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More prominent Democrats back Mark Pera for Congress

Illinois Sen. Carol Ronen, D-7th, Illinois Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, D-12th, Chicago Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th Ward, and Ald. Joe Moore, 49th Ward formally announced this week their support for Mark Pera for Congress.

The group, along with Rick Garcia of Equality Illinois and others, has joined the host committee for Pera's January 9 fund-raiser in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood.

Pera's aggressive campaign against Dan Lipinski in Illinois' 3rd District has been named one of the top primary races to watch in the entire country by the Washington D.C.-based *Congressional Quarterly* and a number of online publications.

Pera said he's attracting such wide support from across the city and suburbs because progressive politicians and voters are disappointed with Lipinski's voting record on the issues that matter to them most, such as Iraq, energy and the environment, choice and LGBT rights.

"Illinois Democrats take great pride in delivering forward-thinking, progressive candidates to Congress. They believe Illinois' 3rd District should be represented in Congress by a Democrat who votes with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, not President George Bush and the Republicans," Pera said.

These prominent supporters join a number of Democrats who have already endorsed Mark Pera for Congress, including Cook County Commissioner Forrest Claypool, Illinois Sen. Dan Kotowski, Illinois Rep. John Fritchey, Chicago aldermen Manuel "Manny" Flores, Brendan Reilly and Scott Waguespack and Water Reclamation District Commissioner Debra Shore.

For more information on the Jan. 9 event, call (708) 579-2834. To RSVP, visit www.ActBlue.com/page/themix.

The invitation to the can be downloaded at <http://www.PERA08.com>.

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