

# City Employees Support Committee

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## The City That Works Does Not Work For All!



### Cook County Assessor Gets Short End of the Stick

*Or is it*

### Politically Connected Get Property Tax Break That Nobody Is Supposed to Find Out About?

There is this guy who works at taxpayers expense in an alderman's office located on Milwaukee Avenue – the office was on Pulaski before it was moved. He's allegedly affiliated with and works under the direction of an HDO (Hispanic Democratic [Daley] Organization) alderman who's name shall not be mentioned because Ariel Reboyras might not like his name in our newsletter. Oh heck, why not Ariel? You should be aware of what your cronies are up to, whether it's undercover (we expose that stuff too) or over-the-counter. We do have some goodies coming your way in the not to distant future!

Let us first give photo credit where it is due. The photo you see to the left came from the Cook County Assessors Office website. It refers to a property located on Kolmar in the 2900 block, just north of Diversey. In the photo, you see a tree on the parkway that is sectioned off. You can easily find this house because it is the only house on the block that has a violation of city ordinance and altered the parkway. Was a permit issued?

Interestingly enough, the Cook County Assessor thinks this house is made of wood. The office manager from Reboyras' office lives in this house. He's also the guy that retired from the Chicago Park District and then got the job in Reboyras' office. Are we shooting for double pensions here? This guys name is Carlos.

Carlos, in all the years he's worked for the Chicago Park District, apparently did not learn the difference between wood and a brick. Either that or, dare we say, he's trying to pull a fast one by telling the Assessor's Office that his house is a frame (wood) when it is actually brick (masonry). Wood is not taxed the same as brick! Since we really want to give Carlos the benefit of the doubt and make sure his house is evaluated properly, we shall inform the Cook County Assessors office of this error, if for no other reason then it would look bad for this HDO alderman. HDO has enough problems to face in the months ahead, some of which have not even been exposed – yet!



Here's to ya Ariel.



### What's Inside

Revenue Department denies Wayne right to due process – again! Then sends in Collection crony to try and collect! We expose crony and all his agencies!

Daley speaks through Carothers Lips – It's GIGO (Garbage In – Garbage Out).

Poverty Stats Included from Census Bureau

Owner of Walsh Construction is brother-in-law of King Daley.

Reboyras Office Manager doesn't know the difference between wood and brick! Allegedly cheats County Assessor out of monies due.

Yeap – It's the City that Works – for some but not all!

**30<sup>th</sup> Ward Remap is a joke!**

The following is public information. Not so public is the fact that the owner of Walsh Construction is the brother-in-law of Daley. This information appeared at: <http://www.patformayor.freeservers.com/catalog.html>. The Citizens for Community Action, Inc. merely gives proper credit to the people that provided the research and photo. We make no claims about the validity of this data and publish it as is.



Construction contracts with the City of Chicago (Walsh Construction)

Public Building Commission  
(Walsh Construction Contracts)

Project: DePriest Elementary School  
Address: 139 S. Parkside  
Amount of Contract: \$14,783,000.00  
Contract Number: 1288 Date: 9/10/02

Project: Kelvyn Park South High School  
Address: 4338 West Wabansia  
Amount of Contract: \$33,825,488.00  
Contract Number: 1284 Date: 8/13/02

Project: Music Pavilion at Millennium Park  
Address: Columbus & Randolph  
Amount of Contract: \$18,500,000.00  
Contract Number: 1270 Date: 2/13/02

Contractor: Walsh/II in One Joint Venture  
Project: Millennium Park - Performance Pavilion  
Address: Columbus & Monroe  
Amount of Contract: \$25,477,000.00  
Contract Number: 1241 Date: 8/14/01

Project: Lakefront Millennium Park Ice Rink  
Address: Michigan and Madison  
Amount of Contract: \$2,365,737.00  
Contract Number: 1252 Date: 7/10/01

Contractor: Walsh/II in One Joint Venture  
Project: Lakefront Millennium Park  
Address: 25 North Michigan  
Amount of Contract: \$17,814,560.00  
Contract Number: 1224 Date: 11/14/00

Contractor: Walsh/II in One Joint Venture  
Project: Lakefront Millennium Park  
Address: 25 North Michigan  
Amount of Contract: \$43,158,878.00  
Contract Number: 1199 Date: 7/20/00

Contractor: Walsh/II in One Joint Venture  
Project: Millennium Park  
Address: 25 North Michigan  
Amount of Contract: \$32,198,525.10  
Contract Number: 1201 Date: 7/20/00

Project: 1st District Police Station - Annex  
Address: 1718 South State Street  
Amount of Contract: \$12,631,000.00  
Contract Number: 1061R Date: 7/14/98

Perhaps one of the more interesting line items in this is the ice rink that costs us taxpayers nearly \$2.4 million. Yet out here on the northwest side as well as other Chicago Park District sites, we have facilities that are falling apart, need major upgrades on the structure as well as program offerings, etc.

Unwritten or deeply buried somewhere that nobody can find, are the financials for continual maintenance. Streets and San was suppose to handle cleaning of the park but latest word is that they are only cleaning the outside perimeter of the park and the internal cleaning is being handled by a private enterprise. We wonder why the taxpayers are being charged to have a private company do the job when Streets and San can easily handle it.

