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Press Release

SEIU Illinois Members Endorse, Pledge to Get-Out-The-Vote for Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx

The SEIU State Council Says Attorney Foxx Deserves to Be Re-elected Because of Her Bold Stance on Criminal Justice Reform Efforts

CHICAGO (Jan. 24, 2020)—Members of the SEIU Illinois State Council, representing tens of thousands of workers in Cook County, pledged today to get out the vote to re-elect Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx during an endorsement press conference at SEIU Healthcare Illinois headquarters.

State Council members work as janitors, security guards, healthcare, child care, school employees and other job classifications. Many of them live in underserved and under resourced communities and have cheered the reform efforts made by attorney Foxx since taking office.

The Council consists of SEIU Local 1, SEIU Local 73 and SEIU Healthcare Illinois and supports candidates who demonstrate a strong commitment to fighting for economic, racial, immigrant and environmental justice for working families.

“I believe that Kim Foxx is a fair woman. She has been a victim of unfair attacks. For a person that has supported me and made sure that I have somebody to go to, my union and I are here today to let her know that she has somebody that she can come to,” said Rashawn Banks, a building service worker with Local 73.

Krystyna Gallik, a janitor, listed reasons for her support.

“Kim Foxx supports women like myself. Kim Foxx supports union workers like myself. Kim leads on criminal justice reform and she believes that it is not in competition with public safety,” the Local 1 member said.

“Kim Foxx is a friend of working families and a champion for those who have been victimized by the criminal justice system,” added hospital worker Kim Smith of SEIU Healthcare Illinois. “She has created the most transparent and approachable State’s Attorneys office we’ve ever had. She has overturned convictions in dozens of cases that have freed the wrongly convicted.”

“We know that working families are most vulnerable to a broken criminal justice system,” attorney Foxx said. “Our work to implement justice reforms on bond, retail theft and cannabis have helped provide more equitable justice across the board. In delivering that equitable justice violent crime is down and our working communities are safer for it.

“I’m grateful for the support from SEIU because it represents our mutual commitment to the working families of Cook County,” she said.

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The SEIU Illinois State Council represents more than 150,000 working people, including home care and child care providers, security officers, janitors, as well as public employees, medical professionals, first responders and social service workers. SEIU members are winning better wages, health care, and more secure jobs, while ensuring that working people, not just the wealthy and well-connected, benefit from today’s economy.