

**Curing Corruption in Illinois:
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Public corruption has been an unfortunate aspect of Illinois politics for a century and a half. Even before Governor Blagojevich tried to sell the vacant senate seat to the highest bidder, the people of the state were exposed continuously to outrageous corruption scandals. The state history of political corruption features Paul Powell, a former secretary of state, who died leaving hundreds of thousands of dollars hoarded in shoeboxes in his closet, 13 judges nabbed in Operation Greylord for fixing court cases, and a state auditor who embezzled more than \$1.5 million in state funds and bought two planes, four cars, and two homes with the money.

Since 1972 there have been three governors before Governor Blagojevich, state legislators, two congressmen, 19 Cook County judges, 30 Aldermen, and other statewide officials convicted of corruption.¹ Altogether there have been 1,000 public officials and businessmen convicted of public corruption since 1970.

The history of public corruption in Illinois goes as far back as 1860s when the state's largest city, Chicago, was growing rapidly and with much disorder which provided ample opportunities for corruption. This time period is characterized by several corruption cases in the city including a city council ring of aldermen on the take known as McCauley's Nineteen, and county commissioners involved in a City Hall painting contract scandal. Of the 14 aldermen and public official indicted in that scandal four were convicted and several others lost their reelection bids in the elections of 1871.

At the same time, a gambling kingpin, Michael Cassius McDonald, created Chicago's political machine. Public officials were handing out contracts, jobs and social services in exchange for political support. McDonald is credited with "electing aldermen who lorded it in the city council and county commissioners who stole everything in sight and for providing contracts for public works that had thievery written between the lines."² Machine politics and corruption have been directly linked ever since the late 1860s following the civil war and the Great Chicago Fire.

The possibility for corruption and its persistence can also be explained by the Chicago's large immigrant population which made it easier for a political machine to grow in power. Millions of Irish, German, Jewish, and Slavic immigrants settled in the cities of America and these ethnic groups had difficulties getting jobs. The immigrants would come to local officials for housing and work, thus turning public office into the market for jobs, contracts, and a place to reward "friends".² By responding to citizen demands and requesting political support in return, political machines continued to expand a system based on the politics of personal obligation. Businessmen also found this system useful so they paid bribes in order to receive lucrative contracts from the city and avoid troublesome city inspectors.

Patronage politics and corruption dominated Chicago and its suburbs regardless of political party in charge. After "reform" Republicans began controlling the city council in the late 1890s, they became as corrupt as the ousted Democrats. Through both periods, a notorious group of Chicago aldermen known as the "Gray Wolves" sold municipal

contracts and franchises to enrich themselves. They even awarded the city's gas business to a fictional company they had created, and forced the real gas company to buy it from them.⁴

Other examples of brazen corruption include two aldermen who ruled Chicago's first ward from the late 19th century until 1940s. Hinky Dink Mike Kenna was first elected in 1897 and Bathhouse John Coughlin first won election in 1892. They controlled police, zoning, prostitution and gambling in the central city Levee District for decades employing extortion, personal favors, and voting fraud to stay in power and to enrich themselves and their allies. In 1896, businessman Charles Yerkes offered Aldermen Coughlin and Kenna a \$150,000 bribe (worth more than a million dollars today) to support a fifty year extension of his streetcar franchise. They turned him down, but not for moral reasons. Bathhouse told Mayor Carter Harrison II: "Mr. Maar, I was talkin' a while back with Senator Billy Mason and he told me, 'Keep clear of th' big stuff, John, it's dangerous. You and Mike stick to th' small stuff; there's little risk and in the long run it pays a damned sight more.' Mr. Maae, we're with you. And we'll do what we can to swing some of the other boys over." With their backing the mayor defeated Yerkes' ordinance by a vote of 32-31 in the then seventy member city council.⁵