Then one has to ask the question pertaining to guarantees on workmanship and/or structural soundness. If it is the case that "Daley's Bean Park" (the DBP) has problems, who's going to absorb the cost of repairs – the taxpayers or the company that installed the structure(s)? Are there additional monies going to be put into DBP in such an event? Maybe someone can explain why the columns started to crumble and are now strapped with metal. A Frank Lloyd Wright creation it is not.

## Local 1001 in receivership...

We hope we had nothing to do with that.... (hehehehe)

**Get Involved  
In Your  
Community!  
773-889-2963**

## Coming Soon...

For those of you that have a cell phone with web/internet access, you'll be able to lookup any city of Chicago Personnel Rule by visiting our web site. The URL (address) is [www.citizensforcommuntiyaction.org/mobile](http://www.citizensforcommuntiyaction.org/mobile)

This program is being developed right now and is expected to be completed within a few weeks.

Says Strnad, "This is something the city of Chicago should have online for everyone to view. After all, taxpayers pay the bill for this but never have access to the document. It's closed government at its best. However, some of us believe in principal as well as fact, that anything the taxpayers pay for should be readily available for everyone to see and even comment on."

**FOP – get off  
your duff and  
run a protest  
around city hall  
as you did a few  
years back!**

**More Police  
Needed  
In 25<sup>th</sup> District**

**Another Tax  
Increase!**

Courtesy of  
Chicago Board of Education.

Yet,  
Johnny, Jose, Mary and Maria  
still cannot read and do fundamental  
mathematics. Ah, but we removed  
mathematics as a requirement for  
graduating! Who's brainchild was  
that?

Plan 2010 for CPS is a  
Union breaker in disguise!

# Budget Considerations

## Administrative Costs for the CPD

The table to the right indicates the budget line items that were purposed for the 2004 budget. The number to the left of the dollar amount indicates the number of people. Thus, there is 1 Administrative Assistant that makes \$121,728.00 or \$2, 340.92 per week. We'd love to see a job description for each of these people.

OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS-3007		
9756	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.....	1 127,278
9017	POLICE LEGAL OFFICER III.....	1 95,388
9016	POLICE LEGAL OFFICER II.....	1 82,098
9016	POLICE LEGAL OFFICER II.....	1 79,686
9015	POLICE LEGAL OFFICER I.....	1 80,022
9015	POLICE LEGAL OFFICER I.....	1 77,514
9015	POLICE LEGAL OFFICER I.....	1 72,810
9015	POLICE LEGAL OFFICER I.....	1 70,488
9015	POLICE LEGAL OFFICER I.....	1 55,224
1617	PARALEGAL II.....	1 43,104
1617	PARALEGAL II.....	1 41,148
1430	POLICY ANALYST.....	1 99,648
0311	PROJECTS ADMINISTRATOR.....	1 71,820
0302	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II.....	1 39,288
0302	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II.....	2 37,488
	SCHEDULE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.....	
	<b>SECTION TOTAL.....</b>	<b>15 1,117,756</b>

## Legal Affairs

Can someone please explain the difference between an Administrative Assistant and an Executive Assistance? Can a \$127,278 line item be justified? What, does the Executive Assistance do beyond an Administrative Assistant - make coffee and bring in the rolls for the additional \$6,000.00? In the private sector no glorified secretary (an administrative assistant or executive assistant) makes that kind of money!

Where's our buddy James G. O'Grady in this structure?

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION-3005		
9957	SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.....	1 \$ 159,288
9762	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (POLICE).....	1 121,728
9716	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NEWS AFFAIRS.....	1 104,232
9715	DIRECTOR OF NEWS AFFAIRS.....	1 114,900
9171	SERGEANT.....	2 75,102
9161	POLICE OFFICER.....	2 62,742
9161	POLICE OFFICER.....	2 60,600
9161	POLICE OFFICER.....	1 58,572
9113	POLICE AIDE.....	1 41,148
9011	SUPERINTENDENT'S CHIEF OF STAFF.....	1 132,336
3988	PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR.....	1 47,292
3520	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE.....	1 52,692
3520	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE.....	1 41,316
2976	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.....	1 106,284
0703	PUBLIC RELATIONS REP III.....	1 68,556
0703	PUBLIC RELATIONS REP III.....	1 47,292
0438	TIMEKEEPER-CPD.....	1 51,900
0308	STAFF ASSISTANT.....	1 50,232
0305	ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR.....	1 45,144
0302	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II.....	1 47,292
0302	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II.....	1 43,104
0302	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II.....	2 37,488
0301	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I.....	1 31,140
	SCHEDULE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.....	
	<b>SECTION TOTAL.....</b>	<b>27 1,839,787</b>



## Coming soon....

**EXPOSED - 30<sup>th</sup> Ward Aldermanic people involved in violations of State Law.... And more than 1 ½ years later...Reboyras cannot get permitted parking for residents! Are you still looking into it Ariel? Maybe you should stop building your little HDO army and do some real work for the community - that would be a novelty! By the way, you should shake hands with Carothers and Corruption!**

**Forestry Department out on the limb....**

**HDO comes under fire.... Poll shows Hispanic people don't trust their own representatives!**

**State Board of Election needs a revamp....**

# CAPS Program

For more than a year we have patiently waited for information that is public information relating to the expenditures of the CAPS program, relative to the 25<sup>th</sup> District of the Chicago Police Department. Apparently the Legal Affairs Department tried to play a "curtsies maneuver" and suggest that by the Freedom of Information Act they did not have to comply because we had requested the information approximately a year earlier. So, the only information we have to go on is public information (as was our FOIA request made in 2003) and look at numbers they provide in a budget.

