

Rahm: It's not so much what he's done *for* Chicago, it's what he's done *TO* Chicagoans



Finance & Ethics

- Of Emanuel's top 106 contributors, 60 of them received favors from the city.
- Evaded his own executive order banning campaign contributions from city contractors by shoveling \$38 million in city resources to his donors via "direct voucher payments," a sketchy loophole that lets businesses get city money without bids or contracts — or any way of documenting what the money is used for.
- Disregarded ethics and laws and accepted more than \$600,000 worth of donations from executives at firms managing Chicago pension money.
- Didn't attempt to recoup more than \$100 million from issuance of \$1 billion in risky auction-rate debt paired with interest-rate swaps...despite a federal rule that requires banks to "deal fairly" with governments when they underwrite government bonds.
- Established regulations favorable to Uber, a company Rahm's brother stands to make a billion dollars from.
- Missed the only opportunity to fight the parking meter deal, and instead locked the contract in place for the next 75 years.
- Chicago's bond rating dropped to near junk-bond levels.
- Appointed board member Deborah Quazzo, who invests in companies that privatize school functions.
- Cut pensions of middle-class workers and diverted funds to enrich some of his biggest campaign contributors.
- Outsourced CTA fare card, despite having one that worked fine, to a company for \$454 million, which then added new fees that bilk the poor on a grand scale.
- Accepts \$50,000 donation from George Lucas and \$138,000 from executives of Star Wars parent company Walt Disney, then demands Lucas Museum placed on public park land with little public debate.
- Gave \$55 million in public tax dollars to DePaul, a private university.
- Gave \$5.2 million in public tax dollars to a company owned by the Pritzkers, one of the wealthiest families in the world.
- Hikes property taxes \$750 million dollars.
- Steals credit from activists for closing coal plant-fired power plants.
- Steals credit for minimum wage hike.



Employment & Poverty

- Chicago's African-American unemployment rate higher than other large cities.
- As of 2013, black unemployment was hovering around 25 percent, not significantly different than it was when the mayor took office. Poverty, too, has barely budged.
- Youth unemployment, especially for African-American youth, higher than other cities.
- Job growth trails the suburbs by nearly half.
- Gave \$7 million in tax dollars to Mariano's, a private company that drove Dominick's out of Chicago. Mariano's pays lower wages than Jewel.
- Increased regressive taxes, which disproportionately affects the poor; Chicago now has the 4th highest regressive taxes in the nation.
- CHA socks away \$353 million, failing to issue 13,000 vouchers for families to receive housing.



Crime and Safety

- Crime statistics altered to hide murder rate.
- Chicago Murder rates increase 50%.
- Number of shootings increases.
- Spends \$95 million in police overtime.
- Claims red light cameras are for safety; mayoral motorcade routinely runs red lights.
- CPD eavesdrops on protesters' cell phones.
- Yellow light times too short causing more rear-end collisions and more red-light tickets.
- Closes half the mental health clinics in the city.
- Arrest rate for marijuana hasn't changed, despite decriminalization, costing City millions and disproportionately affecting Hispanic and African-American youth.
- CPD Homan Square "black site" where arrestees are locked up for days at a time without access to lawyers, including a 15 year old, and a 44 year old who died in custody.
- Administration insisted red-light cameras led to a 47 percent decline in "T-bone" crashes, when the true number was 15 percent — and they also caused a corresponding 22 percent increase in rear-end collisions.



Education

- Closed 54 schools yet has \$1.71 billion in special accounts often used to finance corporate subsidies.
- First teacher strike in 25 years.
- Fails to hold charter schools accountable in the same way neighborhood schools are held accountable.
- Significant decline in number of African-American teachers.
- CPS has lowest enrollment since 1970.
- Closed 54 schools for underutilization yet continues to open new charter schools.
- CPS altered charter school test data.
- CPS sued for discriminating against pregnant teachers.
- CPS juked the statistics on high school graduation rates — which supposedly went from 70 to 85 percent over the last decade — by contracting with for-profit online education companies that demanded very little work from students, while still allowing them to receive diplomas from the last school they attended.
- Interrogated young children without parental consent.
- Outsourced custodian and food services to Aramark; principals, teachers, and parents complain about the increased filth in schools due to the poor services, in part because they laid off hundreds of janitors.
- Cuts \$11 million from public libraries budget, 363 positions reduced.
- Promised libraries for schools that accepted students from 54 closed schools; a year later only 4 schools received new libraries and only 38% have librarians.
- Costs of school closings triple the amount estimated, millions more than promised, leads to vandalized and unsecure buildings.

Give Rahm a **THUMBS DOWN** on April 7