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**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO CHICAGO
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE
THIRD QUARTER 2014**

1. 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 suburbs.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Transportation: Maintenance, improvement and safety of Chicago's transportation system, including the airports, commuter rail service, and highway development.
5. Family Issues: Helping to maintain stable families; parental education; finding permanent homes for children in state care.
6. Health Care: Providing adequate facilities for health care, particularly indigent care; providing affordable health care and access to services.
7. Voter Information: Helping voters make personal election decisions by giving insights into those that are running for offices in upcoming elections.

WBBM NEWSRADIO 780
PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

1. At Issue: (Sundays, 9:30am and 9:30pm Duration: 30:00)
Locally produced interview show featuring top newsmakers discussing state and community issues.
2. Made in Chicago: (Mondays, 6:51am, 10:52am, 4:51pm, Saturday, 2:55am, 6:55am, 3:55pm, 7:55pm, Duration 1:00) In-house produced feature spotlighting manufacturing and service companies in Chicago and its suburbs. Topics are chosen based on the worldwide reputation of the goods made or the unique stories of the entrepreneurs that founded the companies.
3. Crain's Small Business Report: (Tuesday & Thursday, 10:52am, 1:52pm, 4:51pm; Saturday, 7:55am, and 10:55am; and Sunday, 8:25am, 2:25pm, 4:25pm and 7:25pm. Duration 1:00) Produced by Crain's Publications, this feature focuses on issues affecting small business and entrepreneurs in Chicago.
4. Raising Kids Today: (Saturday, 10:20a, 4:20p, Sunday, 4:20pm, 8:21pm. Duration 1:30) CBS Radio Network feature produced in cooperation with *Parents Magazine* offering advice on raising children and information about child development.
5. Report on Religion: (Sunday, 12:41p, 5:20p, 7:41p. Duration 2:00)
CBS Radio Network feature focusing on news from various religious faiths and denominations and discussing faith-inspired viewpoints on current issues.
6. Healthy Minute (Saturday/Sunday, 1:20pm, 3:20pm, Duration 1:00) Locally produced feature outlining advances in health care and good health practices as well as resources for health care and services.
7. Face the Nation (Sundays, 11:30am and 11:30pm. Duration 30:00) Weekly interview program produced by CBS News that discusses top issues of the day from a national perspective with people who are making news on those issues.

I. SCHOOL REFORM AND EDUCATION

At Issue

August 17, 2014

Guest: Karen Lewis/Chicago Teachers Union President

10 minutes out of 30 minute program

Lewis said the Chicago Public Schools need more social workers to help the students in Chicago. Lewis claimed that Mayor Emanuel said 25-percent of the children in Chicago will not amount anything; and she said you can't have that type of thinking.

II. BUSINESS AND JOB DEVELOPMENT

At Issue

July 6, 2014

Guest: Andy Shaw/CEO and President of Better Government Association

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Shaw said he loves being the President and CEO of the Better Government Association, and that it does not feel like he has been in charge of the BGA for 5 years. Shaw said since he has been on the staff the BGA has been able to recruit more people to the organization. Shaw said because they were able to hire a part time lawyer, they have increased the number lawsuits government related lawsuits in Illinois. Shaw said they conducted about 300 investigations and 90 of those have resulted in some type of government reform, which has saved the state \$50 million in tax dollars. Shaw said the biggest challenge they face is governmental road blocks against the 'Freedom of Information Act.' Shaw said the BGA filed a lawsuit against the Chicago Transit Authority, because the CTA refused to give up a photo of an employee they were investigating. Shaw said they also filed a lawsuit against Cook County, because the BGA wanted logs of the calls from politicians who they think might have violated the Shackman Decree. Shaw said Cook County refused to give up those documents so the BGA sued them. Shaw said he realized early on that Springfield is where the most money is spent, the biggest decisions are made, and has the least watchdog oversight. So the BGA opened an office there. Shaw said the hiring scandal with the Illinois Department Of Transportation was unveiled by a BGA investigation. Shaw said their goal was not to get the head of IDOT Anne Schneider fired, but to make sure hiring at IDOT was done fairly. Shaw said every citizen of Illinois should have equal access to those types of jobs. Shaw said the BGA does not target certain political parties. He said they've investigated more Democratic politicians than Republican because there are more Democrats in charge.