Now we hope the Legal Affairs Department does not come back and say that this information is incorrect because that would mean that the budget information, as presented at the city of Chicago's website, is also incorrect. In other words, what is being shown to the general public is simply bogus! Go for it Legal Affairs. By the way, Wayne is still waiting for that letter banning him from CAPS meetings. Please provide at your earliest convenience – it's only been about a year in waiting

It is interesting to note that some potential errors exist in the CAPS program. For example, Community Organizer – CAPS (first entry with that title) makes \$41,148. Then 21 people make \$39,288. Did an extrapolation of numbers come out correct? Maybe that total should be (21)(39,288) = \$825,048, in which case the budget is off by \$785,760, putting it near \$4.3 million.

Spreading this final total over 25 districts yields \$140,578.76 per district on the low end and \$172,009.16 on the high end. Note that this is administrative costs only. Other errors seem to exist in these numbers besides.

Overall, the taxpayers are spending \$7,232,857 for CAPS per year or \$289,314.28 per district. If the shared distributed costs are subtracted from this amount (\$140,578.76 subtracted from \$289,314.28) the difference is \$148,735.52 per district. Where's all this money Cline?

Thanks to the Citizens for Community Action and a couple of pickets in front of Chicago Police Headquarters by Wayne A. Strnad, the Chicago Police Department is rewriting the DAC (District Advisory Council) rules to make them consistent throughout all Police Districts. Question is whether democracy shall prevail in DAC, or, shall a dictatorial mentality continue? We insist upon democracy and elections of beat facilitators and other positions set forth by DAC, to be voted upon by registered voters in the beat. Representation brings forth involvement and truly serves the community.

## ADMINISTRATION-3605 - CONTINUED

0429	CLERK II.....	1	29,736
0322	SPECIAL ASSISTANT.....	1	68,556
0320	ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONER.....	1	55,416
0311	PROJECTS ADMINISTRATOR.....	1	74,268
0309	COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS.....	1	72,528
0309	COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS.....	1	49,548
0308	STAFF ASSISTANT.....	1	45,144
0308	STAFF ASSISTANT.....	1	43,104
0306	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.....	1	75,240
0306	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.....	1	65,136
0303	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III.....	1	43,380
0303	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III.....	1	43,104
0303	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III.....	1	39,288
0302	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II.....	1	37,488
0302	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II.....	1	34,176
	SCHEDULE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.....		31,082
	<b>SECTION TOTAL.....</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3,759,086</b>
	<b>DIVISION TOTAL.....</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3,759,086</b>
	<b>LESS TURNOVER.....</b>		<b>244,617</b>
	<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$ 3,514,469</b>
	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL.....</b>	<b>16,140</b>	<b>926,484,132</b>
	<b>LESS TURNOVER.....</b>		<b>23,740,442</b>
	<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>902,743,690</b>

## ADMINISTRATION-3605

9684	DEPUTY DIRECTOR.....	1	\$ 99,912
9102	DIRECTOR OF CAPS.....	1	123,384
9101	COMMUNITY ORGANIZER-CAPS.....	1	41,148
9101	COMMUNITY ORGANIZER-CAPS.....	21	39,288
9101	COMMUNITY ORGANIZER-CAPS.....	4	37,488
9101	COMMUNITY ORGANIZER-CAPS.....	2	34,176
3898	COMMUNITY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE.....	1	59,640
3898	COMMUNITY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE.....	1	47,856
3898	COMMUNITY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE.....	1	45,492
3898	COMMUNITY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE.....	2	45,144
3898	COMMUNITY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE.....	1	43,104
3898	COMMUNITY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE.....	2	37,488
3897	COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR.....	1	55,416
3897	COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR.....	1	52,692
3897	COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR.....	1	47,292
3877	YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR.....	3	65,460
3877	YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR.....	1	59,640
3877	YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR.....	1	56,952
3877	YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR.....	2	51,900
3877	YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR.....	1	45,144
3092	PROGRAM DIRECTOR.....	1	63,576
1927	AREA COORDINATOR.....	1	69,348
1927	AREA COORDINATOR.....	1	66,444
1927	AREA COORDINATOR.....	1	56,952
1927	AREA COORDINATOR.....	1	54,372
1910	INFORMATION SERVICE COORDINATOR.....	1	59,640
1910	INFORMATION SERVICE COORDINATOR.....	2	54,372
1910	INFORMATION SERVICE COORDINATOR.....	2	51,900
1305	CAPS COORDINATOR.....	1	82,548