Then there is William "Big Bill" Thompson, who served as the Republican mayor of Chicago from 1915 to 1923 and from 1927 to 1931. He was a demagogue who had ties to the infamous criminal Al Capone. The Capone mob is said to have provided Mayor Thompson with hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions.⁶

Politics in the state of Illinois followed Chicago's pattern of corruption. Although never indicted, Governor Joseph Duncan had legal troubles in 1841 after he signed a surety bond, which made him liable for his brother-in-law, who failed to collect money for the U.S. government. In the 1920s Illinois governor Lennington Small, a Kankakee Republican, was accused of embezzling over \$1 million in state funds. The governor was later acquitted and, not coincidentally, after his trial, several jurors received state jobs.⁷ In 1965, former Governor William Stratton was indicted but later acquitted on corruption charges. Governor Otto Kerner was convicted in 1973 on income tax charges involving stock in race tracks acquired while in office. And former Governor Dan Walker was indicted for making \$1.4 in fraudulent loans after he left office.

Republican Governor George Ryan was convicted on corruption charges more recently. A fatal truck accident in 1994 led to an investigation into a scheme to trade truck operators' licenses for political contributions. The ensuing massive investigation, named Operation Safe Roads, resulted in 79 people being charged and convicted, including Ryan.

In the most celebrated current case, Governor Rod Blagojevich in 2009 has been impeached and voted out of his job as governor for corruption and abuse of his power in office. He currently awaits a complete formal indictment and a trial in Federal Court.

Other state officials have also been tainted with public corruption. When former Illinois Secretary of State Paul Powell died in 1970, an unexplained \$800,000 was found stuffed in shoeboxes in his hotel room! Former Chicago Democratic Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, who was chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, was sent to jail in 1996 after admitting he used government money to buy gifts for friends and to pay workers for personal and political work. Republican Illinois Attorney General William Scott was convicted in 1991 on income tax charges involving misuse of campaign funds. Suburban Republican and Democratic mayors as well as Chicago Republican and Democratic Aldermen have been convicted of corruption in recent years. Corruption in Illinois seems endemic in both political parties.

Although cities like New York had large immigrant populations and the Tammany Hall political machine, machine politics disappeared in New York mainly due to external pressures and reform mayors coming to power. In Chicago, the system has survived, in part due to Mayor Richard J. Daley's modernization of machine politics.⁸ Under Mr. Daley's son, current Mayor Richard M. Daley, Chicago's machine has simply adjusted to draw its power from interest groups, corporations, unions, and the global economy instead of ethnic communities.⁹

For example, the Hired Truck Scandal Investigation led to the trial of Daley's patronage chief Robert Sorich. Federal prosecutors proved that officials rigged hiring to guarantee jobs to "connected" applicants. The prosecutors described a flourishing machine where it was possible to get a job as long as the candidates had the right political or labor union connections.¹⁰ Chicago has become a one-party system where Democrats control the city. Although many aides of the Daleys have been convicted of corruption, neither father nor son has ever indicted. Still corruption continues unabated in city, county, suburban, and state today.

Machine politics extends far beyond Chicago, as illustrated by successful prosecutions in investigations like Operation Safe Roads. Lack of a strong reform movement and notoriously weak campaign finance laws in Illinois have perpetuated the politics of personal favors. The underlying problem is machine politics in both the city and the state.

A small sample of other notable corruption cases in Illinois illustrates the scope of the problem:

- Operation Safebet, an FBI investigation targeting political corruption and the organized crime control of illegal prostitution activity throughout the Chicago metropolitan area resulted in the indictment and conviction of more than 75 individuals.
- Operation Gambat, a federal investigation into the First Ward's connections with organized crime which resulted in 24 individuals convicted or pleading guilty. Majority Leader in the Illinois Senate, and a judge convicted for fixing murder cases.

