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## A wide field to replace Foxx

Two Democrats on  
ballot hope to reset  
relations with CPD

By A.D. Quig  
Chicago Tribune

Of all the names that might be on the ballot next year running for Cook County state's attorney, one that will assuredly not be is Kim Foxx.

Yet the political shadow of the outgoing state's attorney will loom large over the March primary election as potential successors will be measured up against Foxx's roles as both an unabashed leader in the national progressive prosecution movement and a frequent focus of barbs about Chicago crime.

So far, three candidates have announced campaigns to replace Foxx, though that list might grow throughout the next week as hopefuls must begin turning in petitions to be placed on the ballot.

There's no doubt Foxx's policies during her two terms in office — unwinding wrongful convictions, emphasizing mitigation and rehabilitation rather than high conviction rates alone, a shift from prosecuting lower-level and nonviolent crimes, and staunch support of the statewide elimination of cash bail — will become major issues on the trail.

Though one has received backing from Foxx mentor Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, both Democrats in the race began their legal careers in the state's attorney's office and are campaigning for a more “balanced” approach to prosecutions and progressivism. Still, both also say they will keep in place many of Foxx's policies, such as community courts and first-time offender diversion.

While neither is seeking the endorsement of the Fraternal Order of Police, both Democrats have spoken about resetting relations with the Chicago Police Department as well as the need to boost morale in the office after months of attrition.

The two tout different strengths.

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Though thousands of miles away, for Chicago's Palestinian and Jewish students, Israel-Hamas war is both constant and personal



## ‘OUR ENTIRE EXISTENCE’

By Sarah Freishtat | Chicago Tribune

Colorful sticky notes lined a glass wall in a central gathering area at Ida Crown Jewish Academy in Skokie. Each bore the name of an Israeli soldier who was known to a student, their friend or a relative.

At Universal School in Bridgeview, Amira Daoud was soliciting ideas from her students at the Islamic school for new decor for the wall outside her classroom. Fall leaves, the middle school students suggested, but the leaves would be in the colors of the Palestinian flag and would include messages to the children of Gaza.

The walls at each school carry tangible signs of a war thousands of miles away that has become

a constant presence in the lives of many Chicago-area students. At some Jewish and Islamic schools the war plays a central part in students' school days, as they seek deeper understanding of a complex, long-running conflict, navigate fear and worry about family members in Gaza or Israel.

“There's so much racism going on and segregation,” said Ayelet Appel, a senior at Ida Crown, later adding: “The world was progressing, so why are we going back now?”

The conflict has loomed large at Ida Crown and Universal since the terrorist group Hamas

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**Top:** Youths gather for morning prayer on Oct. 27 at Ida Crown Jewish Academy in Skokie, where school walls are lined with the names of Israeli soldiers known to students. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

**Bottom:** People attend a candlelight vigil for Wadea al-Fayoume, a 6-year-old Palestinian American boy who was stabbed to death, on Oct. 22 in Oak Brook. Teacher Deanna Othman says her Muslim students are shaken and afraid in the aftermath of the boy's death. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## Brief truce set to begin

Israel, Hamas have  
traded their lists of  
first to be released

By Wafaa Shurafa,  
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and Jack Jeffery  
Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — A four-day cease-fire in Gaza between Israel and Hamas was set to begin Friday morning, Qatar said after a daylong delay extended the agony for those hoping for some relief from the deal, which is to bring the release of dozens of hostages held by militants and Palestinians imprisoned by Israel.

The diplomatic breakthrough promised some relief for the 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza who have endured weeks of Israeli bombardment, as well as families in Israel fearful for the fate of their loved ones taken captive during Hamas' Oct. 7 attack that triggered the war.

The cease-fire was originally set to begin Thursday morning, but it appeared to hit a snag the night before when Israel's national security adviser, Tzachi Hanegbi, announced a one-day delay without providing a reason.

On Thursday, Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari announced the cease-fire would start at 7 a.m. local time Friday.

He said the two sides had exchanged lists of those to be released, and the first group of 13 women and children held by Hamas would be freed Friday afternoon. He did not say how many Palestinian prisoners would be freed, but officials have said three would be freed for every hostage.

Increased aid for Palestinians will start to enter Gaza “as soon as possible,” al-Ansari said. The hope is that the “momentum” from this deal will lead to an “end to this violence,” he told reporters.

Israeli airstrikes continued Thursday. In the afternoon, a strike leveled a

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## For city's migrants, a struggle for food

By Nell Salzman  
and Talia Soglin  
Chicago Tribune

Jessana Malaue spends a lot of time worrying about food.

She worries whether her family members in Venezuela are getting enough to eat in the impoverished country she fled from. She worries about the appetite of her 4-year-old daughter, Jessmar, who has stopped eating

the cornflakes, hot dogs and cold chicken offered to her at the chilly, crowded warehouse they live in on the Lower West Side in Pilsen.

And as she watches the shelter employees throw away the perfectly good food that she and other migrants bring into the warehouse, she wonders how she can be surrounded by so little, yet so much, at the same time.

“*Están revisando las camas para botar la comida.*

*Me da tristeza ver. They check around our beds to throw away our food. It makes me so sad,”* Malaue said.

Thousands of migrants in the city — mostly from Venezuela — come from a country that can't provide food to its citizens due to decreased food availability, hyperinflation and the fall of local production and imports. But in Chicago, feeding nearly 14,000 food-insecure

people daily, in addition to existing populations who rely on food assistance, is no easy task.

Migrants come with few resources and fewer paths to work legally. They rely on state and local money for food assistance at temporary shelters or police stations, and add to the strain on already high-trafficked food pantries. The state recently

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Venezuelan migrant Jessmar, 4, eats an apple after her mother, Jessana Malaue, 27, purchased food on Nov. 10 at a WIC grocery store in Chicago. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

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