Code			Appropriated
	.0005 SALARIES AND WAGES-ON PAYROLL.....		\$ 3,483,387
	.0015 SCHEDULE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.....		31,082
	.0020 OVERTIME.....		995,000
	LESS SAVINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO LAY-OFFS OR EARLY RETIREMENTS RESULTING IN THE ELIMINATION OF POSITIONS.....		36,110
*2605	.0000 FOR PERSONAL SERVICES.....		4,473,359
	.0130 POSTAGE.....		44,400
	.0135 FOR DELEGATE AGENCIES.....		807,860
	.0140 FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES AND OTHER THIRD PARTY BENEFIT AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE, LICENSING AND MAINTENANCE OF SOFTWARE PRODUCTS.....		55,860
	.0149 PUBLICATIONS AND REPRODUCTION-IN HOUSE SERVICES.....		213,750
	.0151 RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT.....		38,500
	.0162 REPAIR MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT.....		7,500
	.0169 TECHNICAL MEETING COSTS.....		290,000
	.0181 TELEPHONE-MOBILE AND PORTABLE PHONES.....		13,965
	.0190 TELEPHONE-CENTREX BILLING.....		13,337
*2605	.0100 FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.....		2,711,998
	.0270 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION.....		7,500
*2605	.0200 FOR TRAVEL.....		7,500
	.0340 MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES.....		15,000
	.0350 STATIONERY AND OFFICE SUPPLIES.....		25,000
*2605	.0300 FOR COMMODITIES AND MATERIALS.....		40,000
	<b>*BUDGET LEVEL TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$ 7,232,857</b>

**Keep the 13<sup>th</sup> District Open.**

**If you want to shut down anything, shut down Carothers and Daley!**

Can someone explain why truckloads of water are being transported in the middle of the night from downtown to some undetermined location? You're not selling water under the table, are you Daley? Oops, we mean one of your cronies!



# Daley Floats Garbage Out of Carother's Lips

## Garbage In – Garbage Out?

Hello and welcome to Carothers hunk-a-junk garbage corner. For those of you that are not aware, Carothers had his not so humble beginnings in garbage – actually he floated out of water into garbage. Yes, it is the department that consumes more tax dollars than most other departments and is only superseded by the Chicago Police Department (nearly \$1.1 billion), the Fire Department (nearly \$370 million) and Finance General (nearly \$384 million) in allocated funds, according to the Corporate Fund Preliminary Budget for the year 2005 – that is, if you can believe those Preliminary Budget things.

### Garbage pickup charge puts screws to the poor and elderly even more...

Yes, dear Ike, hereafter referred to as DI, started in garbage and continues to propagate more of the same. The latest this garbage man came up with was to charge each and every one of us for having our trash picked up by Streets and Sanitation. Let's see, many of the residents who live in the 29<sup>th</sup> ward as well as adjacent wards are struggling to survive i.e. make that simply trying to find money for their next meal! Now, garbage man Ike, the DI, wants to put a further burden on the poor. It should be noted that due to these hard economic times, poor is being redefined to include a wide cross section of our city; it encompasses all races of people, as well as all age groups, but definitely not all the areas of Chicago.\*

What, pray tell, does DI propose doing for people who cannot afford to pay? One answer might be, don't pick up their garbage. Hum, that's a bit impractical and not very sanitary for a Sanitation Department. Maybe DI will need to create another department within the Department of Streets and Sanitation. After all, the Department of Streets and Sanitation is composed of many sub departments, called bureaus, so adding one more to the slew should not be a big problem. Al "Bud Man" Sanchez could probably even create this bureau without council approval by using a rationale that it is sanitation business not subject to aldermanic approval, solely controlled by the Department of Streets and Sanitation. Wow, can you believe what a slush fund that would be? Money could be hidden all over the place and not traceable. Record keeping could become a story in fiction, just like Daley's budget. Then

some aldermen like DI, could use that against people who couldn't pay. Imagine one of the DI's precinct captains explaining to the voter, hey Ike will take care of that bill for you but first you got to vote for him in the next election. Sound infeasible? Hell, if they can "sell" things like absentee voting, sidewalks, garbage cans and handicapped parking for a vote, then selling garbage services should be an easy dump on the voter. (Are you available for an interview this time Mr. D? He, he, he. And you thought we wouldn't find out about your paying people not to pass out information in the last aldermanic election! We hope you don't do a dump in your pants cause under DI's plan that will cost for removal.)

Mind you, garbage man Ike doesn't care about the people he allegedly represents, but only a select few who stand to gain from any charges imposed by Streets and Sanitation starting with DI. Who's the few? That's an easy one and the one place to start looking is in District 3 of Streets and San, home of the corruption connection. You're not exploiting the businesses anymore on Chicago Ave, are you little Tommy?

The alleged \$225,000,000.00 deficit in the budget is no more than a paper tiger that appeared one or two years earlier. In fact, it seems that this administration always presents a budget that is in the red and uses various scapegoats to blame! Do you remember that the last time out of the gate Daley was so concerned because union contracts were ending? What happened then? Well, the union contracts expired and the fine

men and women that work for the city of Chicago were pushed off on the sidelines, given instructions to work for certain candidates, and then not given any contract! This applies to several unions such as the FOP, Local 726 and Local 1001.

#### Behind The Scenes

It is our supposition that if Citizens are somehow charged for garbage pickup, either through tax, surcharge, or whatever fancy name city council decides to create, then that is the first step to indoctrinate the general population into believing that it's all right to charge for services that should be already covered in our property tax bill. If Carothers or Daley contends that it's not covered in our tax bill, **then every property owner should be provided with an itemization of where our tax dollars go.** It would be interesting and quite revealing to see how the average home, taxed around \$2,500.00, has its tax dollars disbursed. One thing for sure, it's not in their neighborhood!