- Operation Incubator, an investigation into City Hall corruption involving bribery to win city contracts for collecting unpaid parking tickets and water bills investigation. Four aldermen, a former state senator, a deputy water commissioner and an aide to former Mayor Washington were among the convicted
- Operation Greylord, a federal probe into the Chicago court system which was completed in 1988 with convictions and guilty pleas from 87 court personnel and attorneys, including 13 judges.
- Operation Haunted Hall, an investigation of ghost payrolling in City Hall leading to 38 indictments and 35 convictions. Four aldermen, a Cook County treasurer, and a state senator were among the convicted.
- Operation Silver Shovel, a federal probe into Chicago city government, ended in 1996 with 18 convictions and guilty pleas from public employees and six aldermen.
- James Duff, a janitorial contractor whose family has ties with Mayor Richard Daley, and who raised money for Daley's campaigns, pleaded guilty to setting up phony fronts to capture city contracts which were reserved for minority and women-owned firms.
- Hired Truck Scandal of 2004 where trucking companies on city contracts were discovered to have links to city employees, convicted felons, and the mob. The city was billed for trucks which did no city work.
- A member of the Illinois House, Patricia Bailey of Chicago, was convicted on felony perjury and forgery charges and sentenced to 2 years of probation.
- In 2002, Cicero Town President Betty Loren-Maltese was convicted in a scam that swindled the suburb out of \$12 million in insurance funds.
- Operation Board Games, a probe of public corruption of insider deals, peddling and kickbacks involving state government boards.

Because of this continuing corruption it is time to forge a comprehensive anti-corruption strategy to be implemented over a long period time. This is what is necessary in order to create a new political culture in which public corruption is no longer tolerated.

Aldermanic Corruption in Chicago

Key to a successful strategy is a careful analysis of how corruption occurs. This report focuses specifically upon aldermanic corruption in the Chicago City Council since 1970. While political corruption exists throughout Illinois, the most notorious and persistent strain of corruption can be found in that fertile breeding ground known as the Chicago City Council.

Specific aldermanic crimes differ but there is an underlying pattern of aldermanic corruption. It differs from the corruption of other city agencies and state government but many of the underlying causes and the necessary cures are the same. The guilty aldermen include bumlbers but also some of the most brilliant politicians of their era such as Tom

Keane, Mayor Richard J. Daley's city council floor leader, and "Fast Eddie" Vrdolyak leader of the 29 aldermen in the opposition bloc to Mayor Harold Washington during "Council Wars."

In the past 35 years, a total of 30 Chicago aldermen have been indicted and convicted of federal crimes such as bribery, extortion, embezzlement, conspiracy, mail fraud and income tax evasion. Three additional aldermen were indicted for similar offenses but two died before federal prosecutors could bring them to trial and one, Anthony Laurino (39th) was too sick to stand trial. Several other aldermen, who were not indicted but were targets of news media investigations, resigned their positions after the public learned of their questionable behavior.

Of the 30 convicted aldermen, three were Republicans and 26 were Democrats. One, Edward R. Vrdolyak was a Democrat when he was 10th Ward Alderman. Later, well before his indictment and guilty plea, "Fast Eddie" ran for mayor as a Republican.

Although in recent years Aldermen run for office in so-called non-partisan elections, all but five of the convicts were products of the vaunted Cook County Democratic organization, the "Machine." The exceptions are the previously mentioned three Republicans plus independent Democrats Alderman Lawrence Bloom (5th Ward) and Fred Hubbard (2nd Ward). Hubbard ran for election as an independent but almost immediately after taking office, he was embraced and co-opted by Mayor Richard Daley's administration. A large majority of the convicted Democratic aldermen held political patronage positions before they were appointed aldermen or slated for election.

If you set aside the Democratic Machine identity, the class of convicted aldermen approaches real diversity. Two of the 30 are women; 11 are African-American and 19 Caucasian; two are Hispanic or Latino; two Jewish; five have Polish ancestry, three Italian ancestry, one Irish ancestry, one Lithuanian and one has Croatian ancestors.

