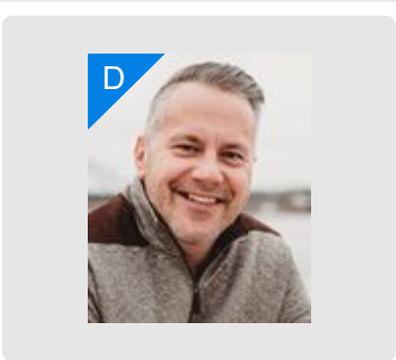


Eric Sorensen (IL-17)



Biography

BIRTH DATE

Unknown

EDUCATION

BS, Northern Illinois Univ., 1994-1999

FAMILY

Partner: Shawn

Background

A well-known Northern Illinois meteorologist, Sorensen seeks to advance his commitment to climate action in Congress

Born and raised in northern Illinois, Sorensen graduated with a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in 1998; launched Project Tornado to "help kids feel safer during severe weather," which he says has taught 50,000 children

Moved to Texas to start his career in broadcast weather, where he faced employment discrimination for being an out gay man; in 2003, he took a \$12,000 reduction in pay to return to his hometown in a new meteorology role

Spent the next 18 years working as a local meteorologist in northern Illinois, starting as a morning meteorologist for WREX TV in Rockford, Illinois; was promoted to chief meteorologist in 2006

In 2014, he moved to Moline, Illinois, to work as the senior meteorologist for WQAD News, a position he held until 2021; announced his House campaign in November 2021 for Illinois's 17th Congressional District, which is an open seat held by retiring Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL17)

A self-described "climate communicator," Sorensen has focused his campaign on renewable energy solutions, such as greater rebates for used electric vehicles, and has taken a pledge to reject donations from individuals and PACs in the fossil fuel industry

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2022 VOTE RATING DISTRICT LOCATION

Toss Up

North-central Illinois cities from Rockford to Quad Cities area to Bloomington

Election Results

2022 GENERAL

Sorensen

52%

King

48%

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal

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