The fact of the matter is that this city, along with Cook County, has collected taxes for decades and yet neighborhoods are falling apart, sidewalks need replacement, curbs and gutters are crumbling, sewers need replacement, and many streets challenge the best of terrain vehicles. DI is a real prince, right? This Is The City That Works – for whom?

\* View poverty stats from the Census Bureau in this document.

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### Union Members Beware

If you think you have job security (your clout) then you better think again. If your department is privatized, like King Daley suggests be done, then you might be out of a job. In Aviation, the Union members were laid off. A private company was called in to do their job. Guess what...those Union workers were then asked to come back to work for less money and without a contract! According to Frank Coconate, this company gave \$\$\$\$ to Daley and Levar.

The following information came from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding poverty in the city of Chicago and the State of Illinois. Visit <http://www.CitizensForCommunityAction.org> for a direct link to other findings/evaluations from the last census.

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**QT-P32. Income Distribution in 1999 of Households and Families: 2000**

Data Set: [Census 2000 Summary File 3 \(SF 3\) - Sample Data](#)

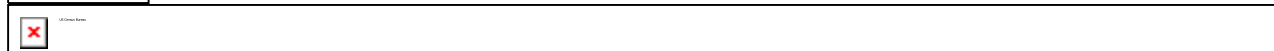
Geographic Area: **Chicago city, Illinois**

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

Subject	Households	Families			Nonfamily households
		Total	Married-couple families	Female householder, no husband present	
<b>NUMBER</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,061,964</b>	<b>638,290</b>	<b>385,636</b>	<b>196,235</b>	<b>423,674</b>
Less than \$10,000	146,192	68,431	17,781	43,657	83,156
\$10,000 to \$14,999	71,103	36,723	13,871	18,783	37,049
\$15,000 to \$19,999	65,654	37,090	15,917	17,348	30,308
\$20,000 to \$24,999	66,685	39,826	19,803	15,770	28,662
\$25,000 to \$29,999	66,446	39,405	20,310	14,830	27,915
\$30,000 to \$34,999	67,224	38,898	21,139	13,631	28,559
\$35,000 to \$39,999	62,459	37,105	21,982	11,266	25,162
\$40,000 to \$44,999	58,506	35,299	21,343	10,464	22,906
\$45,000 to \$49,999	50,175	31,622	20,438	8,217	17,652
\$50,000 to \$59,999	89,305	57,012	39,235	12,670	30,405
\$60,000 to \$74,999	99,395	66,311	48,819	12,210	30,374
\$75,000 to \$99,999	95,162	66,280	52,145	9,926	26,287
\$100,000 to \$124,999	51,340	35,446	29,827	3,895	13,724
\$125,000 to \$149,999	24,403	16,682	14,378	1,357	6,939
\$150,000 to \$199,999	21,884	14,116	12,538	965	7,039
\$200,000 or more	26,031	18,044	16,110	1,246	7,537
Median income (dollars)	38,625	42,724	54,719	25,741	30,646
Mean income (dollars)	54,175	59,147	73,516	34,584	44,156
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Less than \$10,000	13.8	10.7	4.6	22.2	19.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6.7	5.8	3.6	9.6	8.7
\$15,000 to \$19,999	6.2	5.8	4.1	8.8	7.2
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6.3	6.2	5.1	8.0	6.8
\$25,000 to \$29,999	6.3	6.2	5.3	7.6	6.6
\$30,000 to \$34,999	6.3	6.1	5.5	6.9	6.7
\$35,000 to \$39,999	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.9
\$40,000 to \$44,999	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.4
\$45,000 to \$49,999	4.7	5.0	5.3	4.2	4.2
\$50,000 to \$59,999	8.4	8.9	10.2	6.5	7.2
\$60,000 to \$74,999	9.4	10.4	12.7	6.2	7.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	9.0	10.4	13.5	5.1	6.2
\$100,000 to \$124,999	4.8	5.6	7.7	2.0	3.2
\$125,000 to \$149,999	2.3	2.6	3.7	0.7	1.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2.1	2.2	3.3	0.5	1.7
\$200,000 or more	2.5	2.8	4.2	0.6	1.8

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrices P52, P53, P54, P79, P80, P81, PCT38, PCT40, and PCT41.

**QT-P35. Poverty Status in 1999 of Families and Nonfamily Householders: 2000**Data Set: [Census 2000 Summary File 3 \(SF 3\) - Sample Data](#)Geographic Area: **Illinois**NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