There is some diversity too when you examine the occupations and career paths that the lawbreakers took prior to becoming alderman. One was a union official and one was a community organizer. The job titles of postal worker, school teacher, insurance salesman and sports editor each describe one of the scoundrels. Four of the rogue aldermen were small businessmen.

Real estate and law, two fields often considered ideal for attracting "clean graft," provided opportunities-legal and illegal-for 11 of the perpetrators. Four were real estate brokers or salesmen and six were attorneys. At least one practiced both of these professions and one, according to reports, had a law degree but never practiced law.

But, by and large, the most traveled route to the title of convicted alderman was up through the ranks of political machines. A total of 16 of the aldermen who got caught had previously held patronage jobs with the City of Chicago, Cook County or the State of

Illinois.

In most cases, the Chicago political machine taught the crooked aldermen, in one way or another, the fine art of graft. These men -only seven percent were women -were schooled in the importance of political campaigns and precinct election work. They understood the connection between patronage jobs and political work. On their way up through the ranks they learned the importance of political fund raising dinners and events. They bought tickets and sold tickets.

They watched as precinct captains who turned out the highest votes for their party's candidates got promoted to better jobs. They noticed when ward bosses placed their sons, daughters and other relatives on the city payroll. They petitioned their aldermen to get traffic tickets fixed or to get shoplifting charges against a neighbor teenager dropped. They saw political officials amass power and get rich over time by playing the game, keeping quiet and delivering votes and campaign funds for the party.

They came to know what was going on in front of their noses in their own ward organizations. They could easily extrapolate to the other 49 wards. What they didn't see, or rarely saw, was anyone getting caught. All sorts of infractions and abuses were never or rarely punished by supervisors or department bosses. Heads only rolled if the news media got involved. In these cases, the offenders were severed from the payroll only to reappear later in other less visible patronage positions. The Cook County States Attorney or Illinois Attorney General almost never investigated or prosecuted political corruption. There were but a few rare exceptions.

The task of routing out and prosecuting political corruption was left to the United States Attorneys, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, postal inspectors and F.B.I. and I.R.S. agents.

The U.S. Attorneys for the Northern District of Illinois prosecuted 31 Chicago aldermen and former aldermen in the past 35 years. Thirty were either convicted by a jury of citizens or pleaded guilty to charges described in their indictments. Only one, Alderman Rafael "Ray" Frias was found not guilty.

Ex-Alderman Fred Hubbard (2nd) pleaded guilty in 1973 to embezzling more than \$98,000 from the Chicago Plan when he was alderman. Stanley Zydlo resigned as 26th Ward Alderman some 18 months before he pleaded guilty in 1980 to paying \$1,000 bribe to fix the firefighters' test for two relatives. Former Alderman Joseph A. Martinez (31st) pleaded guilty to illegally receiving more than \$90,000 in wages and benefits for doing little or no work as a ghost payroller on three city council committees after he lost a reelection bid. John Madrzyk (13th) also pleaded guilty to ghost payrolling, placing his daughter in a "no-show" job with the Committee of Special Events which he chaired. He also pleaded guilty to receiving kickbacks from two other individuals he placed in ghost jobs. On top of these offenses, Madrzyk also admitted that he accepted payment for helping people obtain zoning changes and favorable results from city inspections.

Almost all -25 of 30 convicted aldermen-were guilty of bribery, extortion, conspiracy or tax fraud involving schemes to extract bribes from builders, developers or business owners. The bribe-payers either assumed or were told that payment was necessary to receive zoning changes, building permits or other similar city action. Usually the income tax evasion or tax fraud charges stemmed from the failure to report income received in the form of bribes. At the heart of most aldermanic convictions is a payoff for a zoning change, a building permit, or some other license necessary to do business. That has been the main pattern of aldermanic corruption for over 150 years going back to the days of the famous "Council of the Grey Wolves." Businessmen and women have often been the willing accomplices and abettors of aldermanic corruption.

