

# Citizen candidates run for office on LaRouche program

Pledging to give voters a choice that is not between “the lesser of two evils,” dozens of independent candidates for public office are campaigning for state and local office in the November election, supporting the programs of independent presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. Here are some recent developments:

## Illinois

A challenge to three Illinois incumbent politicians was filed on Aug. 3 in Springfield, when independents Sheila Jones, Rose Marie Love, and Barbara Goudeaux filed 25,000 signatures among them.

Said Jones, who is a candidate for Congress in the 9th Congressional District: “We are viewing this campaign as a means to give leadership to the citizens of the State of Illinois so that we can together end the tyranny, repression, and genocidal racism of the enforcers for the Eastern Liberal Establishment bankers and the Anti-Defamation League of the B’nai B’rith. Too long has this faction terrorized the black population of Chicago and anointed its leaders so that the policy of urban decay and depopulation can go unchallenged.”

Rose Marie Love, a former Cook County commissioner, filed as a candidate for Congress in Chicago’s 7th C.D. “I question why money appropriated under HUD [Housing and Urban Development] for the poor in this district is going to build luxury high rises,” she said. “The 7th C.D. includes the poorest and the richest sections of Chicago. The imbalance is unnatural. The largest share of Chicago’s homeless is here, and yet what government money there is goes to build luxury high rises like Presidential Tower, which is right next to one of the poorest projects in the city—ALBA. I intend to use this campaign to fight for national policies which can change conditions here.”

Barbara Goudeaux is running for State Senate in the 31st District. A missionary and community activist, she has traveled the world to help the poor. Since 1988, she has been active in Food for Peace efforts to bring farmers and eaters together, in an alliance which can break the grip of the grain cartels over food production.

## Iowa

Iowa farm and education activist Sue Atkinson is campaigning for the Iowa Senate seat now held by Republican Charles Grassley, an advocate of brutal “deficit reduction.”

Atkinson worked for 14 years as a finance officer in the Omaha Farm Credit District in Iowa, but left her job when it became clear to her that Farm Credit was intending to liquidate thousands of family farmers. She says the liquidations were unnecessary and that the Wall Street investment banks, the bondholders of the Farm Credit System, would benefit, while the farmers lost everything.

In announcing her campaign, Atkinson said, “We have to recognize that our banking system is bankrupt. As long as we are intent on sacrificing people in order to save the banking system, then we are morally corrupt. Our first secretary of the treasury, Alexander Hamilton, emphasized that no economy functions without investment in basic economic infrastructure. They established a national bank with authority under the Constitution to regulate the currency of the nation in order to bring about investments in such areas as maintaining productive family-farm-based agriculture and education. The best recommendations for regaining the morally sound economic policy on which this country was founded come from slandered political prisoner and candidate for President Lyndon LaRouche.”

## Virginia

Alan R. Ogden is campaigning as an independent candidate for Congress in the 10th C.D., running against incumbent Rep. Frank Wolf (R) and Democrat Ray Vickery, who was drafted by the District Committee only after Ogden announced his intention to run.

Ogden explained the purpose of his campaign, when he was certified at the end of June: “The issue in this election is justice. Concern for justice has been evaporating in our country for some years. The barbaric use of the death penalty by the likes of the Rehnquist Supreme Court and our monstrously evil Virginia Attorney General, Mary Sue Terry, to execute prisoners whom they know are probably innocent, and whose constitutional rights they knowingly and explicitly violate, is intolerable.

“The Loudoun County Democratic Committee, of which I am a member, took one step toward ending this horror last week, by voting up the resolution to abolish the death penalty, which will also be proposed at the National Democratic Convention next month in New York.

“I am confident,” Ogden said, “that the voters of the 10th District will repudiate any candidate who condones the slaughter of innocents under the cover of the death penalty. In the communist countries and in the countries where the communists and their death penalty have been overthrown, it is well known that the death penalty is an instrument of brutalization and tyranny. Also in America, a fight for justice is necessary, to stop tyranny. This is the fight of my campaign.”

Nancy Spannaus, a candidate for the 1993 Democratic gubernatorial nomination, is challenging Mary Sue Terry, the so-called front-runner in that race. Spannaus has made the issue of the death penalty a principal focus of her campaign.