

Two vie for county board seat in Cook

Cook County Board District 17

Who is Daniel Calandriello?



Calandriello is an attorney who owns his own practice and served as an Orland Park village trustee from 2013-21. The Democrat has a bachelor's in business administration from Marquette University and a JD from the John

Marshall Law School in Chicago. He is a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, the Lions Club, the Southwest Bar Association and other professional organizations.

Why is he running?

He believes it's time for an experienced leader to bring a fresh approach to county government, advocating for residents and getting things done. He supports investments in public safety and mental health service while maintaining a balanced budget and holding the line on taxes. He wants to make the county competitive for businesses.

Most important issue

Public safety. Law enforcement must be

supported with increased investments in technology and training, supporting proactive policing.

Steps to address it

Increase funding for technology and support for the Cook County sheriff to keep better track of electronic home monitor participants, expand the mental health teams for all police departments and provide local municipalities more resources to make sure they have the technologies and training needed to protect residents. Focus county resources on preventing and apprehending carjacks and violent criminals with illegal guns. Ensure local law enforcements work together, sharing information and resources since criminals do not care about town jurisdictions.

Other top priorities

- increase access to mental health services through the county health system and partnerships with local nonprofits, especially targeting those with needs in the criminal justice system
- invest in infrastructure to improve roads, bridges and stormwater management. Get serious about addressing flooding issues in the district.

Who is Sean Morrison?



Elected to the county board in 2015, Morrison also has served as a Palos Township Republican committeeperson since 2010 and the county's Republican Party chairman since 2016. He attended Moraine Valley

Community College and owns Morrison Security Corp. He is the founder of Operation Restoring Innocence, a nonprofit dedicated to rescuing and recovering exploited and missing children from gangs and human traffickers and reuniting them with their loved ones.

Why is he running?

He is seeking another term to ensure an equal voice for the residents of suburban Cook County, where county tax dollars and resources are not evenly distributed to residents. He supports a fiscally responsible approach to budgeting and sound and effective public safety measures. He opposes the growing size of county government and increases in sales and property taxes and user fees.

Most important issue

Crime

Steps to address

Continue to stand up to "soft on crime" policies instituted by board President Toni Preckwinkle, State's Attorney Kim Foxx, and Chief Judge Timothy Evans that result in not properly charging and sentencing criminals. Increase the prosecution of violent crimes, increase sentences for violent criminals and use the electronic monitoring program only for non-violent offenders.

Other top priorities

Rising inflation and high taxes. Will double efforts to ease tax burden and financial strain on residents brought on by irresponsible tax-and-spend policies. Sponsored repeal of soda tax in 2017 and co-sponsored repeal of wheel tax in 2022. Will continue with fiscal efforts such as implementing massive reform measures at Cook County Health and Hospital System that saved taxpayers almost \$200 million and voting no to pay raises for county elected officials.

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