In current parlance such bribery-extortion schemes are labeled "Pay to Play." But it's an old game. Sometimes an envelope stuffed with cash is handed directly to an alderman and sometimes it's picked up by an aide. These days, the payment often comes in the form of a campaign contribution. But, regardless of how payment is made, there usually are no willing witnesses and no hard evidence that the payment was made in exchange for the official action. Both the bribe payer and the bribe recipient have plenty of reasons to keep quiet and to hide or destroy any evidence of the transaction. It is extremely difficult to prove the "quid pro quo."

How then did federal prosecutors manage to catch and then gather enough solid evidence to convict 30 Chicago aldermen in 35 years? The published record is woefully thin on information about the initial trigger to federal investigations. In the case of 31st Alderman Thomas E. Keane, the Better Government Association and the Chicago Sun Times provided information to the U.S. Attorney. Fred Hubbard's forged checks bounced and the bank went to the police. In some cases, such as former 23rd Ward Alderman and City Clerk James Laski, a participant in the payoff scheme was facing tax fraud charges and decided to talk. Alderman Paul Wigoda (49th) got caught following a loud outcry by local community organizations. Operation Silver Shovel was also launched after local residents and community activists called the U.S. Attorney's office about illegal dumping in their neighborhoods.

It is difficult to find information about who or what tipped off the Feds about the aldermanic crimes. The FBI and the U.S. Attorney frequently employ informants or "moles," phone taps, and hidden audio and video recording devices. Recordings are particularly effective when trying to convince a jury that the defendants are guilty as charged. This is especially true when a witness against a public official is himself a participant in the crime, has a prior criminal record or is one whose motives might be suspect. Defense attorneys can attack the credibility of witnesses but it's nearly impossible to explain away defendants' words and images on tape.

The cost, the time required and the difficulty of documenting convincing evidence are reasons why convictions of Chicago aldermen often involve one or two charges. Another reason is the availability of plea bargains. Typically when an indicted elected official faces likely conviction and a long prison sentence, he or she will negotiate with

prosecutors. Usually they are allowed to plead guilty to one or two charges and usually they are given a significantly shorter sentence than they likely would have received if they went to trial and were convicted.

Friends and supporters of some convicted aldermen point to the pared down charges to argue "he only took a \$500 dollar gift," or "he was only guilty of one tax charge." Sometimes they argue that "these are petty crimes" and the convicted aldermen are "laughable." They leave unsaid their belief that political corruption is "not a serious matter that must be corrected." But many convicted aldermen had been involved in many acts of graft, corruption, and payoffs over many years. Aldermen like Tom Keane and "Fast Eddie" Vrdolyk became millionaires not only by their legal law office activities but by extensive corruption schemes from which they profited. The same was true of earlier rich aldermen like the known crook, Bathhouse John Coughlin.

However, if you look at the indictments as well as the convictions, and study the charges, the number of people involved--underlings, relatives, business associates--and the fact that these crimes continue to occur over a long period of time, it is clear that in Chicago and in Illinois there is a thriving "culture of corruption." Accepting the evidence of a "culture of corruption can only lead to the realization that major changes are needed. The problem won't be solved by piecemeal measures. It will require a comprehensive effort over decades to change the political culture in which we have been mired for over a century.

Proposed Reforms

There must be a comprehensive program of mutually reinforcing reforms. These should include a mix of corruption prevention and enforcement measures along with public involvement and education.¹¹

To pass these reforms and to implement them requires the development of a broad coalition of support. In this regard the recent Joyce Foundation public opinion poll which shows more than 60% of Illinois residents have corruption as one of their top concerns (even more than the economy or jobs) and that more than 70% favor a number of specific reforms, such as limiting the campaign money that legislative leaders can contribute to other legislative candidates, indicates that there is a greater possibility of building a broad coalition around a comprehensive reform program than in the past.

