

Writer's Introduction

My name is Michael J. Coffey Jr., and I am a lifelong resident of Springfield. I am deeply committed to representing the 95th District of Illinois in the General Assembly. I am passionate about finding solutions to some of our most pressing problems, such as creating jobs, ensuring quality education for all children, protecting our environment, and promoting fiscal responsibility. I also believe strongly in transparency and open dialogue between constituents and their representatives so that everyone is aware of what needs to be done for the District's success. As the Representative for the 95th District of Illinois, I will work to serve the interests of all district residents. I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to this position that will help me ensure that our citizens are being heard by government representatives.

Passion and Goals

Beliefs

Experience and Knowledge

I am committed to putting forth an effort to find innovative solutions that address current issues within our community, such as unemployment or lack of economic growth. Additionally, I want to prioritize initiatives that increase access to quality education and medical care while also finding ways to reduce crime and create safe neighborhoods. I will work tirelessly to ensure that our District is getting its fair share of resources from the state and federal governments, as well as advocate for legislation that directly benefits constituents in this area. I am a firm believer that every citizen should have a say in how their communities are run, so I will make sure that people's opinions are taken into account on all crucial matters. Ultimately, my goal is to create an environment within our District where businesses can thrive, families can live comfortably, and children succeed academically. With my knowledge, experience, and dedication to public service, I know I can help achieve this goal. That is why I want to be appointed to fill the anticipated vacancy in the office of Representative for the 95th District of Illinois.

My involvement in the local community has been extensive. As an active member of the Springfield community, I have contributed to numerous organizations and activities. I have

served as a Precinct Committeeman for 12 years, Chairman of the S.M.E.A.A board from 1993-2010 and was a candidate for Mayor of Springfield in 2010. I co-chair the Frank A. Coffey Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit children and am on the Middletown State Bank Board and Illini County Club Board. I serve as a volunteer coach for youth sports teams, donating my time and resources to support them financially or with equipment donations when needed. In addition, I regularly donate to local schools and fundraisers throughout Sangamon County. I am also a proud graduate of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and have been involved in the family business since 1992. My lifelong involvement with the Springfield community has helped me to develop strong relationships with local politicians, labor unions, and lobbyists, giving me the necessary experience for representing the 95th District of Illinois in the General Assembly.

I have been a dedicated member of the Republican Party for over thirty years. I began my political involvement as a Precinct Committeeman, where I held that position for 12 years. During this time, I was active in local and state races, including running for Mayor of Springfield. I have since been an active member of various organizations within the 95th District, such as the Illini County Club Board and Sangamon County Foundation. Additionally, I have supported many fundraisers and charities in the area through donations or coaching youth sports teams as Chairman of the S.M.E.A.As a Board from 1993-2010, I had numerous opportunities to work across party lines to produce positive results for our District. My experience working with lobbyists, labor unions, and local politicians has given me the skills necessary to effectively represent the 95th District.

I have an extensive work history, education, and community involvement that makes me uniquely qualified for the role of State Representative for the 95th District. I graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1992 and began working in my family's

restaurants shortly after graduation. As a business owner, I have developed strong relationships with labor unions, local politicians, lobbyists, and constituents that will benefit me as a state representative. In addition to my career experience, I am incredibly active in the Springfield community. I chair the Frank A. Coffey Memorial Golf Tournament for kids in honor of my brother, serve on the Middletown State Bank Board, serve on the Illini County Club board, coach youth sports, and donate to local schools and fundraisers. My political career began when Don Casper asked me to be a precinct committeeman, which I have been for the past 12 years. In addition to this role, I am part of the S.M.E.A.A. Board and was elected Chairman in 1993 and 2010. I believe that my experience as an entrepreneur, business owner, volunteer, and public servant makes me an ideal candidate for State Representative of the 95th District in the 103rd Illinois General Assembly.



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