

Biography of DOUG HOUSE Rock Island County Democratic Party Chair and President, Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association

Doug House has served as the President of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association for nearly three years. House was chosen to fill the term of the association's predecessor in November of 2015 and has since been elected twice by Illinois County Democratic Party Chairs.

A native of northwestern Illinois' Quad Cities area, Doug House began his political activism as the Political Director for the late congressman Lane Evans, a progressive Democrat known in Illinois as the first and most vocal supporter of Barack Obama's run for the U.S. Senate.

House has served as a Rock Island County Democratic Party precinct committeeperson since 1982. Seven years ago, House was elected Chair of the Rock Island Democratic Party Organization, a role he continues to fulfill.

Since taking office as the President of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association, Doug House has transformed the influence and activity of the IDCCA. Under Doug House's leadership, the association has:

- Has repeatedly exceeded its annual fundraising goals;
- Built a full-time professional and seasoned staff team;
- Developed and delivered intensive training programs for Democratic candidates and activists in every region of Illinois;
- Recruited dozens of Democrats to run as county-level candidates against Republicans who, in some cases, haven't had an opponent in 40 years;
- Spearheaded a statewide newsletter that features important political developments, the progress of Democratic campaigns, and the unfiltered perspective of Democratic Party allies.
- Led the effort to fill vacant Democratic Precinct Committee slots throughout the state.

Doug House says his goals are to build a Democratic Party from the deepest grassroots of local county parties – no matter where in Illinois they are. He's adamant that success for Democrats at the county level is crucial for the long-term success of the party, providing a firm foundation for a highly-qualified "farm team" to expand their leadership to higher levels in the future. House is a proud, longtime member of the Operating Engineers union and, professionally, an expert in public works and transportation development.

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