At Issue

July 27, 2014

Guest: Bill Foster/11th District Congressman

12 minutes out of 30 minute program

Foster said he supports Senator Dick Durbin's new proposed legislation that would give tax credit to companies that keep well-paying jobs with benefits in the United States. Foster said he voted for a bill that would prevent corporations who moved their operation offshore from getting federal contracts. Foster said there used to be a sense of responsibility from American corporations to keep their companies in the United States.

III. CRIME AND VIOLENCE

At Issue

July 13, 2014

Guest: Michael Zalewski/Illinois State Representative

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

As co-chair of the Joint Criminal Justice Reform Committee, Zalewski said committee's mission is to make sure the criminal justice system works with optimum performance. Zalewski said one of the key issues is decreasing the prison population. Zalewski talked about a recent gun bill that failed: a bill that would have legislated three-year minimum jail sentences for illegal gun possession. He said it failed because a number of groups were against it, including the legislative black caucus, some suburban Republicans and left-center Democrats. Zalewski said 60 votes are required to pass bills in the state house, which he said is difficult to do. He also said it makes no sense for taxpayers to foot the bill for certain criminals and that prisons in Illinois are overcrowded. Zalewski said for the correctional system to work properly, it needs to be funded properly. He said juvenile justice is a huge issue and he is all for reforms to make the system better. Zalewski said in the next couple of months he hopes several proposals will come up for vote and he hopes some will pass. Zalewski said the reform committee also wants to start working on long term solutions for reforming the criminal justice system.

At Issue

July 27, 2014

Guest: Bill Foster/11th District Congressman

5 minutes out of 30 minute program

Foster said he is pushing legislation to expand background checks on gun purchases. He said a decade ago the city of Aurora had some 25-27 gun-related murders, but this year they have had zero. Foster said there needs to be a realistic approach to reducing gun crimes. He said mentally unstable individuals should not be allowed to have weapons.

At Issue

August 3, 2014

Guest: Father Mike Pflieger/Roman Catholic priest and social activist

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Pflieger said the marches he organizes to combat violence work because it gets information to the community. Pflieger said while marching, he and others can point those they meet in the right direction to get help. Pflieger said there are children in some neighborhoods that stay inside all the time because it is too dangerous to play outside. Pflieger said according to the police department, Chicago has the largest gang population in the country. He said we need to hold people accountable, but provide options so criminals don't go back to gang banging. Pflieger said the blame for violence is shared, and parents need to be held accountable for their children; but he said we also need to make sure parents know how to properly raise their kids. Pflieger said instead of telling people they are terrible at parenting, they should be directed to parenting classes. Pflieger said he does have success with his programs. He cited one example of a person who did such a good job interning at Walgreens, the company ended up hiring him. Pflieger said he does not think the City of Chicago has enough police officers. Pflieger did say the police neighborhood foot patrol works well. He said there must be a better relationship between the police and community members. On his 'Cash for Guns program,' Pflieger said the first 150 people aged 16 to 30 who turn in a working gun, each receive a \$100 gift card or a pair of Adidas shoes. Pflieger said because of limited funds they can only do it for their target audience and for the first 150 people. But Pflieger said anyone can turn in a gun. Pflieger said he is trying as many things as he can to reduce the violence in Chicago. He said the NRA has been successful in delivering its message that having a gun makes you safer. Pflieger said if we can invest \$3 billion in the border, we can invest \$3 billion in urban America. Pflieger said without proper support, the underprivileged in the inner city will habitually take jobs where they won't be successful.