Poverty Status	Number		Percent below poverty level
	All income levels	Below poverty level	
<b>Families</b>	<b>3,125,318</b>	<b>244,303</b>	<b>7.8</b>
With related children under 18 years	1,667,409	192,590	11.6
With related children under 5 years	679,390	98,467	14.5
Householder worked in 1999	2,506,903	129,669	5.2
Full-time, year-round	1,807,738	33,783	1.9
Householder 65 years and over	502,050	23,560	4.7
Family received:			
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or public assistance income in 1999	207,269	66,032	31.9
Social Security income in 1999	661,580	33,692	5.1
Mean income deficit (dollars)	7,722	(X)	(X)
<b>Married-couple families</b>	<b>2,396,891</b>	<b>90,506</b>	<b>3.8</b>
With related children under 18 years	1,202,910	59,407	4.9
With related children under 5 years	506,923	32,529	6.4
Householder worked in 1999	1,964,630	46,861	2.4
Full-time, year-round	1,474,749	16,675	1.1
Householder 65 years and over	396,226	13,104	3.3
Family received:			
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or public assistance income in 1999	93,701	13,620	14.5
Social Security income in 1999	504,819	15,577	3.1
Mean income deficit (dollars)	7,255	(X)	(X)
<b>Families with female householder, no husband present</b>	<b>544,698</b>	<b>131,485</b>	<b>24.1</b>
With related children under 18 years	363,650	116,851	32.1
With related children under 5 years	131,991	57,509	43.6
Householder worked in 1999	395,067	71,839	18.2
Full-time, year-round	231,096	13,979	6.0
Householder 65 years and over	83,884	8,746	10.4
Family received:			
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or public assistance income in 1999	98,621	48,903	49.6
Social Security income in 1999	118,698	14,850	12.5
Mean income deficit (dollars)	8,082	(X)	(X)
<b>Nonfamily householder</b>	<b>1,467,422</b>	<b>221,073</b>	<b>15.1</b>
Below 150 percent of poverty level	366,610	(X)	(X)
<b>Families below:</b>			
150 percent of poverty level	423,058	(X)	(X)
185 percent of poverty level	566,931	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	421,497	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years	207,811	(X)	(X)

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrices P90, P91, P92, P93, PCT59, PCT60, and PCT61.





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December 21, 2004

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P.O. Box 5625  
Chicago, IL 60680-5625

Dear Mr. Harris,

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 15, 2004 and mailed to one named Wayne Strand, at a cost of \$.27.8 that was mailed from zip code 48195. It was received on December 21, 2004. I find it interesting that your mailing address above does not have the correct zip code for the 600 block of West Jackson Boulevard. We are contacting the postal authorities so that they may explain such an impropriety in the processing of your mail; you may be in violation of Federal Postal Regulations regarding the usage of your postal meter.

According to your website at [www.quickcollect.com](http://www.quickcollect.com), you are going to make less than \$4.50 to collect \$150.00 as shown on the page <http://www.quickcollect.com/article2.htm>, which you shall not collect because of the following:

- When you find this person named Wayne Strand, let him know that you're going to send a letter about this matter. As you can see, I do not spell my name in that manner nor have I ever since I learned the alphabet and that's more than 50 years ago.
- I, Wayne A. Strnad, did request a hearing on September 2, 2004 regarding alleged violation # 9057153919. I still await notice as to when that hearing shall take place. I wouldn't miss it for anything as is evidenced by the fact that any and every ticket I have received was either addressed at a hearing or taken to Cook County Circuit Court. One exception was the denial of my right to due process by the Revenue Department. You can find all the acts of retaliation against me and my organization because of our community involvement in exposing how CAPS doesn't work in this community (received two tickets during an informational picket in retaliation to the picket) and in getting ride of a Chicago Police Commander at the 25<sup>th</sup> District (another ticket on private property issued), by visiting our website. You can also find documentation about how the Revenue Department was totally incompetent. I fought and won two of these three tickets and would have fought the other in Cook County Circuit Court but the Revenue Department refused to hand over a paper to present to the Cook County Circuit Court. I was told by the intake people at the Circuit Court that a paper was required. Despite the fact I requested it, it was never sent. Thus, the right of due process was denied. By the way, we do have documentation to confirm this.
- Somehow this ticket was pushed through the system without allowing me the right to due process – again. Please see the attached request for a hearing, signed by one of Chicago's city employees, that was attained from a city facility on Addison Avenue, near Lane Tech High School. It's actually in a mall that has totally inadequate parking for the number of people that matriculate through that center.
- I have a credit with the City of Chicago as per a court order which the Revenue Department has apparently chosen to ignore. Maybe I should employ Harris and Harris (one of the outfits you are allegedly associated with) to collect on my behalf, the money owed me from the City of Chicago. Heck,

I'll even up your rate and give you \$5.00 although the chasing of ambulances might be more financially rewarding.

- **It is duly noted that the Revenue Department is quick to want money but poor at paying it back.** I believe that they are in violation of a court order and soon I very well might go back to the judge and tell her so. Further, I have evidence that shows they collected money for services to be performed but did not complete the request for more than a year. In that case, they collected more than \$200.00. The work was not completed until we brought it to their attention and published the fact - citywide. I wonder how many other cases there are in which the Revenue Department ignores court orders or collected payments for services rendered where no services were performed. Maybe I need a Freedom of Information Act request to determine a potentially new type of scandal which we can label the **Chicago Revenue Augmentation Program - acronym is CRAP.**

There are literally hundreds of pages you can read online at our website. Any further action on this matter shall be met with countermeasures and let me assure you – we don't stop! If you think I'm joking then I suggest you look at the dockets for Federal Court cases against the City of Chicago, filed in August of this year. You will find my name, spelled correctly, in a suit against the City of Chicago and numerous other defendants which includes commissioner(s) on down; some commissioners names do not appear in the original filing but will be added later along with some deputy commissioners, for additional flavor. I'm not adverse to filing another suit in Federal Court or attaching these gross violations of due process, as protected by the Constitution of the United States of America, against the City of Chicago, Revenue Department or your firm acting as an agent of the City of Chicago in the role of collections. You better get your facts straight!

The phone number that appears on your letter is not that of Harris and Harris either. Indeed, there are more than an ample number of items that question such unethical practices. Do you think we should file a complaint with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois? I have the form in hand. What is the real name of your real law firm? (See below.) It's a question on the form.

