

ITE RESEARCH REPORT

INVEST *to* ELECT

ILLINOIS

SUBJECT: Eric Sorenson
REPORT CURRENT AS OF: 2/3/22
AUTHOR: Gerri

- INCUMBENT
- CHALLENGER
- OPEN SEAT

PRIMARY DATE: 6/28/2022
STATE OR DISTRICT: IL 17

CANDIDATE(S) BACKGROUND:

Eric Sorenson was born and raised in Rockford. After attending Northern Illinois University Eric returned to Rockford as the Chief Meteorologist on WREX. After 11 years, Eric moved to Moline where he spent 7 years delivering weather to the Quad Cities. Eric came out while attending Northern Illinois University. In the Quad Cities, Eric took an active role in the LGBTQ community. He currently lives in Moline with his partner and 2 dogs.

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN FINANCES:

\$57,000 as of 12/31/2021

OPPONENT(S) BACKGROUND:

D: Angie Normoyle, Jonathon Logemann, Litesa Wallace, Marsha Williams, Jacqueline McGowen, Spence Morris
R: Esther Joy King, Charlie Helmick

OPPONENT CAMPAIGN FINANCES:

Esther Joy King \$1.1 mil, raised \$640,000 in Q4
Charlie Helmick \$0 reported (Trumpy sounding on campaign website)

STATE POLITICAL CLIMATE:

2020: Bustos 52% 156,011
King 48% 143,863

BIDEN +/- 2020

Biden 48.1% Trump 49.7% (Biden -1.6%)

POLITICAL REPORTS AND POLLS (e.g., Cook Political Report, FiveThirtyEight, Sabato's Crystal Ball)

Cook Political Report Toss Up
Sabato's Crystal Ball Toss Up
Inside Elections Tilt Democrat

SUPPORT:

- YES
- NO
- TBD

NEWSLINKS:

<https://www.rrstar.com/story/news/2021/11/10/former-rockford-tv-meteorologist-eric-sorenson-run-congress/6354702001/>

<https://www.wifr.com/2021/11/10/former-rockford-meteorologist-eric-sorensen-announces-run-illinois-17th-congressional-district/>

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/former-rockford-meteorologist-eric-sorensen-announces-run-for-illinois-17th-congressional-district/ar-AAQxv3q>