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ELECTION 2024 ANALYSIS

Prior debates hint at rivals' tactics

Contrasting styles of attack expected by Harris, Trump

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From her earliest campaigns in California to her serving as President Joe Biden's running mate, Kamala Harris has honed an aggressive but calibrated approach to debates.

Tuesday's presidential debate will put the Democratic vice president's skills to a test unlike any she's seen. Harris faces former President Donald Trump, the Republican nominee, who will participate in his seventh general

election debate since 2016 for an event that will be seen by tens of millions of viewers just as early voting in November's election starts around the country.

For Trump, it seems a strange twist of American history that the only man to have run against two female nominees in two presidential elections is one with a long and explicit record of denigrating women.

From the earliest days of his presidential candidacy in 2015 to a Trump Tower news conference Friday, Trump has repeatedly attempted to attack, embarrass and threaten the women standing

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In this combination photo, Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., speaks during a debate, Oct. 7, 2020, in Salt Lake City, left, and Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump speaks during a debate, June 27, 2024, in Atlanta. **AP**

Harris, Trump in virtual tie: A national poll of likely voters by The New York Times and Siena College found Trump leading Harris, 48% to 47%, largely unchanged from a Times/Siena poll taken just after President Joe Biden dropped his reelection bid. **Nation & World**

Johnson enacts hiring freeze

Move comes as city faces nearly \$1 billion shortfall in budget

By Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Brandon Johnson on Monday issued a hiring freeze on city government positions, including police, as his administration faces a nearly \$1 billion budget shortfall next year.

A statement sent out by his budget office said "Effective today, we are enacting a series of budgetary restrictions, including a citywide hiring freeze, and stringent limitations on non-essential travel and overtime expenditures outside of public safety operations." The statement did not say how many vacant positions or how much the city expects to save.

The statement did not elaborate on whether rank-and-file Police Department and Fire Department positions would be affected, and representatives from Johnson's office did not immediately provide further details. But a copy of a memo sent out to commissioners and department heads said that all city government departments and positions will be included in the freeze.

CPD's current academy class

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Bribery trial of Madigan associate to begin today

Trial of ex-AT&T boss to offer sneak preview of speaker's case

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

Former AT&T Illinois boss Paul La Schiazza's bribery trial could easily have been lost in the parade of major public corruption cases at Chicago's federal courthouse.

But fate — in the form of the U.S. Supreme Court — stepped in, leading to a six-month delay in the blockbuster racketeering case of the man La Schiazza is accused of bribing: then-House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Now the spotlight is squarely on La Schiazza and his trial beginning Tuesday at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, where he stands accused of a scheme to funnel \$22,500 in payments to a Madigan associate in exchange for the speaker's help passing legislation important to the phone giant.

Instead of a retreat of evidence, La Schiazza's case is now expected to offer a sneak preview of a key part of the ex-speaker's



La Schiazza

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Ald. Anthony Beale, 9th, speaks in support of ShotSpotter during a Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday at City Hall.

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Aldermen call on mayor to not drop ShotSpotter

Detection system's days in Chicago numbered, with phase-out to start Sept. 22

By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

ShotSpotter's days in Chicago are numbered, but some aldermen are trying — once again — to throw the gunshot detection system a last-minute lifeline.

Aldermen called on Mayor Brandon Johnson to abandon his plan to end the city's use of the technology at a Public Safety Committee hearing Monday. Johnson plans to phase out ShotSpotter over the course of

two months starting Sept. 22, fulfilling a campaign pledge.

When that day comes, ShotSpotter supporters argued Monday, the city will be left without a critical tool that police need to get to gunshot victims faster and save lives.

"I don't understand what we are going to do if we are not going to protect the people that live here," said Ald. Desmon Yancy, 5th.

Nearly every alderman who spoke Monday voiced support for

the technology that uses acoustic sensors mounted on light poles, mostly on the South and West sides, to quickly alert police about the location of suspected gunfire. The broad backing for ShotSpotter marks a sharp division between Johnson and the City Council.

It's a fight that has dragged on all year.

Johnson first moved to end ShotSpotter in February, but tacked on a two-month "transition period" for the company

behind it, SoundThinking, after tense negotiations. At the time, he cited the \$10 million-a-year system's cost and concerns around its effectiveness.

The move spurred aldermen to action. Since Johnson's decision, the City Council has tried a barrage of votes and hearings in an effort to build pressure to keep the detection network in place.

Johnson's allies for months stalled a vote on legislation

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Wheatland Tube to shutter plant

Steel pipe manufacturer Wheatland Tube is shuttering a factory on Chicago's Southwest Side and laying off more than 230 workers there, the company reported in a state filing. **Business**

Brad Biggs: Thoughts on the Bears

On a perfect Sunday afternoon for football at Soldier Field, an effort that was far from pretty wound up getting the job done for the Bears. **Chicago Sports**

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