At Issue

September 7, 2014

Guest: Faisal Khan/City Council Inspector General

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Khan said his job is to investigate complaints against members of the Chicago City Council--the aldermen. Khan said if a person wants to make a complaint, he or she has to come in and under penalty of perjury sign a document saying they are telling the truth. Khan said despite the limitations of the job, he thought it would be a good position. Khan said in his first month on the job he had five complaints. Khan said from January thru July, 56 complaints had been filed. Khan said as the word got out about what he's doing; the more people came forward with complaints. Khan said they have taken on such cases as alderman using campaign money to buy tropical fish, dolls for their doll collection and spending lavishly on themselves and their families. Khan said he had to use his subpoena power to get timesheets from some aldermen, because they refused to hand them over. Khan said timesheets from aldermen are public record and everyone has a right to have them if they want. Khan said the city council has made it difficult to conduct the investigations properly.

At Issue

September 14, 2014

Guest: Mark Kirk/Illinois U.S. Senator

25 minutes out of 30 minute program

Kirk said the government of Iraq is not hopeless and that the Iraqi government is loyal to the United States. Kirk said it is important that other nations help the U.S. in combating terrorism around the world. Kirk said if America goes into combat over Syria, Americans should be ready for potential air casualties because it has an extremely sophisticated air system. Kirk also said the American people should have a voice in how the United States uses military action. Kirk said Obama should rethink his plans of completely withdrawing troops from Afghanistan. Kirk also talked about violence in the Chicago area. Kirk said there should be a federal grant to combat the 'Gangster Disciples' gang. He also said creating opportunities for young people would help combat gangs.

IV. TRANSPORTATION

At Issue

July 20, 2014

Guest: Kristi LaFleur/Exec. Dir. Illinois Tollway

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

LaFleur said the Illinois Tollway will be installing new technology on the Tri-state Tollway. LaFleur said one of the key features is the ability to pay via smart phones rather than transponders. LaFleur said they also are installing new cameras on the toll roads, cameras that will hold up better in all types of weather, helping to take more accurate pictures. LaFleur said it is important to have up-to-date technology because it means fewer mistakes. LaFleur said the Illinois Tollway Authority respects drivers' privacy, so the authority will not turn over information about individuals who pay at tolls. LaFleur said 85-percent of drivers use an I-pass or some type of electronic device to pay tolls. LaFleur also talked about improvements in progress on I-90 and the Jane Addams Tollway. She said a lane is being added, and all lanes are being widened. LaFleur said construction on the Jane Addams is a \$ 2.5 billion investment and construction is scheduled to be done by 2016. She said the authority has not received many complaints about closing the Des Plaines Oasis along the Jane Adams. LaFleur also said this year marks the real start of the Elgin/O'Hare access project. She said all the stoplights on the interchange between Elgin and O'Hare are being removed.

At Issue

August 10, 2014

Guests: Jac Charliet/Head of Fair Allocation in Runways

Jeff Pruyn/Mayor of Itasca

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Mike Krauser filled in as host. The topic was the O'Hare Modernization Project. The show started with a soundbite from Diane Yost of Sauganash, a resident who is affected by the noise from the airport. Yost complained about a constant noise of planes in the neighborhood. Pruyn said he is getting emails all the time about the excessive noise from O'Hare. Pruyn said most residents were used to the noise at O'Hare, but now it has become unbearable with the O'Hare Modernization Project. Charliet said O'Hare makes changes all the time and it is not impossible for O'Hare to change how planes are directed. Pruyn said he believes residents were not informed properly about the project, because the project was too big to know the type of impact. Charliet disagreed and said the city intentionally mislead residents. He said getting data from the noise readers is difficult. Charliet said the information on those noise readers prove what the neighbors are complaining about—the excessive level of noise. Charliet said his organization has received a record number of noise complaints. And he said his organization supports sound proofing for homes, but that O'Hare needs to do its part to keep the noise level down. Charliet said his group is asking residents to appeal their property taxes in order to bring attention to the severity of the problem.

