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## **THE NATIONAL BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE SAYS NO TO RAHM EMANUEL AND YES TO SENATOR CAROL MOSELEY BRAUN**

*The Black Church Urges Every Voter to Vote Against Rahm Emanuel*

**Washington DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, condemns the Illinois Supreme Court decision to overturn the ruling by the Illinois appellate courts to disqualify Rahm Emanuel from Chicago’s mayoral race. Rahm Emanuel is an illegal resident of Chicago and he should not have the right to run for the mayor.

Under the appellate court’s judgment, it was deemed that Emanuel did not meet the municipal code's requirement dictating that one must reside in Chicago for the year preceding the election in which he or she seeks to participate. The appellate court also ruled that Emanuel did not meet any of the exceptions applicable to the regulation.

“We stand by the appellate court’s decision, and are appalled that the Supreme Court did not fall in line with the lower court’s good judgment” said the Reverend Anthony Evans, President and Founder of the National Black Church Initiative. “This is an explicit example that the daily machine has the entire Illinois Supreme in their pocket, thus making Rahm Emanuel, if elected mayor, a continual example of corruption, no justice and a brutal dictatorship from the mayoral office of Chicago. We do not want a dictatorship which has been thrown out in Tunis and now being thrown out in Egypt. In America, we have a democracy, which means that fair play and equal justice under the rules. This was a *political* decision by the Illinois Supreme Court, *not* a legal one.”

“Rahm is an illegal Chicago alien and it would be unlawful to allow him to become mayor as a fraudulent Chicagoan.”

“What Chicago needs is real reform and real change. Rahm Emanuel is not the change the city needs, Rahm Emanuel is more of the same. Remember he was the same man who went to the White House two years ago and nothing changed. In fact, things got worse. In fact, he was the chief architect of Obama’s economic program that left 10.2 million Americans without work, 620,600 of whom are from Chicago. He was also the gatekeeper to Obama to keep the members of the Black Caucus away from him, both for political and appearances’ sake. And he will do the same thing as the mayor of Chicago. He will completely ignore the African American community. He has a track record of putting private interests before that of the public, and what Chicago needs is someone who will put the government to work for the people. This cannot be accomplished in Chicago under Rahm.”

Reverend Evans went on to say that, “Rahm Emanuel is the wrong man for Chicago and its people. He known to be rude and disrespectful to everyone, and he will be rude and disrespectful to the African American community. He will not deal with the staggering unemployment rates of Black men and women in Chicago. We cannot simply give him power when he already has it. In the spirit of former mayor Harrow Washington we will say NO to an Emanuel and YES to Carol Moseley Braun.”

NBCI encourages every voter in Chicago to make the right decision in this election, and vote for against Rahm and for Senator Carol Moseley Braun.

**Chicago’s mayoral election is set to take place on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI’s mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. The National Black Church Initiative’s methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science. The National Black Church Initiative’s purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI’s programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.naltblackchurch.com](http://www.naltblackchurch.com).