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Jennifer Camille Lee, Tracy Baim, Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth and Cathy Seabaugh

Jennifer Camille Lee is the founder and Co-President of Action Illinois, a progressive advocacy organization focused on promoting effective action to protect and improve our democracy for today and tomorrow. Jennifer is also the founder and co-leader of Women Rising - Illinois, an organization based in downstate Illinois that recruits, trains and helps elect progressive women to office. In the most recent municipal elections, three of the four endorsed Women Rising candidates won their elections.

For the last five years she has worked with the Labor Education Program at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to establish an Advisory Board made up of labor leaders across the Midwest, create a policy institute (Project for Middle Class Renewal) dedicated to improving the lives of the middle-class in Illinois through applied policy research and trainings, and developed programming for union labor and communities throughout the state. In her role there she also co-directed a Women's Labor Leadership School. Jennifer helped organize the sister rally to the National Women's March in Springfield, Illinois and was a co-chair of the Illinois Women March on Springfield event at the State Capitol which saw 2000 community members rally for a responsible state budget with a progressive agenda. She is on the host committee for the United State of Women Galvanize program founded by the Obama White House.



Jennifer has been an active participant in Democratic political campaigns since her days as a college student at the University of Illinois-Springfield and has worked in a wide variety of roles from fundraising to leading a field team.

She lives in Springfield, Illinois, with her two teenagers, Zachary and Isabella.

Tracy Baim is publisher and executive editor at Windy City Times, a weekly LGBTQ newspaper which she co-founded in 1985. Baim received the 2013 Chicago Headline Club Lifetime Achievement Award for her 30 years in journalism. In 2014, she was inducted into the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association Hall of Fame. She has won numerous gay community and journalism honors, including the Community Media Workshop's Studs Terkel Award. Baim's most recent book is Barbara Gittings: Gay Pioneer. In 2013 she was founder of the March on Springfield for Marriage Equality. She received the American Institute of Architects-Chicago Presidential Citation Award in 2016 for her work on tiny homes for the homeless. Additional awards include those from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, the LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois, and Unity Parenting. Tracy was a champion for the Women's March on Chicago in January 2017 and was co-chair of Illinois Women March on Springfield in April 2017.



Cathy Seabaugh is founder of A Sister's Hope, a charity focused on raising significant funding for breast cancer research aimed at saving the lives of those we love. Since 2007, the organization has placed more than \$6.5 million into research labs toward this goal. A former journalist, Cathy worked to promote women's sports coverage in the 1980's and wrote about accessibility issues and Paralympians in the early 1990's after passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. She staffed many multi-day AIDS Bike Rides and Breast Cancer 3-Day Walks before launching A Sister's Hope, an idea given birth when Cathy's sister first faced breast cancer. Cathy is committed to helping individuals realize the power within themselves to help change the world.



Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth is the former Head of Operations and Board Member for Women's March on Washington - Illinois Chapter where she successfully assisted transport of nearly 10,000 Illinoisans to Washington D. C. for the march on January 21. She is founder and co-leader of Indivisible Illinois 9th District, and current co-leader of Indivisible Illinois where her priority is promoting progressive activism at the local level to resist the current administration. She has successfully mobilized activists statewide through grassroots efforts as well as through coordination with local, state and national coalitions.



Leni had no history of political activism before November 8, 2016. The native Chicagoan and daughter of Filipino emigrants, is a mother of three and had little time for more than caring for her small business and family. But Donald Trump was something she never expected and the threats to women, people of color, the LGBTQIA community and many other vulnerable populations compelled her to get involved. A life-long dancer, Leni transitioned from the performing arts to physical therapy. Working in the Cook County hospital and jail system Leni witnessed first-hand the desperate need for quality, affordable healthcare and preventative medicine for all. She is concerned what the future holds for our most indigent individuals and their families.