** (R) knocks out incumbent John Bradley (D) by nearly 3,000 votes.

Safe Roads/Lockbox Constitutional Amendment:

One of the first decisions presented to Illinois voters yesterday was the decision to vote "yes" or "no" to add a constitutional amendment to protect all transportation-related revenue and for it to be solely dedicated to public highways, roads, streets, bridges, and mass transit. The Safe Roads Amendment received nearly 80 percent approval. Funding for transportation-related budget items can no longer be used for other purposes.

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