



# Illinois Reform Commission

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### **ILLINOIS REFORM COMMISSION HOLDS SECOND CHICAGO MEETING TO ADDRESS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

**CHICAGO (March 3, 2009)** – The Illinois Reform Commission (IRC) will hold its next meeting in Chicago, Illinois on Thursday, March 5, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be the second meeting on the topic of campaign finance reform. It will take place at the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago.

On the topic of campaign finance reform, in addition to hosting two Campaign Finance meetings, the Commission recently hosted two Town Hall meetings (Kankakee and Lincolnshire), where citizens have voiced strong support for various versions of campaign finance reform. In addition, the IRC's website has received significant traffic from individuals supporting campaign finance reform proposals.

“The Commission is hearing from a wide cross section of Illinois citizens that campaign finance reform is a high priority and long overdue. We expect in the next few weeks to add our voice and recommend meaningful reforms for consideration in this Spring's legislative session. This is a time like no other to address this critical issue.” said IRC Chairman, Patrick Collins.

At the Commission's second campaign finance meeting on March 5th, the Commission will explore in more detail some of the prospective structural reforms that are being proposed for Illinois. At the initial meeting, the Commission heard testimony regarding Illinois' current system, problems associated with political fundraising in the State, and potential structural reforms, including reforms that have been employed in other states.

The following individuals are among those expected to address the Commission during the March 5th meeting:

- Jennifer Bowser, Senior Fellow, Legislative Management Program, National Conference of State Legislatures
  - Tom Cross, Illinois House of Representatives, 84th District
  - Joan Krupa, candidate for and appointed to Illinois House of Representatives, 92nd District
  - Michael Noland, Illinois Senate, 22nd District\*
  - Nick Nyhart, President and CEO of Public Campaign
  - John Rendleman, former candidate for Illinois House of Representatives, 115th District
- \* Scheduled to participate via telephone

Members of the public and media are invited to attend. For more information about the Commission and the topic of Campaign Finance, please visit <http://www.reformillinoisnow.org/meetings.php>

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