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TRUMP TO DROP PUSH FOR GUARD IN 3 CITIES



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President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference Monday with Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla.

Legal roadblocks pause plans for deployment to Chicago, Los Angeles, Portland — for now

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said he’ll drop — for now — his push to deploy National Guard troops in Chicago, Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon, after legal roadblocks hung up the effort.

Trump said in a social media post Wednesday that he’ll remove the Guard troops for now. “We will come back, perhaps in a much different and stronger form, when crime begins to soar again — Only a question of time!” he wrote in the post.

Troops already left Los Angeles after the president deployed them earlier in the year as part of a broader crackdown on crime and immigration. They were sent to Chicago and Portland but were never on the streets as legal challenges played out.

The president made a crackdown on crime in cities a centerpiece of his second term — and toyed with the idea of invoking the Insurrection Act to stop his opponents from using the courts to block his plans.

He said he sees his tough-on-crime

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President Donald Trump, in a social media post

approach as a winning political issue ahead of next year’s midterm elections.

In November, U.S. Northern Command said it was “shifting and/or rightsizing” operations in Portland, Chicago and Los Angeles, but there would be a “constant, enduring and long-term presence in each city.”

Trump’s push to deploy the troops in Democrat-led cities was met with legal challenges at nearly every turn.

The Supreme Court in December refused to allow the Trump administration to deploy National Guard troops in the Chicago area as part of its crackdown on immigration.

The justices declined the Republican

administration’s emergency request to overturn a ruling by U.S. District Judge April Perry that blocked the deployment of troops. An appeals court also refused to step in.

The high court’s order was not a final ruling, but it was a significant and rare setback by the high court for the president’s efforts.

The conservative-dominated court this past year allowed Trump to ban transgender people from the military, claw back billions of dollars of congressionally approved federal spending, move aggressively against immigrants and fire the Senate-confirmed leaders of independent federal agencies.

In the nation’s capital, District of Columbia Attorney General Brian Schwab sued to halt the deployments of more than 2,000 National Guard members. Hundreds of troops from several Republican-led states remain in Washington, though the crime emergency Trump declared in August ended a month later.

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WISCONSIN

Five things to know about 2026 governor election

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Wisconsin’s race for the first open governor seat in nearly two decades is still months away, but candidates in the packed field — which is expected to continue to grow — have been launching bids, staking their positions and knocking on doors as they vie for the battleground state’s executive office.

The field of candidates could change dramatically between now and next November, but here are five things to know as the hotly contested race picks up heading into the New Year.

First open seat for Wisconsin governor in 16 years

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers announced in July he will not seek reelection after his second term concludes next year, setting the stage for the first open race for Wisconsin’s executive office in 16 years.

Evers, 73, said at the time it has been “the honor of my life” to serve the state where he was raised, first as a public school teacher and then as state superintendent and governor.

The last time Wisconsin voters cast ballots in a gubernatorial election that didn’t

include an incumbent candidate was in 2010, after Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle opted not to run for reelection.

That race saw Republican Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker defeat Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett by fewer than 125,000 votes. Walker would hold the seat until 2018, when he lost his bid for a third term to Evers.

Who’s running for governor of Wisconsin?

Democratic candidates announcing bids for governor include: former

Department of Administration Secretary Joel Brennan; former Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes; Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez; state Sen. Kelda Roys, D-Madison; state Rep. Francesca Hong, D-Madison; former state Rep. Brett Hulsey, also of Madison; former Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. secretary and CEO Missy Hughes; and Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley.

Republicans in the race include U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany, R-Minocqua, Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann and

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