

Erica Bray-Parker
Candidate for the Illinois House of Representative (District 47)

Wheaton resident and current Wheaton City Council member, Erica Bray-Parker is running in the 2026 election as a Democrat for the Illinois House of Representatives (District 47). Wheaton, Winfield, Carol Stream, Warrenville, Naperville, Bartlett, West Chicago, Lisle and other pockets of DuPage County make up the 47th district.

At the end of the 2025-2026 school year, Bray-Parker retired after 33 years of teaching high school history, civics, American law, and psychology classes. For the past two decades, she taught at Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream. As a public high school civics teacher she emphasized the importance of active democracy; offered resources and identified numerous opportunities for her students to become involved in their communities; and challenged them to embrace the meaning behind “We the People.”

In 2019, Bray-Parker was elected to the Wheaton City Council as Councilwoman At-Large. She credits her service to the City of Wheaton as giving her a solid foundation upon which she built relationships and fostered collective dialog between local residents and their government. During her tenure, the city of Wheaton has consistently earned an AAA bond rating from S & P Global and has not increased its property tax levy for 7 consecutive years.

Bray-Parker has voted for ordinances and proposals that have increased downtown housing by over 500 units, including a project for homeless veterans and their families; a comprehensive sidewalk project; and improvements in the downtown business district, including new streetscape, better access to parking, and the addition of the French Market pavilion, while also encouraging developments in the north and south business districts. She cites her record of collaborating with residents, city boards and commissions, businesses, nonprofits as well as working to amend city practices in ways that support all stakeholders as the foundation of her leadership philosophy.

Since 2017, she has served as an elected member of the board of directors for the Illinois Education Association (IEA). She also served as a member of Congressman Sean Casten and former State Representative Terra Costa Howard’s Educational Advisory committees. Currently, she is a member of the League of Women Voters of Wheaton, and volunteers at her church and with a variety of local non-profit organizations. A 30-year resident of Wheaton, Bray-Parker and her husband Jeremy have two adult sons who graduated from the Wheaton public schools.

Bray-Parker earned her Master’s Degree from Northern Illinois University in Political Science through the James Madison Memorial Foundation Fellowship Award and her bachelor’s degree from Illinois State University in Social Science Education.

For ongoing updates about Bray-Parker’s campaign initiatives or learn how they can get involved in her campaign, voters in the 47th District can visit her website at: ericaforIL47.com.

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Resources -

<https://www.wheaton.il.us/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/1027?arc=1711> 2024 Budget

<https://www.dailyherald.com/20260105/news/new-wheaton-budget-includes-debt-for-fire-police-station-projects/> 2027 Budget article

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