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## State's attorney race full of intrigue

### O'Neill Burke called 'de facto' Republican, while Fioretti was a longtime Democrat

By **A.D. Quig**  
Chicago Tribune

Following a hotly contested Democratic primary campaign for Cook County state's attorney that took 10 days to resolve because it was so close, the general election race this fall to replace Kim Foxx as county prosecutor has been relatively sleepy.

But it still has intrigue and ironies.

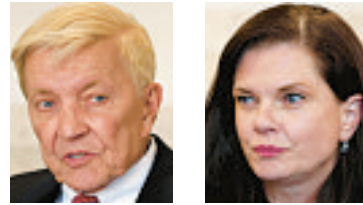
The Democratic nominee,

Eileen O'Neill Burke, prevailed in the primary while pushing back against claims she's a de facto Republican, while the Republican nominee, Bob Fioretti, was until recently a longtime Democrat who is being backed in the general election by progressive icon the Rev. Jesse Jackson. And after running a robust campaign to defeat the Cook County Democratic Party's favored candidate in March, O'Neill Burke has made a concerted effort since to largely lay

low while Fioretti is trying — and mostly failing — to raise enough money to make the race competitive.

With less than a week to go before the Nov. 5 election, the top Cook County race that voters will see on their ballots has not generated mass mailings, broadcast commercials or even a public debate.

For O'Neill Burke, a former appellate court judge, that's by design. Playing defense is the smart move for a Democratic nominee in a county that hasn't elected a Republican as state's attorney since 1992. After her defeat of Clayton



Republican Bob Fioretti and Democrat Eileen O'Neill Burke are the main candidates running to take over as Cook County state's attorney. **JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE**

Harris III in which she amassed and spent about \$3.6 million, the retired judge slowed down fundraising efforts and she raised only

about \$620,000 since April, not counting a fundraiser she held Monday.

Yet O'Neill Burke's tamped-down fundraising is still better than Fioretti's. The personal attorney and former South Loop alderman who has already waged and lost several countywide and citywide campaigns has raised less than \$300,000 since the start of this run, making him unable to take his message to a broader audience.

During the primary, O'Neill Burke criticized Foxx for not being tougher on crime and took

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## Fun in the sun for pumpkin painters

Julissa Vega and boyfriend Jose Constantino, of Chicago, paint pumpkins Tuesday along the Lakefront Trail near the Museum Campus during an unusually warm day with a high that reached 82, a record for Oct. 29.

According to climate scientists, fall temperatures have warmed by 2.5 degrees on average across the United States since 1970. **Chicagoland, Page 2**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 80 Low 65	High 66 Low 39	High 54 Low 40	High 62 Low 52

Complete Chicagoland forecast on **Page 14**

## With closing argument, Harris seeks contrast

### VP offers vision of future, urges turning page on Trump era

By **Zeke Miller**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kamala Harris promised Tuesday to “put country above party and above self” in the closing argument of her presidential campaign, delivering her message from the same site where Donald Trump fomented the Capitol insurrection, to emphasize the sharp choice voters face.

One week out from Election Day, the vice president used the address from the grassy Ellipse near the White House to pledge to Americans that she would work to improve their lives while arguing that her Republican opponent is only in it for himself.

Trump “has spent a decade trying to keep the American people divided and afraid of each other: That’s who he is,” Harris said. “But America, I am here tonight to say: That’s not who we are.”

She looked to sharpen that contrast by delivering her capstone speech from the place where Trump on Jan. 6, 2021, spewed falsehoods about the 2020 presidential election that inspired a crowd to march to the Capitol and try unsuccessfully to halt the certification of Democrat Joe Biden’s victory.

“Look, we know who Donald Trump is. He is the person who stood at this very spot nearly four years ago and sent an armed mob to the United States Capitol to overturn the will of the people in a free and fair election,” she said.

Harris did not deliver a treatise on democracy — a staple of President Joe Biden’s own attempts to

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## Chicago's Latino students facing uncertain future

### Amid CPS turmoil, advocates worry of further inequities

By **Nell Salzman**  
and **Laura Rodriguez Presa**  
Chicago Tribune

Signs on the windows of Sandra Cisneros Elementary School in Brighton Park last week read “Save our schools.”

Outside, parents and children spoke Spanish into megaphones and marched around the block in protest of news that seven of 15 schools in the Acero Charter network would close next year. It made Gio Avila, a 10-year-old Cisneros student, cry.

“I’ve been going to this school since I was little,” Gio said. “And I still have grades to go.”

Gio’s mother, Alma Castruita, said Cisneros has been a cornerstone of the community since it opened in 2010. For Castruita, a case manager for Rincon Family Services, the closures are an example of Chicago’s city leaders’ deprioritization of Latino students.

Immigrant and advocacy groups are concerned about further inequity for Latino



Parents and students rally outside Sandra Cisneros Elementary School in Chicago on Oct. 23. Cisneros is one of seven Acero schools that administrators have voted to close. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

**“Many parents sacrificed to come to this country so that their children could have a better education. It is, in effect, disenfranchising a substantial number of the parents of children in our schools.”**

— Sylvia Puente, president and chief executive officer of the Latino Policy Forum

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#### Israeli strike kills dozens in Gaza

Building sheltering displaced Palestinians struck. Hezbollah picks a new chief, vows to press ahead “until victory.” **Nation & World**

#### Crust Fund is a ‘mythical pizzeria’

The charitable pizza project has raised more than \$80,000 with winning bidders picking up pies in an alley. **Food & Health**

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