



# Office of the State's Attorney

## Union County, Illinois

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November 20, 2020

[sent via email]

Robert Gorman  
Chicago Votes

robert@chicagovotes.com

Dear Mr. Gorman:

Please consider this our response to your attached Freedom of Information Act request, received via email on November 13, 2020 and summarized below:

- (1) Any and all documents detailing if and when a polling place was established, along with voting booths and screens.
- (2) Any and all documents showing how many ballot applications were completed, denied, incomplete, or turned in blank.
- (3) Any and all documents showing the number of voter registration forms that were given to people incarcerated at Union County Jail and the number of voter registration forms that were completed.
- (4) Any and all documents that show the number of same-day voter registration forms that were given to people incarcerated at Union County Jail and the number of voter registration forms that were completed.
- (5) Any and all documents that show the number of Know Your Voting Rights guides that were given to people being released from Union County Jail.

Regarding (1), per Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer, all eligible voters in custody were asked if they wanted to vote. Eight chose to and all eight voted by mail. As such, we have neither custody nor possession of records responsive to your request.

Regarding (2), (3) and (4) any responsive records have been sealed and sent to the State Board of Elections. As such, we have neither custody nor possession of records responsive to your request.

Regarding (5), we have neither custody nor possession of records responsive to your request.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Rollie Hawk  
Public Information Officer

Union County State's Attorney  
rhawk@unioncountyl.gov

Enclosure

Cc: Daniel Klingemann, State's Attorney  
Lance Meisenheimer, County Clerk  
Scott Harvel, Sheriff



# County of Union, Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

11/3/2020

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Gorman

Request Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

5430 S Cornell Ave, Apt. 00102

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicago, IL, 60615

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

610-587-6766

robert@chicagovotes.co

Telephone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Records Requested (please be as specific as possible; attach additional pages if needed):

- Any and all documents detailing if and when a polling place was established, along with voting booths and screens.
- Any and all documents showing how many ballot applications were completed, denied, incomplete, or turned in blank.
- Any and all documents showing the number of voter registration forms that were given to people incarcerated at Randolph County Jail and the number of voter registration forms that were completed.
- Any and all documents that show the number of same-day voter registration forms that were given to people incarcerated at Randolph County Jail and the number of voter registration forms that were completed.
- Any and all documents that show the number of Know Your Voting Rights guides that were given to people being released from Randolph County Jail.

Is this request for a Commercial Purpose? YES  NO

*(It is a violation of the Freedom of Information Act for a person to knowingly obtain a public record for a commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose, if requested to do so by the public body under 5 ILCS 140.3.1(c))*

Are you requesting a fee waiver? YES  NO

*(If you are requesting that the public body waive any fees for copying the documents, you must attach a statement of the purpose of the request, and whether the principal purpose of the request is to access or disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or legal rights of the general public under 5 ILCS 140/6(c)).*

Please retain a copy of this form for your records.

Submit the original to one of our FOIA officers:

Rollie Hawk, Public Information Officer Union County State's Attorney's Office 309 West Market Room 239 Jonesboro, IL 62952  rhawk@unioncountyl.gov  (618) 833-8248	Daniel Klingemann Union County State's Attorney 309 West Market Room 239 Jonesboro, IL 62952  ucsainfo@unioncountyl.gov  (618) 833-7216
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**From:** Robert Gorman [mailto:robert@chicagovotes.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Julie Mowery  
**Cc:** Alexandria Boutros; Charlotte Soehner  
**Subject:** FOIA request

Dear Mr. Klingemann,

Under the **Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140**, I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of public records that are related to the Union County Sheriff's Office's compliance with Public Act 101-0422, which is commonly referred to as the "Voting in Jails" Act, regarding the Union County Jail.

I would like to request the following records from September 24, 2020 - November 3, 2020:

- Any and all documents detailing if and when a polling place was established, along with voting booths and screens.
- Any and all documents showing how many ballot applications were completed, denied, incomplete, or turned in blank.
- Any and all documents showing the number of voter registration forms that were given to people incarcerated at Union County Jail and the number of voter registration forms that were completed.
- Any and all documents that show the number of same-day voter registration forms that were given to people incarcerated at Union County Jail and the number of voter registration forms that were completed.
- Any and all documents that show the number of Know Your Voting Rights guides that were given to people being released from Union County Jail.

The principal purpose of the disclosure of the information in these records is in the public interest and will not be used for any commercial or personal benefit. Accordingly, under ILCS 140/6 (c) of the FOIA, I request a waiver of any copying charges that your office would ordinarily impose in responding to this request. If your office chooses not to grant a waiver, please contact me to discuss the matter further.

I look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by Act 5 ILCS 140(3). Thank you for considering and responding to this request. The official FOIA request form is attached for your convenience.

Kindly,  
Robert Gorman  
Activism and Community Engagement Intern  
[Chicago Votes](#)  
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