V. FAMILY ISSUES

At Issue

July 27, 2014

Guest: Bill Foster/11th District Congressman

12 minutes out of 30 minute program

Foster said the term “dreamers,” in regards to immigration reform, refers to children who were brought to the United States illegally by their parents. Foster said while those people are not citizens, they were raised in the United States. Foster then said there is no reason why they should not become citizens and be able to join our military. Foster also talked about the dangers faced by foreign children who are sent by their families to the U.S. He said some of those families use illegal traffickers, and that a third of girls “shipped” by such traffickers are raped.

VI. HEALTH CARE

At Issue

September 14, 2014

Guest: Mark Kirk/Illinois U.S. Senator

5 minutes out of 30 minute program

Kirk said Congress has enacted huge reforms for the Veterans Health System, but said he still has concerns about the administration of care. Kirk also said he did take part in helping to reform the VA hospital in North Chicago.

Healthy Minute

Dr. Barry Kaufman

One minute feature

Topics covered during the quarter: Alcohol and warm weather, Eye protection in sports, Diabetes foot care, Picnic food safety, Timely test results, Grilling safely, Apnea awareness, Is it a cold or the flu?, Supplements and surgery, Preparing for new school year, Sunglass selection, Wisdom teeth, Driving safely near schools, Ladder warnings, Nodding off when driving, Generic pill colors, Importance of flossing, Allergies when camping, Dealing with pain, Second opinions, Hot car dangers for children, Counting steps when walking, More reasons to exercise, Delaying diabetes, Massage for neck pain, Generic pill color, Hand washing helper, Circumcision choice, Motivating weight loss, Safety around trains and tracks (2 reports), Massage for neck pain, Stopping some supplements before surgery, and Support when a child dies.

VII. VOTER INFORMATION

At Issue

August 17, 2014

Guests: Karen Lewis/ Chicago Teachers Union President

20 minutes out of 30 minute program

Lewis said she would make a viable candidate for mayor because Chicago residents want change. She called Mayor Emanuel a disaster as mayor, saying the people of Chicago are disappointed in his administration. Lewis said Mayor Emanuel's entire career stems from public relations. Lewis talked about Chicago's gang problem, in part blaming Emanuel's decision to disband the police gang tactical unit; thus hurting intelligence gathering. Lewis said this mayor is so data driven that all he does is look at spreadsheets; he doesn't take the time to understand how neighborhoods and people work. Lewis said the city needs more police officers. She also addressed reports of her wealth. She called ridiculous the idea that a rich person shouldn't have a say in how to help low-income residents. But Lewis said she is not rich. Lewis said she is middle class. She said she has a degree from an Ivy League school and two Masters Degrees and that she worked hard for the money she's earned. Lewis called herself frugal, saving money for years. Lewis said she inherited a house in Michigan from her father and jointly owns it with her sister. Lewis said she was able to buy a house in Hawaii because the market was low. Lewis also said Mayor Emanuel makes much more money than she does. Lewis said she thought the Sun-Times story about her wealth was interesting because she was not, as of yet, a candidate for mayor, making it a non-story.

At Issue

August 24, 2014

Guests: Gerardo Cardenas/AARP Communications Dir.

Bob Gallo/AARP State Director

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

The AARP mailed out a survey to older voters to find out about their concerns. Gallo said they want candidates for office to understand what the AARP does. Gallo said AARP does not make contributions to political candidates. Cardenas said older voters are concern with their economic status and some are considering postponing retirement. Gallo said many older voters will work after they reach traditional retirement age; some because they have to, others because they want to. Gallo said many older voters are also concerned about not having enough money to last through their lifetime. Cardenas also said a majority of people they surveyed were caregivers at some point in their lives. He said he is a caregiver for his mother. So Cardenas said voters want to know which political candidates will maintain benefits for caregivers. Gallo said it is important that phone companies continue to offer landline phone service because of reliability. Cardenas said telecommunications companies want to get rid of landlines in favor of mobile only, but if they do, he said, some older voters will be left without phones.

