



**ABC 7 CHICAGO**

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**VETERAN ABC7 CHICAGO ANCHORS ROB ELGAS AND RAVI BAICHWAL PROMOTED TO STATION'S AFTERNOON AND EVENING WEEKDAY NEWSCASTS**

**Elgas To Anchor 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Newscasts; Baichwal To Anchor Station's 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Newscasts**



Veteran anchors Rob Elgas and Ravi Baichwal have been promoted to anchor ABC7 Chicago's top-rated afternoon and evening newscasts. Elgas has been tapped to join Cheryl Burton on the station's 10 p.m. newscast. He will continue to co-anchor the 4 p.m. newscast with Judy Hsu and the 7 p.m. live stream newscast with Burton. Baichwal will move from weekend evening anchor duties to weekdays and will co-anchor the station's 5 p.m. newscast with Burton and 6 p.m. newscast with Hsu. The new anchor lineups begin Monday, March 6, 2023.

ABC7 Eyewitness News is Chicago's most-watched station for news, leading the market with the No. 1-rated newscasts at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. for years. Elgas and Baichwal replace Alan Krashesky, who recently retired.

"Rob Elgas and Ravi Baichwal are journalists viewers know, like and trust," said Jennifer Graves, Vice President of News. "They represent decades of solid anchoring and reporting experience in Chicago which we know will serve our viewers well."

A Crystal Lake, Illinois, native, Elgas joined ABC7 in 2015 as a reporter and fill-in anchor. He is an award-winning journalist who has won prestigious Associated Press, Peter Lisagor and Chicago Midwest Emmy® Awards for everything from reporting breaking news to hosting specials. Elgas is a member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ).

Ravi Baichwal joined ABC7 Chicago in 2006 as anchor of the station's 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. weekend evening news. The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences honored Baichwal with a Chicago Midwest Emmy Award for his anchoring ability. Prior to arriving at ABC7 Chicago, Baichwal was an anchor for CTV News, Canada's No. 1 news organization.

#### **About ABC7/WLS-TV Chicago**

ABC7/WLS-TV Chicago is the No. 1 local news source and most-watched television station in Chicago. With top-rated daily newscasts spanning decades and the largest social media presence in the market with more than 2.6 million Facebook followers, ABC7 Eyewitness News provides breaking news, investigative reporting, weather, politics, traffic and sports in the multiplatform space to Chicago, the suburbs and northwest Indiana. Named *Best News Operation* by the Associated Press for four consecutive years, ABC 7 Eyewitness News produces "Chicago Proud," a series of features that spotlights everyday heroes in and around Chicago. The station also produces the highest-rated New Year's Eve special in Chicago, holiday kickoff special "The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival," syndicated to a national audience, as well as the award-winning program series "Our Chicago," which showcases the city's diversity and highlights contributions in the Black, Hispanic, Asian, LGBTQ+ communities, among others. Every Friday, Windy City Weekend, entertains while giving Chicagoans everything they need to know about what's happening in the city. ABC 7 is the only Chicago station producing and broadcasting parades representing Chicago's rich cultural history. In addition to producing town halls focused on current social issues, the station has a long and proud tradition of broadcasting political candidate debates keeping Chicago's electorate informed. ABC7's outreach efforts include annual partnerships with the Red Cross for life-saving blood drives, one of the biggest one-day drives in the country and, most recently, spearheading an effort to raise more than \$1.5 million for area food pantries.

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