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Donna More Announces Run for Cook County State's Attorney

Seeks to unseat two-term incumbent in open Democratic Party primary; calls Alvarez a "tragic no-show" in efforts to improve prosecutor's office

Chicago, Sept. 24, 2015 – Saying she will restore the community's trust in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, former state and federal prosecutor Donna More said today she intends to challenge incumbent Anita Alvarez in the Democratic primary election next March.

"We need a new vision and a new voice to lead the Cook County State's Attorney's Office," More said announcing her intentions. "The State's Attorney's Office is not working and we cannot afford four more years of Anita Alvarez and her tragic no-shows when it comes to repairing the prosecutor's office."

More, who is running for public office for the first time, will be the only independent candidate in the race to succeed Alvarez. Her opponents are deeply immersed in the Cook County political establishment.

Follow Donna on Twitter [@DonnaMoreforSA](https://twitter.com/DonnaMoreforSA). Like her on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/DonnaMoreforSA).

More is an accomplished criminal trial lawyer who has prosecuted both violent crime as an Assistant State's Attorney and white-collar offenders as an Assistant United States Attorney. She thinks failed gun prosecutions, unnecessary detentions, crowded jails, and wasteful spending are critical concerns for Cook County voters.

"Nearly every day we hear of a gun crime in Cook County, too often resulting in a tragic loss of life," she said. "Our jails are filled with people suffering from mental illness and we are spending millions on settlements for botched prosecutions and wrongful convictions.

"It's too high a price to pay for a system that's not working," More asserted.

A Georgetown Law graduate who is now in private practice, More entered the race because she believes that Cook County deserves a more transparent, more accountable and more effective State's Attorney.



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More said that the State's Attorney has been standing on the sidelines for almost eight years while the community has been suffering intolerable social, financial and human losses. As the County's chief prosecutor, More said she will:

- **Make gun violence a top priority** to help police get guns off our streets and make all neighborhoods safe for all our children.
- **Make room in County jail** so there is space to incarcerate violent offenders and armed criminals. "County jail should not be a mental health center."
- **Give juveniles, veterans, and mothers a chance** and help people entangled with the system rise above their mistakes.
- **Stop wasting taxpayer dollars.** "We're spending too much for unnecessary detentions, dismissed cases, reversals on appeal, and settlements."

More's campaign (www.voteformore.com) has hired top political strategists, media consultants and field operatives to help organize and direct a winning effort. Emanuel campaign veterans Michael Ruemmler and Anna Valencia are her chief strategists and Jorge Ramirez is Campaign Manager in charge of day-to-day operations.

John E. Davis, former WBBM-TV weekend news anchor turned media consultant, is More's press liaison. AKPD Message and Media will handle advertising and Dover Strategy Group will supply direct mail services. Al Quinlan, a partner at Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research in Washington, is the campaign's opinion and research polling chief.

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