



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton

Illinois Council on Women and Girls

To the residents of the State of Illinois,

On June 12th, 2019, the first meeting of the Illinois Council on Women and Girls (Council) was hosted. The meeting marked a new beginning in Illinois, with a new institution set to ensure women have more seats at the table and to uplift the issues most important to us. State Senator Jacqueline Collins and State Representative Anna Moeller championed the Illinois Council on Women and Girls Act (20 ILCS 5130/30), making this work possible and impactful.

The June meeting allowed the Council to plan how it would operate and the issues it would focus on. A spirited discussion and issue poll led to the creation of four committees: Gender-Based Violence, Health & Healthcare, Economic & Academic Opportunity, as well as Leadership & Inclusion. Councilmembers agreed that these issues should be considered with intentional focus on LGBTQ+, veteran, and disabled populations. With committees in formation, the Council will develop policy recommendations and plan actions we can execute directly related to those recommendations.

This first meeting set the direction of the Council, which will be supported by staff in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in coordination with the Office of the Governor. This letter serves as a mid-year report for the work of the Illinois Council on Women and Girls, per 20 ILCS 5130/30.

As we continue our policy and advisory work, we shall file a comprehensive end of year report. This report will be sent to the Governor and General Assembly in addition to being made accessible for review by all Illinois residents via the website hosted by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Sincerely,

The Illinois Council on Women and Girls