

## Progressive Candidates in New US Ill.3rd Congressional Democratic Primary

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In the brand new Illinois 3rd Congressional District, 2 progressives have entered the Democratic Primary. They are Ms. Delia Ramirez & Mr. Iyman Chehade. The primary is Tuesday, June 28th. The new district covers Belmont-Cragin, Logan Square, parts of northside Chicago & north west suburbs. It is the northern half of the old ear muff shaped 4th Congressional of Chuy Garcia.

Mr Chehade is a Palestinian-American, who grew up in the Avondale & Logan Park neighborhoods. After receiving his B.A. & M.A. in History & Education at Univer. of Illinois at Chicago. (UIC), he has been a History Professor at both Columbia College & The School of the Art Institute. He advocates Medicare for All, Reforming Immigration Policy & a Marshall Plan, for the USA & strong support for unions & against corporate power. He founded "Uprising Theatre" at 2905 N. Milwaukee, a non-profit giving voice to the people of Palestine & all other marginalized people.

He is currently being paid by US Rep Marie Newman as her Director of Foreign Policy. He sued Newman & Won for non-payment under a contract with her not to run himself in the 6th Congressional Race which she subsequently won. He was sued by one Columbia College student claiming bias after a class showing of the film "5 Broken Cameras".about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In response, at first, Columbia reduced his class schedule. However, a subsequent review by an academic review board, in accordance with the union bargaining agreement, acquitted him & restored his full class schedule. He is the faculty advisor to Students for Justice In Palestine. This man is a fighter.

Ms. Delia Ramirez is the current Illinois 4th District State Representative, including Humboldt Park, Logan Square & Hermosa. She is a Guatemalan-American. Prior to her government job, she directed community financed programs helping people with housing & social service needs for 12 years.

As a state representative, Ramirez supported bills to expand affordable housing, extend health coverage to seniors & restore an elected school board in Chicago. She emphasizes her independence.

In Congress, Ramirez pledges to advocate for Medicare For All, The Green New Deal, student loan cancellation & affordable housing. Among others, The Chicago Teachers' Union, Rep. Lauren Underwood, Jan Schakowski, "Chuy" Garcia, Working Families, Toni Precwinkle & Indivisible Chicago support her.

The regular Democrat running is the bakery truck driver who became a strong leader of the Latin caucus in the Chicago City council and is the 36th Ward Alderman, Gilberto Villegas. He's pretty non-committal on issues, as an insider, except for very generalized cliches.