By the way, according to the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics that you subscribe to at the National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys, of which you are a member, the following should be brought to your attention:

The principles of the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics of the National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys express the profession's recognition of its responsibilities to the public, to clients, and to colleagues. They guide members in their professional responsibilities and express the basic tenets of ethical and professional conduct. The principles call for an unswerving commitment to honorable behavior, even at the sacrifice of personal advantage.

We consider it unethical, non-professional and a breach of your responsibility to the public to disguise your true identity, provide a bogus phone number, do not show your true firms name (Harris and Harris or quickcollect.com or one of eleven others), potentially violate postal meter regulations, etc. Finally when we called the number provided and asked for a fax number, we were given 312-251-2333. This is not the registered fax number you have on file with NARCA. Who do you know at City Hall that got you this account? Is Mr. Diaz HDO?

Now although it is not illegal to form several corporations, you apparently have an inordinately high number and that is a dozen. Should we call this the "Dirty Dozen?" The names are:

LaSalle Attorneys, Chartered  
Affiliated Legal Services, P.C.  
Creditors' Legal Service, P.C.  
Chicago Law Group, Attorneys-At-Law  
Harris & Levin, Ltd.

Allen E. Levin & Associates, Ltd.  
Harris & Harris, Ltd.  
Arnold S. Harris & Associates, P.C.  
Bilco Credit Services, Inc.  
Business Credit Services, Inc.  
Harris and Harris Incorporated – Involuntary Dissolution  
Harris and Harris of Illinois, Ltd.

Some of these corporations have been dissolved. Do you get taxpayers money for collection services at each of these corporations? Now we're definitely going to hand in a FOIA.

Incidentally, you have an error on the webpage <http://www.quickcollect.com/contact.htm#Telephone>: and after all these years (since May 28, 1997) that is really unacceptable. You should talk to Barry May and have him straighten it out. He's still the registered agent for your domain name, right?

Also, the indented type on the preceding page is a quote from NARCA's website and credit is hereby properly given. We are also considering filing a complaint with NARCA.

As you probably suspect, we are very thorough in our research but have left out in this letter some other interesting findings, which may or may not be published at a later date.

We trust the holiday season was happy – the rest of the year might not be.

Most Sincerely,

W. A. Strnad

PS. Are you related to Judge Harris?

As was once said by the Beatles, who were popular before you were born, "Let it be...." If not, you'll open up a whole other can of worms for us – hehehe.

cc: Mayor Daley  
Bea Reyna-Hickey - Director of Revenue  
Other interested parties

You can also find this on our website – <http://www.CitizensForCommunityAction.org>

## **City Employees Support Committee**

If you were denied the right to due process after you received a ticket, then we want to know about it. It's a fact that about one year ago or so, the city was going after employees that had any outstanding parking tickets. If you received a letter from Harris or any other lawyer who is acting on behalf of the Chicago Department of Revenue then please provide their name and address information along with the details that appear at the bottom of your letter. It shows the description of the violation, amount, violation location, vehicle make and violation number. We suspect that the Revenue Department uses questionable tactics as described in this newsletter, in their quest to fill Daley's coffers. We want copies of your data.

Email your info to [newsletter@CitizensforCommunityAction.org](mailto:newsletter@CitizensforCommunityAction.org) with subject: Revenue CRAP.

## The Right to Due Process Gets Ignored on a Daley Basis Update to Distribution

The letter you see on the following page was distributed in front of the offices of the Revenue Department on Superior Street. On the second day of distribution in front of this location, we met with the gentleman in charge of the Hearings as well as the person in charge of the Corporate Council for these hearings. We can only guess they didn't want to see us in front of their pristine structure any more, which is why they sent someone out to ask us to come into the facility for a meeting.

It was agreed that signs would be posted inside these Hearings courtrooms. The sign would be written in at least two languages: Spanish and Polish. It would inform people that if they need assistance with the proceedings because of a language barrier, then assistance could be arranged.

In December of 2004 we went to this same location for a surprise inspection, just to see if the Department heads were going to keep their word and put something on the wall. Much to our chagrin, nothing was posted anywhere. We consider it a real shame that these department heads said they would do something and then do absolutely nothing.

Apparently, **all the aldermen that are mentioned at the bottom of that letter, don't really care about fairness in justice or due process either, for if it were the case that they did have any concern, then one of them would have come forward and said something**; they all sat quietly with their tails between their legs, wishing and hoping that it would go away. After all, we're talking about people's right to due process and how there is no due process for those that cannot speak the language just to give their side of the story. What a pity. Wasn't it written somewhere that these aldermen are supposed to represent all the people of their ward? Maybe they believe, like Carothers and some other misguided intellectual nats, that they are suppose to only represent the voters and not anyone else. Hell, they don't even do that very well either, as shown in how they voted when it came time to increase taxes as per Daley's new budget. No voter would want another tax increase; at least none that are not working for the city or getting something out of the deal.

Here's an idea – maybe these aldermen should send out their little cronies and do a pole. One simple question: Do you believe your taxes needed to be increased because of the services you're getting?

So, city employees, if you think that some of hearings you're dragged into after you're pulled from the job are outrageous (and they are), imagine the people who are shuffled through these kangaroo courts without an inkling of what's going on! This really is more of the **Chicago Revenue Augmentation Program (CRAP for short)**.

