



“Find out where you stand and who stands for you.”

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Welcome to the Civic Footprint!

Whether or not you vote or can name your state senator, you have a civic footprint — an imprint of your unique place in the civic world. Knowing your Footprint is a key part of being able to get involved in your community. Yet it’s never been easy to find this information...until now.

The Center for Neighborhood Technology (www.cnt.org) has developed the *Civic Footprint*, a website to help Cook County residents find out who represents them so that they can stand up for the issues that impact their lives. Healthy, sustainable communities are dependent upon active citizens who help make our democratic institutions work. The first step towards this vision is the ability to find out where you stand and who stands for you.

www.civicfootprint.org

The *Civic Footprint* makes it easy. It gathers together into one easy-to-use resource many of your personal political geographies and provides you with a snapshot of all of these — your Footprint. Your Footprint comes complete with lists of representatives and district maps.

Use the Civic Footprint to:

- Find out who represents you. You might be able to name your alderman, but do you know your state senator, police beat or precinct? Login and the Footprint will tell you who represents you.
- Browse maps of your political geography. Illinois has more units of government than any other state. Use the Footprint to see where you fit into the puzzle of districts, wards and precincts.
- Share the Footprint with others. Its great to know your own personal geography, but democracy is a collective activity. Pass the Footprint on to your friends, colleagues and students. Invite them to discover their own Civic Footprint.

Why is it “Beta”?

We think the Civic Footprint is a helpful tool but we know that it can become even better. In this Beta stage of development we are actively seeking feedback on every aspect of the website. Please use the contact page to let us know what you found helpful, confusing or missing.

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