

**AUDACY RADIO GROUP**  
**ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

**FOR**

**STATION WXRT-FM & HD**  
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**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO CHICAGO**  
**ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE**  
**FIRST QUARTER 2024**

1. Business and Job Development: Creating an economic climate that supports small business and entrepreneurs. Provide assistance to develop new businesses and jobs in distressed economic areas.
2. Crime and Violence: Support of community policing efforts in Chicago, efforts to reduce gang activity and the spread of gangs into the suburbs, ensuring that the police department operates legally and with respect the communities it serves.
3. Transportation: Maintenance, improvement and safety of Chicago's transportation system, including the airports, commuter rail service, and highway development.
4. Neighborhood and Suburban Development: Efforts within the City of Chicago to promote neighborhood cohesion, economic opportunities and housing. Infrastructure concerns.
5. Civil Rights: Enforcing legal rights and developing respect for different races and ethnic groups as well as religious differences; gay and lesbian issues; immigration issues.
6. Family Issues: Helping to maintain stable families; parental education; finding permanent homes for children in state care.
7. Health Care: Providing adequate facilities for health care, particularly indigent care; providing affordable health care and access to services. Dealing with the Covid-19 crisis.
8. Politics and Voter Information: Helping voters make personal election decisions by giving insights into those that are running for offices in upcoming elections. Elected officials discuss what they are doing in government.
9. Women: Issues impacting women, particularly biases, equal pay, economic security and domestic violence.
10. School Reform and Education: Efforts to improve student performance and achievement, making sure teachers are performing well in the classroom and general educational issues in Chicago and the suburbs.

11. Media/Entertainment: Keeping informed on media literacy & the inner-workings of the entertainment industry.

## **WXRT-FM AND HD-1**

### **PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES**

1. At Issue: (Saturdays and Sundays, 6:00am to 6:30am Duration: 30:00)  
Locally produced interview show featuring top newsmakers discussing state and community issues.
2. I'm Listening / Audacy Conversations: (Saturdays 6:00am to 6:30am Duration: 30:00)  
Nationally produced interview / roundtable show featuring experts and celebrities discussing matters of importance.

### **I. BUSINESS AND JOB DEVELOPMENT**

At Issue

January 6, 2024

TOPIC: The New Leader of the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership

Guest: George Wright, CEO of Chicago Workforce Partnership

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's At Issue, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore sits down with (relatively) new leader of the Chicago Workforce Partnership, George Wright, about what the organization does, job training, careers within Chicago and more.

### **II. CRIME AND VIOLENCE**

### **III. TRANSPORTATION**

### **IV. NEIGHBORHOOD AND SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT**

At Issue

January 28, 2024

TOPIC: What is the Clean & Affordable Buildings Ordinance and how will it affect neighborhoods

Guests: Sarah Moskowitz, Executive Director of the Citizens Utilities Board

Gilbert Villegas, Alderman of the 36th Ward in Chicago

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's At Issue, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore meets with Sarah Moskowitz & Alderman Gilbert Villegas to discuss the pros & cons of the Clean and Affordable Buildings Ordinance and how it will affect residents of Chicago.

At Issue

February 4 & 10, 2024

TOPIC: A Look Inside the Programs within the Obama Foundation

Guest: Michael Strautmanis, Executive Vice President of the Obama Foundation

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's At Issue, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore talks with the Executive Vice President of the Obama Foundation, Michael Strautmanis, to talk about the programs within the foundation, its goal to develop future leaders, the Obama Center & more.

At Issue

February 11 & 17, 2024

TOPIC: The Life of Lori Lightfoot after being mayor of Chicago

Guest: Lori Lightfoot, former mayor of Chicago

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's At Issue, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore chats with the former mayor of Chicago, Lori Lightfoot, about her time at Harvard after being mayor, plans to help Chicago neighborhoods and much more.

## **V. CIVIL RIGHTS**

## **VI. FAMILY ISSUES**

## **VII. HEALTH CARE**

At Issue

January 7 & 13, 2024

TOPIC: Experts on the Return of COVID-19

Guests: Dr. Sharon Welbel & Dr. Whitney Lyn, from the Cook Co Health & Hospitals System

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's At Issue, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore sits down with Dr. Sharon Welbel and Dr. Whitney Lyn, from the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, to get their insight into the rise of Covid cases.

**I'm Listening / Mental Health**

Guest: Dr. Christine Moutier, AFSP and Paul Augustyniak, AFSP

Contact: David O'Leary, Host

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30 minute program

Airdate: **February 3, 2024**

Category: Mental Health

Description: Talk Away the Dark: How to Have Open and Honest Conversations with Loved Ones. We speak with Dr. Christine Moutier, Chief Medical Officer for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Paul Augustyniak about how to have open and honest conversations with loved ones about suicide, suicidal ideation. Through a series of open and honest conversations we demonstrate the importance of talking to people directly about suicide and show what those conversations help to prevent suicide and give people hope.

**I'm Listening / Mental Health**

Guest: Victor Armstrong-AFSP, Steve Siple-AFSP Contributor

Contact: David Glover, Host

Length: 15 minutes out of a 30 minute program

Airdate: March 23, 2024

Category: Mental Health

Description: Talk Away the Dark: How to Have Open and Honest Conversations with Men. Men are less likely to talk about their mental health struggles than women, which is why it's so important to break down stigma and open the door for these conversations. Community and friendships are huge protective factors against suicide. We seek to emphasize the critical role that asking someone directly about suicide plays in suicide prevention and demonstrate how to have supportive conversations with loved ones about mental health and suicide prevention.