Miggs Field - \$2.8 million to destroy, \$3 million in fines for doing it. It generated approximately \$25 million in revenue. Now it generates nothing. Maybe Daley should go back to school and learning something about accounting practices – he obviously knows nothing in these regards. What a pity. **We need the state legislature to pass a law that allows elected officials to be removed from office. Indiana has one and it works. Illinois needs the same type of law.**



**Why hide the info?**

People have the right to know!

Reboyras has a problem with providing a copy of the Menu for the 30<sup>th</sup> Ward that was submitted for budget consideration. He apparently wants to keep it private so that nobody who lives in the ward knows what's going on. Hey Carlos, are you going to move into the 30<sup>th</sup> Ward? Here's to ya, Ariel and Carlos. What a bunch of guy's!

We will work to get you out of office – guaranteed! That is unless the FBI gets to you before we do.

We sincerely hope you have a great day and enjoy the outside, while you can still see clouds over your head.

Here is the letter mentioned on the preceding page.

James M. Reilly  
Director  
Department of Administrative Hearings \* 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
740 North Sedgwick Street  
Chicago, IL 60610  
(312)742-8200

Dear Sir,

I was given your name as the person in charge of policy relating to the administrative hearings. If this information is incorrect then please forward this letter to the appropriate party who is in charge of policy.

The reason I write is to offer a suggestion in the proceedings of these administrative hearings.

It was interesting to see that over 40% of the people in attendance at these hearings were of Hispanic origin. What did surprise me is that many of these hard working individuals who came to the hearing did not have fluent use of the English language and the hearing officer (HO) could not provide a translator. Telling someone they are in violation of such and such number of city ordinance meant nothing to these people - nor to people who are fluent in the English language. Then asking if someone from the audience could translate meant that the HO had to rely on someone who is perhaps only a little versed in the English language. This does not address the issue of comprehension of what is being said, but only translation. The translator was given no time to talk with the individual being charged to get her/his side of the story. This type of proceeding I consider abominable.

The fact of the matter is that the largest minority group in the United States as of today is the Hispanic population. Yet, judging from what I saw in these proceedings, they are not given due process under the assurance of "reasonable doubt." They couldn't even present their side of the story. Of course one can dismiss this claim and say that it is not really a trial but my contention is that people are charged, found guilty and told to pay a fine. Is this not juris prudence at its lowest level?

The rationale that a person is allowed a continuance to bring a translator does not work either because that means the person must take two days off from work at a minimum or even more if a trial is requested.

Yet, another interesting thing at these hearings was a case involving animal abuse. Animal Control gave a Caucasian woman a ticket. The fine was \$500.00. The "Let's Make a Deal" people wanted to go with a \$100.00 fine and then after talking with the woman, the fine was reduced to nothing and the case was dismissed. Do you think an alleged involvement of the 20<sup>th</sup> District State Representative played a role? Such alleged use of power did not go unnoticed. It's a shame that justice was allegedly bought, not earned. Yet, the other Hispanics and African Americans listened to the preverbal mallet hit the desk, received their computer generated bill, and then paid.

My recommendation is twofold: first, either hire more bilingual speaking individuals who are qualified as the counselors already employed in the "Let's Make A Deal" room (off to the side in Room 101) or second, minimally provide a person that can translate on the defendant's behalf. A comparable amount of time should be allotted so that the translator can get the defendant's side of the story and present an adequate defense. Failure to do so provides no more than a scam of justice in this city and a ramrod to the pocketbooks of hard working people. It is unjust at best.

Sincerely,  
Wayne A. Strnad

cc: Alderman Rey Colon (773-365-3535), Alderman Manuel Flores (773-278-0101), Alderman Ricardo Munoz (773-762-1771), Alderman Billy Ocasio (773-276-4269), Alderman Ariel E. Reboyras (773-794-3095), Alderman Daniel S. Solis (773-843-1200), Alderman Suarez (773-486-6488), Alderman Emma Mitts (773-745-2894), Alderman Isaac Carothers (773-261-4646), Mayor Daley

**Wayne A. Strnad says, "Call every representative mentioned above! Put them to work -it's their job to fight for and protect your rights!"**

**Get Involved In Your Community. You Do Make A Difference!**

# The Time to Act is NOW

If you or someone you know is getting the short end of the stick, while employed by the city of Chicago, then we want to know about it.

- \* Kangaroo Court Hearings
- \* Unfair Write-ups
- \* Streets and Sanitation Administration
- \* Illegal Election Activities
- \* Union Corruption
- \* No Union Representation
- \* Aldermen Exposures
- \* Violations by Administration

And the list continues....

## Contact Us:

On the web: [www.CitizensForCommunityAction.org/portalv3.1/forum/](http://www.CitizensForCommunityAction.org/portalv3.1/forum/)

There are many areas (called forums) for you to leave information. You can provide it anonymously or register as a user. The choice is yours. Let's keep that information going. It's an ideal way for you to express your concerns and see what others have to say.

Email: [director@CitizensForCommunityAction.org](mailto:director@CitizensForCommunityAction.org)

Call: 773-889-2963

It seems that the only way things get done in this town, under this poor administration, is to file a suit. So, soon we shall file another suit in Federal Court. Details will be available later in the year.

## ALL CITY EMPLOYEES....

# Demand a contract NOW!