Efforts at reform should occur at all units of government and should move forward quickly while the level of public support following the impeachment and removal of former Governor Blagojevich is at such a high level.

Building Necessary Political Support

1. Elect Reform Candidates who run on reform platforms and then continue to keep their promises. This must happen consistently for a decade for a new political culture to be built.¹²
2. Develop a strong reform bloc of legislators to enact campaign and government reforms.
3. Ethics Commission recommend a comprehensive agenda of reform of corruption which is widely promoted and accepted and which Governor Quinn is pledged to support.

Campaign Financing

4. We need to enact public campaign financing for all major state and local government offices, including judicial campaigns.¹³
5. Until passage of public financing:
 - A. Limit all candidates and elected officials to one campaign committee at a time.
 - B. After the election, successful candidates will be able to keep unused funds only equal to one half of the funds raised. The excess must be returned to contributors on a pro rata basis or given to the State treasury.
 - C. Unsuccessful candidates must disband their campaign committees and return all unused funds to contributors on a pro rata basis or give those funds to the State treasury.
 - D. Prohibit campaign committees from donating or loaning funds to other campaign committees or issue campaigns.
 - E. Prohibit campaign committees from depositing any checks unless they have complete disclosure information at the time of the deposits. All such checks must be returned to the contributors. Violators will be fined double the amount of the check.
6. As with federal offices, campaign contributions should be limited to individuals and Political Action Committees. Corporations and unions should be prohibited from contributing to campaigns directly.
7. Political Action Committees controlled by legislative leaders should be limited to contributions of \$5,000 per campaign as should all Political Action Committees.

8. The State Board of Elections needs to be strengthened and required to conduct random audits of campaign finance reporting.

Lobbying

9. No elected or appointed public official may lobby any unit of government's legislative, executive, judicial or quasi judicial branch or agency on behalf of any entity except on behalf of his or her sole employer.
10. Prohibit any staff member or State employee from receiving finders fees or consulting contracts from any company doing business with the State or any entity with a direct interest in legislative or executive branch action.
11. Prohibit any government employee (department section, unit or entity) from accepting any gifts from anyone (individual, company, firm or organization) representing, doing business with or seeking action from a government official, department, or legislative, regulatory or judicial body.¹⁴
12. State elected officials and high-ranking administrators should be required to report details of personal financing perhaps by making their income tax forms public to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest.¹⁵
13. Strengthen the revolving door laws so that any official who takes up any employment within two years of retirement from government with any entity which has business with that unit of government requires prior approval from the Board of Ethics. There should be unambiguous guidelines on what constitutes a conflict of interest in employment and waivers should be granted only in exceptional cases.

Transparency and Ethical Behavior

14. Loopholes in the state's Freedom of Information Act should be closed. There should be greater transparency in government and more use of government web sites to disclose public documents.¹⁶
15. We should require public schools to modify their curriculum to teach about the costs of public corruption and the importance of honest, ethical government. The University of Illinois at Chicago would be willing to help develop curriculum materials in collaboration with public schools. It is especially important to teach about the costs of public corruption in school.
16. We need to strengthen the inspector general offices at all levels of government but particularly in state government.¹⁷
17. Whistleblower protection laws need to be strengthened and widely known to people in government so that government employees know that they can report incidents of corruption without fear of retaliation.¹⁸
18. We need stronger and coherent codes of ethics and conduct for all levels of public

officials so that everyone knows what are acceptable and unacceptable behaviors.¹⁹

19. We need to make more on-line and electronic forms of government information available such as campaign contributions so that they can easily be searchable. These include contract-award and property related processes. Both the state and local governments need to increase on-line access to information on government contracts and leases.²⁰
20. Periodic surveys of city and state officials and dealing with the government need to be conducted. In both Hong Kong and Sydney, they are used to identify corruption prone areas and to improve governance.²¹

Double Dipping

21. No elected or appointed public official or governmental employee may work for more than one government at any one time.

