



Biography

Senator Pamela J. Althoff has served as a member of the Illinois State Senate since March 2003. She has championed legislation to increase open space, expand the agricultural industry and promote improved statewide economic growth. She is a proponent of improving the business/job climate of Illinois, obtaining equitable education funding reform, tax reforms and senior health issues.

In the Senate, she serves as the Senate Republican Caucus Chair as a part of the Senate Republican Leadership. Senator Althoff is the Minority Spokeswoman for the Revenue and Licensed Activities & Pensions Committees and also serves on the Appropriations II, Assignments, Executive Appointments, Labor, and Transportation Committees. Additionally, she also serves on the Community Oversight Medicaid Managed Care, Property Tax, Special Issues, and Tax Credits Subcommittees.

Additionally, Senator Althoff serves on The Commission of Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA), Domestic Violence Task Force, Illinois Discharged Service Member Task Force, Budgeting for Results Commission, Early Learning Council, Military Prior Learning Task Force, MS Task Force, General Assembly's Advisory Committee on Medicaid, Midwestern Higher Education Commission, Hepatitis C Task Force, 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Advisory Committee, Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Council, Re-sellers' Electronic Reporting Task Force, Illinois Discharged Service Member Task Force, Advisory Committee on Block Grants, McCormick Place Advisory Board, Co-Chair of Joint Task Force on Turkish and Illinois Relations, Perinatal Advisory Subcommittee, State Housing Task Force, Innovation, Intervention, and Restructuring Task Force, Illinois Single Audit Commission, Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the Great Lakes, Illinois Accessibility Task Force, Ensuring Success in School Task Force, Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Committee, Co-Chair of the Legislative Research Unit, Chair of the Historic Preservation Caucus, Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), and is the Co-Chair of the NCSL Legislative Summit 2016 Host Committee.

Senator Althoff has been extremely involved in her community. She currently serves on the Executive Board at United Way of McHenry County and JourneyCare (Formerly Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois). Past organizations she has been involved with include the MCC Foundation Board, the Community Development Block Grant Board, the McHenry Council of Governments, McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce, the Fox Waterway Agency, League of Women Voters and more.

She has been named a "Guardian of Small Business" by the National Federation of Independent Business, developed a personnel policy for Fox Waterway Agency, established a Mayors Consortium to identify and coordinate northeastern McHenry County transportation issues, and helped lead efforts to implement a nation-leading grant reform program.

Prior to coming to the Senate, Pamela Althoff was the McHenry City Mayor from 2001 to 2003. Other positions she has held in her career include a Special Education teacher, an Assistant Administrator with the McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce, a Sales and Marketing Representative, and the McHenry City Clerk and Collector.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Illinois State University in 1975, and her Master's Degree in Education from Northeastern Illinois University in 1978.