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Corruption Crackdown

Last fall, former Illinois State Senator Martin Sandoval's home, district office and Springfield office were raided in a seemingly sudden FBI investigation. In January, Sandoval resigned right before he was charged with bribery. This past week he [plead guilty](#) to accepting a series of bribes from a red-light camera company and others. In total, Sandoval accepted \$250,000 in exchange for his political influence. Sandoval issued an [apology](#) and plead guilty. With his guilty plea, Sandoval becomes the first convicted from the recent, still-expanding corruption probe in the State of Illinois.

This sets the scene for the start of Spring Legislative Session. Over the course of the next five months, legislators are tasked with passing legislation that will ideally improve our state. [Calls for ethics reform](#) are plenty as they reach a new high. As legislative proposals come in for the new year, proposals to try and crackdown on corruption are sure to come.

In other state public policy news

Gov. Pritzker shared his [State of the State Address](#). A summary can be found [here](#).

The Illinois House Republican Caucus shared its [priorities](#) for the year ahead.

The Illinois State Police is tackling the [DNA evidence backlog](#).

An [automatic voter registration](#) system glitch almost caused the registration of thousands of sixteen-year-old residents.



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Federal public policy news

[Congress Votes 'No War Against Iran,'](#) In Rebuke To Trump

Trump Signs the USMCA trade agreement. Here's [What's in the New NAFTA](#).

Predictions of who will win the [Iowa Caucuses](#) still vary as next week's election approaches.

The [Impeachment Trial](#) updates.

As new [coronavirus](#) spreads, the global economy prepares for a hit.



Local public policy news

The Office of Mayor Jim Langfelder is hosting a [Downtown Public Works Projects: Open House](#) on February 20, 2020.

Springfield and City, Water, Light and Power officials gathered with community members to discuss closure of [three coal-fired power plants](#).



Bids and RFPs

City of Springfield

Bid Opportunities: Calibration Gases (5 Years), Onbase SQL Server Pair, Maintenance and Repair of Heavy Equipment, FY2021 Brick Street Repairs, FY2021 Concrete Patching, FY2021 Bituminous Overlays, Anhydrous Ammonia for Dallman Power Plant and Dallman Unit 4 Dust Collector Insulation & Lagging.

Requests for Proposals: Sale of Real Property 2019, Landscape Waste Collection and Motor Vehicle Parking Solution

Sangamon County is seeking applications for expiring and vacant positions on various [boards and commissions](#).

