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Jacob Pomasl swears in as Mayor of Logansport while his wife, Kourtney, smiles at him and Cass County Superior Court 2 Judge Lisa Swaim administers the Oath of Office.

Indiana college ID voting ban resumes

US Court of Appeals reverses injunction

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INDIANA CAPITAL CHRONICLE

An Indiana law banning the use of public university student identification cards for voting is back in effect after a Monday order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit — as early voting for the state's May 5 primary continues.

A federal judge last week blocked enforcement when he granted a preliminary injunction sought by voter advocates alleging the ban "deliberately abridges young voters' right to vote."

The plaintiffs include Count Us IN, Women4Change Indiana and Indiana University student Josh Montagne. The day after the injunction was set, Montagne used his student ID to vote on IU's Bloomington campus, he confirmed to the Indiana Capital Chronicle.

The state of Indiana filed an emergency motion for a suspension of the preliminary injunction. The appeals court granted the motion on Monday, pending appeal, and promised a "reasoned decision" within two business days.

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita called the order a "BIG WIN for Election Integrity" in a post to X.

"This commonsense protection is needed to close loopholes, prevent potential fraud by out-of-state or ineligible voters, ensure every ballot belongs to a verified Hoosier, and preserve public confidence in fair, honest, and transparent elections," Rokita wrote.

For decades, student ID cards issued by public colleges and universities satisfied the state's voter ID law as long as a card included the voter's name, photo and a valid expiration date.

Indiana lawmakers removed those

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POMASL SWORN IN

Logansport mayor selected by county GOP during weekend caucus

JAMES BENNETT III
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Jacob Pomasl was sworn in as mayor on Monday inside the Logansport City Council chambers.

His wife, Kourtney, held the Bible. Cass County Superior Court 2 Judge Lisa Swaim did the swearing in.

The ceremony was over in seconds, with Pomasl commenting short and sweet was the best way to do it. He later joked everyone was really there to see his infant daughter, who cooed during the ceremony and smiled at the family, friends and officials in attendance.

After the first round of photos and handshakes, Pomasl approached a podium adorned with the mayoral seal.

Addressing the audience, he thanked his wife for letting him take on the new role.

"It's not the easiest job in the world being the wife of someone that gets stopped in every cafe, in every grocery store, and that has to take some late nights to do good things for the community," Pomasl said.

He also thanked his parents for raising him in Logansport and giving him the opportunity to chase his dreams.

Thanking city officials, Pomasl said he wouldn't be able to fulfill his duties as mayor without their help, nor would the transition from deputy mayor have been as smooth.

"I'm going to work hard every

day that I'm blessed to have this role to continue to do good things," Pomasl said.

Referencing a social media post he made Saturday shortly after confirming he had been selected by a Cass County Republican Caucus to carry out the rest of former mayor Chris Martin's term, Pomasl added his door would always be open to those who wanted to share their ideas for the city.

"Thank you all, God bless you and I'm going to get back to work," Pomasl said, closing his speech.

Later speaking with the Pharos-Tribune, Pomasl said he hasn't selected a deputy mayor yet. He also said Martin's mayoral appointments would keep their positions as long as they continue to do well.

After city council members finished committee meetings

Monday afternoon, several members welcomed Pomasl to his new position.

"We appreciate your effort," said Suzy Wamsley, At-Large.

"Congratulations," added Hayley Zinsmaster, Ward 4.

Former mayor Martin's term ends in 2027. His last day in office was March 29, and he started as the Huntington County United Economic Development Director a day later.

Governor Mike Braun endorsed Pomasl for the position in a social media days before the caucus.

"As Deputy Mayor and a strong conservative voice in local government, Jacob knows what Logansport needs to be an example of Freedom and Opportunity," a post on the governor's Facebook page stated. "He is going to work hard to keep the community safe and keep costs low for residents."

Trump offers mixed messages about path ahead in Iran

US negotiation team heads to Pakistan

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump offered mixed messages Monday about the path ahead for the U.S. war against Iran, declaring that he was in no rush to end the conflict while also expressing confidence that further negotiations with Tehran will soon take place in Pakistan.

With the 14-day ceasefire set to expire Wednesday, Trump whipped-sawed in telephone interviews and social media posts between measured optimism that a deal could soon be reached and warning that "lots of bombs" will "start going off" if there's no agreement before the

ceasefire deadline.

Trump indicated that he still expects to dispatch his negotiating team, led by Vice President JD Vance, to Pakistan's capital of Islamabad for a second round of talks, even as Iran insisted it would not take part until Trump dialed back his demands. Trump insisted he feels no pressure to end the war until Iran agrees to his terms.

"I am under no pressure whatsoever," Trump said on his Truth Social platform, "although, it will all happen, relatively quickly!"

Pakistani officials moved ahead with preparations for a new round of talks between the U.S. and Iran as the tenuous ceasefire was further strained over the weekend by renewed conflict around the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump told Bloomberg News he was "highly unlikely" to renew the

ceasefire.

IRAN HOLDS OUT

Tensions flared after the U.S. Navy attacked and seized a ship Sunday that it said was trying to evade its blockade of Iranian ports. On Saturday, Iran fired at vessels and abruptly stopped traffic in the strait, abandoning its promise to allow some ships to pass and claiming the U.S. was not holding up its side of the ceasefire.

The U.S. actions are "incompatible with the claim of diplomacy," Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Monday in a social media post.

He gave no indication what Iran will do after the ceasefire expires or whether Iran will return to a second round of negotiations with the U.S.

Over the weekend, Iran said it had

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Bilal Hussein | Associated Press

Displaced people cross a destroyed bridge as they return to their villages, following a ceasefire between Hezbollah and Israel, in Tayr Felsay village, southern Lebanon, Monday.

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