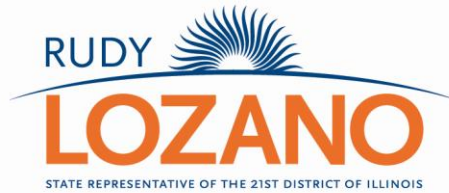


2500 SOUTH ST. LOUIS AVE.
2ND FLOOR
CHICAGO, IL 60623



773 850 2023
RLOZANOJR@GMAIL.COM
RUDYLOZANOFORSTATEREPCOM

Immigrant Rights

Immigrant rights are human rights. I have been a vocal leader for immigrant rights. I have marched with millions in Illinois, and advocated Congressmen in Washington D.C. I believe that as a country, and as a state, we must advance humane policy and provide pathways to citizenship to bring immigrants—their families and communities—out of the shadows. Undocumented communities must be protected from unjust deportations and ensure immigrants are supported, not exploited, at work, at home and in our communities. It is time to ensure that undocumented students have the opportunity to go to college with the opportunity to apply for federal and state financial aid. As your State Representative, I will ensure that the immigrant community of the 21st District has their voice heard in the legislature.

Illinois' growing immigrant population economically, socially and politically contributes communities throughout Illinois, and the state as a whole. Illinois has the nation's fifth largest immigrant population with nearly 1.8 million immigrants that come from Poland, Mexico, India, China and across the world—nearly 525,000 are undocumented. One in four Illinois children is the child of an immigrant. Respecting and protecting the rights of immigrants and their children are important to ensuring a happy and healthy future for the state and the nation.

My Policy Priorities Include:

Opportunities for Citizenship: Immigrants come to this country with dreams to support their families, and many, to become U.S. citizens. As your State Representative, I will be a vocal leader in support of Comprehensive Immigration Reform and the federal DREAM Act. At the state level, I will oppose policies that attempt to exclude or limit access for immigrants, and I will continue to fight for policies that expand the rights and resources available to all Illinoisans—including the undocumented.

Protecting Immigrant Communities: Attacks on immigrant communities and immigrant rights have become too common. From violent raids in communities to legislation proposed to strip immigrants of their right to basic resources including worker protections, education, housing and healthcare—the rights of immigrants need to be protected, and advocated for. As your State Representative, I will advocate for more cities to join Chicago in becoming an official “Sanctuary City” where the rights of immigrants are respected. Rudy will support legislation that offers Illinois immigrants the opportunity to attain a form of identification and apply for Illinois driver licenses, following in the footsteps of states such as New Mexico, Utah, and Washington. And I will be a strong voice for immigrant rights in Springfield, working to defeat any anti-immigrant bills that are introduced in the Illinois State Legislature.

Higher Education: Annually, approximately 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school across the country. Since 2003, with the passage of HB-60, Illinois is one of only ten states that offer in-state tuition to undocumented students. As your State Representative, I will continue to support efforts that help undocumented students pursue higher education by maintaining the spotlight on the need to fund the Illinois DREAM ACT and supporting Congressman Gutierrez and Senator Durbin in their efforts to pass a federal DREAM ACT.

Language Access and Equity: Over 800,000 Illinoisans struggle speaking English. Whether in the classroom, at the hospital or on the train—all Illinoisans have the right to accessible and relevant information and quality services. Effective translation and interpretation services can be a matter of dropping-out of high school or continuing on to college, it can also be a matter of life or death. As your State Representative, I will advocate for expanded bilingual education programs as well as improved language access funding and standards across public services and state agencies.