Finder's Fees

22. Require that all state contractors disclose any finder's fees related to the contract: who received the fee, the amount and for what service?
23. Prohibit any legislator, staff member or state employee from receiving finder's fees or consulting contracts from any company doing business with the state or any entity with an direct interest in legislative or executive branch action.

Reduce Administrative Discretion, Increase Punishments, and Empower Citizens

24. Review administrative procedures to reduce monopoly power, limit and clarify discretionary authority by administrators, and increase transparency. People, including administrators tend to engage in corruption when the risks are low, the penalties mild, and the rewards in terms of bribes are great.²²
25. Increase punishment for unethical behavior involving corruption. Especially make it easier to dismiss from office officials who engage in inappropriate behavior even if no criminal investigation ensues. Increase jail sentences for those found guilty in state courts. Encourage State's Attorneys to create anti-public corruption prosecution units and to bring more cases. People tend to engage in corruption when the risks are low, the penalties mild, and the rewards great.²³
26. Increase public participation by encouraging community and political organizations to hold "accountability sessions" for elected officials, holding public hearings to identify and prioritize citizens' needs, and open hearings on the functioning of various bureaucracies such as the licenses process in the Secretary of State's office.²⁴

27. Empower citizens with more public information seminars like those in Great Britain and make the process of filing complaints against dishonest officials easier and better known by the public. Install anonymous phone-in "hot-lines" and routine customer surveys.
28. Often reducing corruption is less a matter of creating more laws and more a matter of creating contexts in which existing laws are enforced. This is related to larger and better inspector general offices, possible ombudsmen offices, and better prosecution by existing law enforcement agencies.

Conclusion

Corruption is not funny and it is not free. It costs the taxpayers more than \$300 million a year. Hired trucks which weren't used cost the city \$42 million. The City Inspector General found that Sanitation Department garbage collectors worked 25% less time than they were paid for costing the city more than \$20 million for work not done by employees. Governor Blagojevich's well publicized corruption lowered the state's bond rating and cost more than \$20 million more for the last state bond issue. And so it goes-in a time of deep recession we are wasting taxpayer money and raising taxes and fees on citizens who can ill afford to pay for corruption any longer. A corruption tax of \$300 million a year is too high.

What has come to be called "The Chicago Way" of corruption has also undermined the sense of political efficacy in voters. Why apply for a city or state job if you know only patronage employees or politician's relatives will be hired anyway? Why report corrupt officials, if you know they won't be punished and they may turn the powers of the government on you? Business owners-especially vulnerable businesses like restaurants and bars give campaign contributions to the aldermen because they are afraid of the city health inspectors or they might lose their liquor license if they don't.

Voters may laugh at times at the antics of public officials but in the end they feel powerless, lose their faith in government, and vote less often because the "fix is in."

It is time to end "The Chicago Way." There are many specific reforms to be enacted. But beyond all the individual reforms is the commitment to change. After more than a hundred years of graft and corruption, it is time truly to become the land of Lincoln rather than the land of "Where's Mine."

