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IL League of Conservation Voters PAC Raises Unprecedented Dollars

The IL League of Conservation Voters, a state PAC, raised environmental grassroots activism to an unprecedented high over the last six months. Since January, the IL LCV PAC raised nearly \$40,000 and currently has \$24,000 cash on hand. This is almost 3 times more money raised by other environmental political groups during any one filing period.

“The generous donations from individuals committed to protecting Illinois’ environment will have a decisive impact on November elections,” said IL LCV Executive Director Amanda Espitia.

The IL LCV will use these funds to endorse pro-environment candidates, lead a grassroots effort to inform voters about local and statewide environmental issues, and launch a major get-out-the-vote campaign in the upcoming general elections.

“This intensive, candidate-centered approach makes the IL LCV unique in Illinois,” according to Mark Burger, the President of the IL Solar Energy Association.

In targeted races, the endorsement includes full time staff members donated to the campaign that will coordinate phone banks and door to door canvasses reaching out to all voters.

“The IL LCV’s electoral focus is crucial,” continued Burger, “Lifestyle changes are not enough to stop and reverse the damage being done to the environment. We need leadership among our elected officials if Illinois wants to make the switch to renewable energies like wind and solar, stop corporate polluters, and control sprawl. The IL LCV will hold our elected officials accountable for the votes they cast against the environment.”

For more than thirty years the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) has played a major role in this nation’s environmental movement. The IL LCV is currently the only environmental organization in this state dedicated full time to electing a pro-environment majority.

During the primary elections, the IL LCV actively campaigned for Debra Shore, who was the highest vote getter in the Democratic primary for Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. In addition, they also helped elect Sandy Cole, who won her party’s nomination as the Republican candidate for representative in the 62nd Legislative District in Lake County.

If you want information on how to get involved with the IL LCV, email info@lcvillinois.org, call 312-731-6108, or visit the website at www.lcvillinois.org.