



## Feds: Solis to testify against Madigan

Prosecutors detail plan for corruption trial of ex-House speaker

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Federal prosecutors said Monday they plan to call former Chicago Ald. Daniel Solis to the witness stand at the upcoming corruption trial of former House Speaker Michael Madigan, marking a key change in strategy on how to introduce secret recordings Solis made during his turn as an FBI mole.

The disclosure came in two lengthy filings that also made public new details in the investigation of Madigan, the longtime former leader of the state Democratic Party who is charged in a racketeering indictment with using his office to bolster his own political power and rain cash on his friends.

Among the new revelations: ■ Madigan was allegedly recorded talking to his longtime confidant Michael McClain about getting a job for the wife of a state representative, identified only as “Public Official E,” who had gone to Madigan because he needed money. The state representative, whom the Tribune has confirmed is Jaime Andrade, a Chicago Democrat, was later recorded thanking McClain for their efforts, which resulted in his wife landing a spot with the Illinois secretary of state’s office, according to the filings.

■ In addition to Solis, prosecutors plan to call former state Rep. Edward Acevedo, a Madigan ally, to testify about efforts by AT&T Illinois to pay him \$4,500 as a “consultant” in order to win Madigan’s influence on pending legislation. Acevedo, who pleaded guilty in 2022 to tax-related offenses, had not previously been disclosed as a witness.

■ Prosecutors want to introduce evidence of a secret plan to funnel money to ex-aide Kevin Quinn, who was ousted from Madigan’s 13th Ward organization for sexually harassing a campaign worker. Among the recordings they want to play is one where McClain allegedly tells a former top Madigan aide he wants to keep the circle of people who knew about the plan “real small” because “the more people that know ... it’s too easy for people to babble.”

■ Prosecutors say they will play more than 250 undercover recordings at Madigan’s trial, including wiretapped calls, consensual phone recordings and secretly videotaped in-person meetings. In one, Solis allegedly tells Madigan the developers of a Chinatown project were on board with hiring Madigan’s law firm.

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## Migrant evictions lead to confusion

After months of postponing shelter evictions for migrants, Mayor Brandon Johnson doubled down last week on Sunday’s deadline to remove migrants who had surpassed the 60-day limit. Just three of the 11,000 shelter residents were evicted Sunday. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

## United Airlines reviewing safety

The CEO of United Airlines says that a slew of recent incidents, ranging from a piece of aluminum skin falling off a plane to another jet losing a wheel on takeoff, will cause the airline to review its safety training for employees. **Business**



Early voting official Cynthia Webb, right, assists Jessica Lathan as she deposits her ballot at the Chicago Board of Elections' Loop Super Site on Monday. Election Day polls open at 6 a.m. Tuesday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

### ELECTION 2024

# Local candidates make final push to win voters

With presidential nominees certain, many hope against low primary turnout

By Rick Pearson and A.D. Quig  
Chicago Tribune

Republican and Democratic voters go to the polls Tuesday to cast ballots for their November general picks for public office, including putting their impri-

matur on each party’s designated White House nominees — Democratic President Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump.

Polls open across the state at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. with the day expected to open in the Chicago area to below-freezing temperatures before warm-

ing into the mid-50s under partly sunny skies, with no rain expected.

In Chicago, voters who live anywhere in the city can cast a ballot at the Chicago Voting Super Site, 191 N. Clark St., or vote at any of the 51 sites that were established as early voting centers. Voters who want to go to their local precinct polling places must go to their assigned voting locations.

At stake in each party are votes

for president as well as pledged national convention nominating delegates — although the outcome is a fait accompli. Primaries held a week ago gave Biden and Trump more than enough delegates to win their party nominations at their national conventions this summer.

With no statewide races up for election this year, the undercard is the story of the 2024 primary

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The Illinois Supreme Court changed rules for appealing pretrial detention decisions after appellate courts saw an “unprecedented and unsustainable” influx. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

## State high court makes changes after influx of detention appeals

Measures meant to streamline process take effect April 15

By Madeline Buckley  
Chicago Tribune

The Illinois Supreme Court has changed rules for appealing pretrial detention decisions after appellate courts saw an “unprecedented and unsustainable” influx of such appeals following implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act.

The changes, which take

effect April 15, were recommended by a task force that prepared a report after consulting clerks, prosecutors, public defenders and other attorneys across the state. The law allows detention decisions to be appealed, but the process is governed by Supreme Court rules.

The changes are meant to streamline the process while still providing for “meaningful review of decisions” regarding pretrial detention, the report says.

The long-sought reforms

that abolished the use of cash bail took effect in September, a landmark moment that advocates say levels the playing field for defendants who sometimes were locked up for years while awaiting trial because they were too poor to post bail.

One impact of the legislation, though, has been a “staggering” increase in appeals asking higher courts to review trial court judges’ decisions about detention. Though anticipated to some extent, the volume of

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## Trump can’t post bond, lawyers say

Appeal of fraud case requires covering judgment, collateral

By Michael R. Sisak  
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NEW YORK — Former President Donald Trump’s lawyers told a New York appellate court Monday that it’s impossible for him to post a bond covering the full amount of a \$454 million civil fraud judgment while he appeals, suggesting the former president’s legal losses have put him in a serious cash crunch.

Trump’s lawyers wrote in a court filing that “obtaining an appeal bond in the full amount” of the judgment “is not possible under the circumstances presented.” Trump claimed last year that he has “fairly substantially over \$400 million in cash,” but back-to-back courtroom defeats have pushed his legal debt north of a half-billion dollars.

Citing rejections from more than 30 bond underwriters, Trump’s lawyers asked the state’s intermediate appeals court to reverse a prior ruling requiring that he post a bond covering the full amount in order to halt enforcement while he appeals the judgment in New York Attorney General Letitia James’ lawsuit.

Trump’s financial constraints are being laid bare as he appeals Judge Arthur Engoron’s Feb. 16 ruling that he and his co-defen-

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