**I'm Listening / Mental Health**

Guest: **Alex Silva-AFSP, Dan Miller-Wounded Warrior Project and Dr. Erin Fletcher-Wounded Warrior Project**

Contact: David Glover, Host

Length: 15 minutes out of a 30 minute program

Airdate: March 23, 2024

Category: Mental Health

Description: Talk Away the Dark: How to Have Open and Honest Conversations with Military and Veterans. Veteran populations face difficulties transitioning from military life and have higher rates of suicide compared to the civilian population. We seek to Understand how Veteran and military culture contributes to existing stigmas is essential to being open about mental health challenges and encouraging those who need it to seek help. Support and resources are available for Veterans that can make a major difference to save lives.

## VIII. VOTER INFORMATION AND POLITICS

At Issue

January 14 & 20, 2024

TOPIC: A Conversation with the U.S Ambassador to Japan, Rahm Emanuel

Guest: Rahm Emanuel, the U.S Ambassador to Japan

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's At Issue, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore sits down in studio with U.S Ambassador to Japan & former Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel to discuss his current position, the Chicago Star program and more.

At Issue

February 18, 2024

TOPIC: The race for Cook County Circuit Court Clerk

Guests: Iris Martinez, incumbent Cook County Circuit Court Clerk

Mariyana Syropoulos, the commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation

District

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's episode of At Issue, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore shines a spotlight on the primary race for Cook County Circuit Court Clerk. Conversations with the incumbent Clerk Iris Martinez & Mariyana Syropoulos, the commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District are spotlighted as the Primary Race heats up.

At Issue

February 25 & March 2, 2024

TOPIC: Cook County State's Attorney hopeful makes his case to replace Kim Foxx

Guest: Clayton Harris III, candidate for Cook County State's Attorney

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On March 19th, Cook Co will be voting in a new State's Attorney as incumbent Kim Foxx will not be running again. On this week's episode of At Issue, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore speaks with one of the two democrats who're running for the position: Clayton Harris III.

At Issue

March 10 & 16, 2024

TOPIC: How the Illinois state budget can be impacted by race

Guest: Ralph Martire, CTBA Executive Director

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's program, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore shares a discussion between CTBA Executive Director Ralph Martire and guests, moderated by Dellimore, on how public policy intersects with race.

At Issue

March 17, 2024

TOPIC: The "Bring Chicago Home" Referendum

Guests: Maria Hadden, 49th Ward Alderwoman

Farzin Parang, the Executive Director of the Business Owners & Managers Association

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

With the election coming up on March 19th. WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore welcomes 49th Ward Alderwoman Maria Hadden & Farzin Parang, the Executive Director of the Business Owners & Managers Association, to discuss the "Bring Chicago Home" referendum that has caused a stir in the city.

At Issue

March 24 & 30, 2024

TOPIC: Post-Primary Reporters Roundtable

Guests: Mike Flannery, political analyst & A.D. Quig of the Chicago Tribune

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's program, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore is joined by political analyst Mike Flannery & The Tribune's A.D. Quig to discuss the results of the 2024 Illinois Primary. They'll look back at what happened, look ahead to what's next and what they learned.

## **IX. WOMEN**

## **X. SCHOOL REFORM AND EDUCATION**

At Issue

January 21 & 27, 2024

TOPIC: The Wellness Checks in School Program Act and How It'll Affect Students

Guests: Geri Kerger, Executive Director at NAMI DuPage and Robin Koelsch, Chief Partnership Engagement Officer at Communities In Schools of Chicago

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

On this week's program, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore talks about the new law, the Wellness Checks in School Program Act, and how it'll affect nearly 2 million students this coming fall. He is joined by Geri Kerger & Robin Koelsch to discuss the impact it'll have on students & so much more.

## **XI. MEDIA/ENTERTAINMENT**

### **Audacy Conversations-State of the Entertainment Industry**

Guest: Ron Perlman, Cynthia Littleton-Variety, Karina Manashil-Mad Solar Productions, Patrick Gomez-Entertainment Weekly, Duncan Crabtree Ireland-SAG/AFTRA

Contact: KNX Charles Feldman and Mike Simpson-Hosts

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30 minute program

Airdate: February 24, 2024

Category: Media/Entertainment

Description: Hollywood has always reflected the changing world around it. But we are at a reflection point, coming off a 6 month strike. Streaming services are on the rise and older business models are falling. We discuss what the future of what the entertainment industry looks like and what it means for what we will see and consume.



**Public Service Announcements**

Throughout the quarter, the station aired periodic PSAs providing information on a variety of local community activities and issues. Representative examples of such PSAs include the following organizations:

**ADLER PLANETARIUM****ALLIANCE OF HOPE****AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE  
PREVENTION****ANDERSON HUMANE****BERNIE'S BOOK BANK****CENTER ON HALSTED****CHICAGO DRAMATISTS****CHICAGO HUMANITIES FESTIVAL****CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE THEATRE****CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA****CHINATOWN PARADE****CLASSICAL MUSIC CHICAGO****COLLABORATION THEATRE****COMPLEXIONS BALLET****CULINARY CARE****DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS****FEMA****FINISH YOUR DIPLOMA****GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY****JAZZ INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO****LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES****LINCOLN PARK ZOO****LITTLE CITY****LOYOLA UNIVERSITY****METROPOLIS ARTS****NEWBERRY LIBRARY****NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY****OLD ST. PAT'S****OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC****PARK RIDGE LIBRARY****PARKWAY BANK PARK****PORCHLIGHT MUSIC THEATRE****TOUCHED BY AN ANIMAL****UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO****WILLOW HOUSE**