

## Kim Foxx deserves to be re-elected

People and certain media outlets would have you to believe Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx is something other than a solid prosecutor and an advocate for everyday Cook County residents, Mrs. Foxx, up for re-election next month has been hit by a barrage of misguided and inaccurate allegations. Her accusers want you to ignore her stellar record and focus on one case over the last three and one-half years.

In her bid to secure the upcoming Democratic Party nomination, Mrs. Foxx is facing three opponents-one a former alderman who has morphed into a perennial candidate, another who enters several races but never gets enough traction to win; and a third contender whose is almost solely financed by his multi-millionaire father. The father has already contributed more than \$2 million to his son's effort. . Anyone paying attention will know he has used much of that money to attempt to discredit Mrs. Foxx. The attempts to base her tenure in the State's Attorney on a single case is evidence of how low people will stoop when it comes to Cook County politics.

Over the last three-plus years, we have witnessed Mrs. Foxx implement policies and strategies that removed unfair and harsh burdens on people who didn't deserve such. She took on a rogue cop and the result was nearly 100 convictions resulting from that cop's arrests were vacated. During that same time, there also have been deliberate misstatements about her change in prosecuting retail theft. While she raised the threshold for felony prosecution from \$300 to \$1,000, the state attorney's office continues to prosecute retail theft. By raising the bar, Mrs. Foxx kept low-level offenders from clogging the jails and court system.

Thousands of men and women had their convictions for marijuana possession expunged by Foxx's office once cannabis became legal in Illinois. It is that kind of thoughtful recognition of people's lives and future that makes Mrs. Foxx the ideal state's attorney. She knew that those stains on individuals' lives would severely hamper their abilities to be gainfully employed contributing members of the community. Mrs. Foxx's focus on violent crimes has meant low-level shoplifting and drug crimes have resulted in more people going into diversion programs instead of jail. It is well-documented that in far too many instances people become stuck for months in the county jail because they are unable to pay even the lowest bail. Foxx's moves have eliminated that issue.

An indication of how effective Mrs. Foxx has been is the fact that local elected officials , including the mayor and Cook County board president, along with at least one presidential candidate have endorsed her re-election. This is unprecedented for the Cook County State's Attorney Office. Mrs. Foxx, no doubt, should be re-elected so that Cook County can continue to shed its reputation of corruption,