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Hogsett taps IMPD chief for leading role

Selects 'proven leader' Bailey to be new chief of staff

Jordan Smith and Ryan Murphy

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Indianapolis police chief Chris Bailey will take over as Joe Hogsett's chief of staff next month, assuming one of the most powerful roles in city government.

Hogsett appointed Bailey to lead the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department in February 2024. Since tak-

ing the helm, Bailey has overseen "double-digit percentage reductions" in violent crime after a pandemic spike, according to a news release announcing he will start the new role Feb. 2.

"Chris Bailey is a proven leader with a longstanding career defined by service, accountability, and meaningful results," Hogsett said in a statement. "His appointment as Chief Deputy Mayor and Chief of Staff underscores our admini-



Bailey

stration's continued commitment to public safety and stronger neighborhoods."

The mayor's former chief of staff, Dan Parker, stepped down Dec. 31 — halfway through Hogsett's third term — after more than three years in the role. A mayoral spokeswoman said only that Parker was "looking forward to exploring new opportunities and challenges in his career."

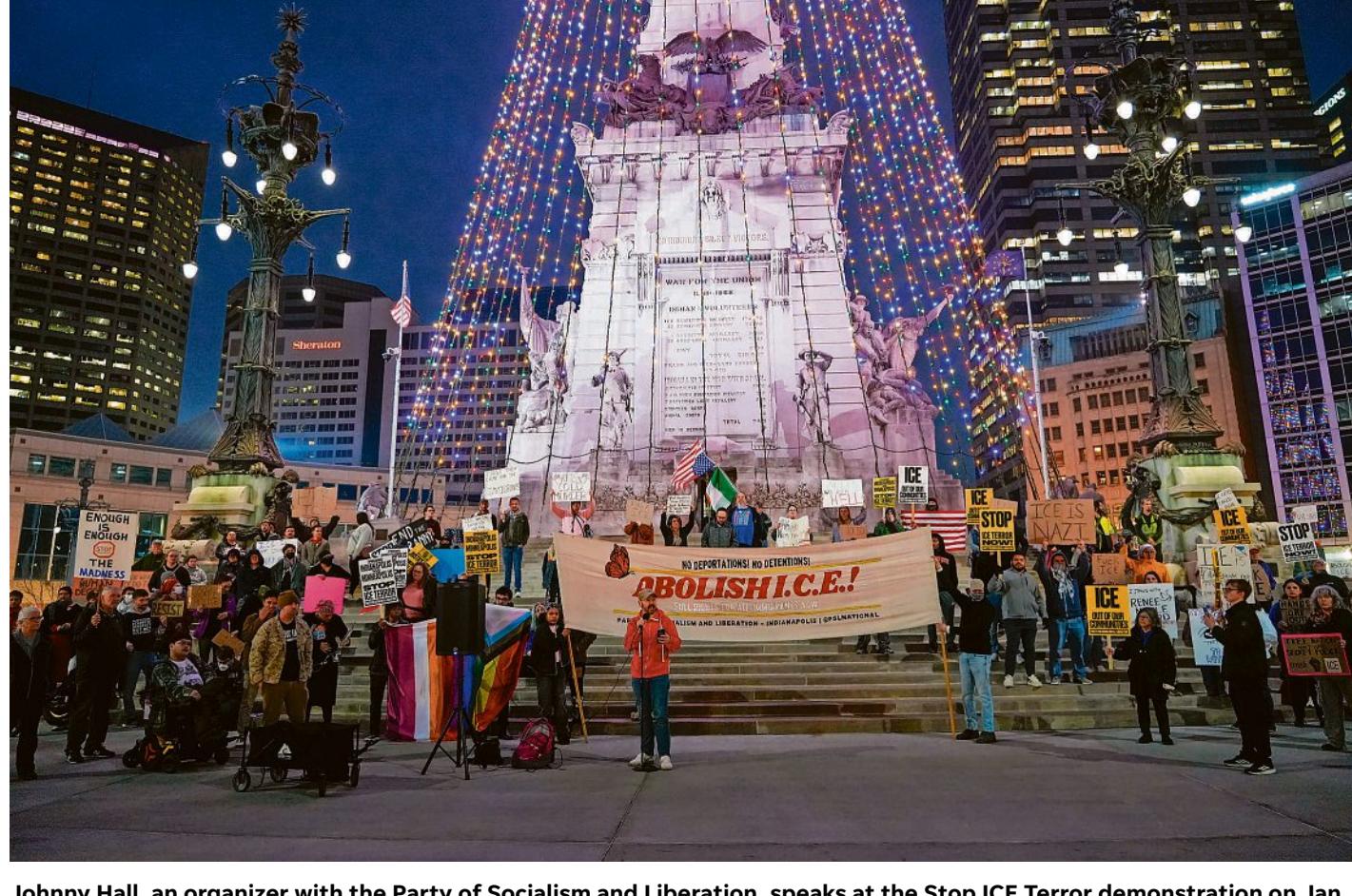
Bailey grew up on the west side of In-

dianapolis, where he graduated from George Washington High School. He started out as an IMPD patrol officer in 1999, eventually rising through the ranks to become a high-ranking department member.

He's been a member of IMPD leadership since 2014, according to the city's website.

He was appointed the North District's commander in 2015 and became deputy chief of criminal investigations

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Johnny Hall, an organizer with the Party of Socialism and Liberation, speaks at the Stop ICE Terror demonstration on Jan. 8 in Indianapolis. PHOTOS BY TRAVIS LACOSS/INDYSTAR

Indy crowd rallies against ICE after Good shot, killed

'If we do not band together to stop this right now, they will continue to kill'

Ryan Murphy
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One night after a federal agent fatally shot a 37-year-old woman in Minneapolis, hundreds gathered in Monument Circle both to mourn her death and to call for an end to the presidential administration's aggressive anti-immigration tactics.

The Indianapolis Liberation Center's event was one of many demonstrations throughout the nation in the wake of Renee Nicole Good's death. Jonathan Ross, an ICE agent, shot and killed the mother of three on Jan. 7, 2026. Her death, captured on camera by multiple bystanders, has captured nationwide attention and sparked a wave of protests.

President Donald Trump and the Department of Homeland Security insist that Good was using her car as a



Theresa McDermott-Erskine and Kathy McDermott hold vigil candles for Renee Nicole Good, who was shot and killed by an ICE agent in Minneapolis, during the Stop ICE Terror demonstration in Indianapolis.

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Trump rips Young for his vote on Venezuela

Senator wants Congress' OK for more military acts

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President Donald Trump publicly lambasted Sen. Todd Young and the other four Republicans who voted to advance a war powers resolution, writing in a Truth Social post that the senators "should never be elected to office again."

Trump broke with his party by voting to advance the resolution, which would require Trump to seek congressional approval for further military action in Venezuela just days after the military

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IN bill would deny aid for 'low earning' degree paths

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More Indiana college degree programs could be at risk amid an ongoing national battle over the future of higher education.

An Indiana bill, written by a conservative think tank based in Florida, would deny grants and scholarships administered by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to college degree programs that don't provide a sufficient return on investment for graduates, just less than a year after lawmakers forced colleges to eliminate or merge hundreds of degrees.

Senate Bill 161 is based off of a similar provision in President Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act,

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