At Issue

August 31, 2014

Guests: Pat Quinn/Illinois Governor

Bruce Rauner/GOP candidate for Illinois Governor

20 minutes out of 30 minute program

The two candidates for governor attended a forum, moderated by Craig Dellimore. They discussed their beliefs, and each provided reasons why they are the best person to be Governor of Illinois. Rauner said taxes should not be raised to fix Illinois' debt. He said instead, Illinois needs to become a growth state. Rauner said Illinois has lost more 200-thousand jobs. And Rauner Illinois' tax code needs to be modernized. He also mentioned the current administration is under investigation for corruption, and his goal is to put people in place that can get rid of corruption in Illinois. Quinn said his administration cut spending in the state by billions of dollars. Quinn said during his tenure, the proper amount of money has been put into the pension system. Quinn said governors before him did not do that. Quinn also said he is against consumption taxes, but is in favor of a special tax for billionaires. Rauner said infrastructure is important for growth in Illinois. He said we should make sure infrastructure is funded properly every year and that he will make it a top priority. Quinn said he does not support raising the gas tax. Rauner then talked about periodic flooding in Chicago. He said the challenge for making sure the sewer system in Chicago is good, is that the city was built on a swamp. Quinn said he signed a bill that would allow for additional investment in Illinois' water infrastructure. Rauner said he wants to hire experts to come up with housing solutions to slow down the number of foreclosures in Illinois. Quinn countered that the state is investing in housing. Quinn said the state been working with the Illinois Housing Development Authority to build new homes. Quinn said he believes housing is a big part of the economy and it is important to reduce foreclosures in the state.

At Issue

September 21, 2014

Guest: Darlene Senger/Illinois State Representative

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Senger said she is running for Congress because the economy has not turned around and her opponent, Bill Foster, is not doing anything to help. Senger said the biggest problem in Illinois is the pension issue. She said with her background in pension consulting she knows how to fix the problem. Senger said she has been successful getting bills passed and signed by the governor; and Foster has not done that. Senger said Foster wants to get rid of tax breaks for millionaires, but said he failed to mention that he himself is a millionaire, and he took advantage of those tax breaks. Senger said we need to work on tort reform and workers compensation. Senger said taxes are needed, but we need to be sure the money is spent properly. Senger also said she would have voted yes to authorize spending to equip Syrian rebels who are fighting the Islamic militants known as Isis. As for gun violence in Chicago, Senger said the issue isn't just about the violence, but that some children in Chicago do not have the proper guidance. Senger said we need to make sure kids get a proper education, and that opportunities are created for them. Senger said if voted into Congress, her first step will be getting to know the key players and how the process works. Senger said if you make everyone mad, you know you made the right decision.

At Issue

September 28, 2014

Guests: Dick Simpson/Political Science Professor at UIC

David Melton/Exec. Dir. at Il Campaign Political Reform

30 minutes out of 30 minute program

Melton said having a self-funded candidate (Rauner) may make this election the highest spending gubernatorial race in Illinois history. Simpson said usually the level of spending in the governor's race is about \$20 million; this race will exceed \$30 million. Simpson also said negative ads started earlier than usual. Melton agreed that there's been an increase in negative advertising. Simpson said in the last mayoral race Rahm Emanuel raised more than half his money outside the state of Illinois, which had never happened before. Simpson said some aldermen in Chicago also are raising large sums of money. Simpson said you can go to votesmart.org to get information on the candidates. Simpson said President Obama was able to win the election by portraying Romney as part of the one percent who don't understand the American people. Simpson said Quinn is using the same tactic. Simpson said the purpose of negative ads is not about gaining votes, it's about tearing down the other candidate so he or she loses votes. Simpson said turnout matters. He said if the turnout is greater than 50-percent Quinn probably will win. Simpson added the Comptroller's office is unnecessary. Melton said his group is pushing a program called 'Small Donor Democracy,' hoping politicians will rely on smaller donations for their campaigns instead of large donations.