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APPENDIX 1

Corrupt Chicago Aldermen, 1973 to 2008

Year	Last Name	First Name	Mid	Ward	Yrs Ald	Date Convicted	Crimes
Convicted Aldermen							
1973	Hubbard*	Fred		2	1969-71	1/6/1973	embezzlement
1973	Jambrone*	Joseph		28	1966-70	4/12/1973	bribery and income tax evasion
1973	Potempa	Joseph		23	1971-73	10/30/1973	extortion, mail fraud, tax evasion
1973	Staszczuk	Casimir	J.	13	1967-73	6/25/1973	bribery for zoning changes
1974	Keane	Thomas	E.	31	1945-74	10/9/1974	mail fraud & conspiracy
1974	Kuta*	Frank	J.	23	1967-71	9/4/1974	extortion, mail fraud, tax evasion
1974	Wigoda	Paul	T.	49	1959-74	10/10/1974	tax evasion and received zoning bribe
1975	Scholl*	Edward	T.	41	1963-73	12/2/1975	extortion, bribery, tax evasion
1975	Swinarski*	Donald	T.	12	1967-72	3/14/1975	tax fraud
1980	Zydlo*	Stanley		26	1963-79	10/22/1980	bribery attempt to fix fire dept test
1983	Carothers	William		28	1980-83	8/23/1983	conspiracy and extortion
1983	Farina	Louis	P.	36	1980-83	12/7/1983	extortion conspiracy
1983	Kenner	Tyrone	T.	3	1971-83	5/24/1983	bribery, extortion and fraud
1987	Kuta*	Chester		21	1979-81	3/19/1987	fraud, income tax evasion, civil rights violation
1987	Davis	Wallace		27	1983-87	10/13/1987	bribe taking and extortion
1987	Kelley	Clifford	P.	20	1971-87	4/23/1987	extortion, mail fraud, racketeering
1988	Hutchinson*	Perry		9	1983-87	9/28/1989	bribe taking, previous: insurance fraud
1989	Humes*	Marian		8	1977-87	5/1/1989	taking bribes
1993	Roti	Fred		1	1968-93	1/15/1993	bribery, extortion, racketeering
1996	Medrano	Ambrosio		25	1991-96	1/10/1996	extortion, bribery, ghostpayrolling
1996	Streeter	Allan		17	1981-96	4/17/1996	bribery and extortion
1997	Evans	Jesse		21	1987-97	6/16/1997	extortion and racketeering
1997	Martinez*	Joseph	A.	31	1981-83	1/23/1997	ghost pay rolling
1998	Bloom*	Lawrence		5	1979-95	12/4/1998	tax fraud and taking bribes
1998	Madrzyk*	John		13	1973-94	4/30/98	ghost pay rolling and kickbacks
1999	Giles	Percy	Z	37	1986-99	11/9/1999	taking bribes, tax evasion
1999	Jones	Virgil		15	1991-99	1/28/1999	taking bribes
2006	Laski*	James		23	1990-95	6/13/2006	bribery, mail fraud, wire fraud
2008	Troutman*	Arenda		20	1990-07	8/6/2008	mail fraud and tax fraud
2008	Vrdolyak*	Edward	R.	10	1971-87	11/3/2008	conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud

Indicted but died before trial

1974	Danaher*	Mathew	J.	11	1964-68	died 12/15/1974	conspiracy to defraud, accepting bribes, etc.
1992	Henry	William	C.	24	1983-91	died 5/7/1992	extortion, racketeering, mail fraud

* Indicates aldermen who were indicted or convicted after their aldermanic service ended
In most cases the criminal acts began while they were aldermen.

Sources: Chicago Tribune; Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Defender & Chicago Public Library

APPENDIX II

Aldermanic Fact Sheets

Lawrence S. Bloom Alderman 5th Ward 1979-1995

Date & Place of Birth	11-04-43, Northwest Side of Chicago Ill.
Education	B.A., University of Chicago 1965, J.D. University of Chicago 1968 ¹
Occupation	Attorney, admitted to the bar, 5-19-70; had real estate business
Office / Position	Alderman
Ward	5 th
Years in Office	1979-1995 ²
Date Convicted	12-4-1998
Crimes Convicted of	Tax fraud, one count
Number of Counts	Pleaded guilty to misreporting income on his tax return but also admitted in writing that he accepted \$14,000 in bribes
Investigation Name	Operation Silver Shovel
Date of Indictment	7-8-1997 ⁴
Number of Charges	Initially 14 counts: mail fraud, money laundering, extortion, lying to the FBI, misapplying government funds, and tax-related charges Note: Judge ordered some charges separated. ⁵ U.S. attorney dropped all but one charge in plea agreement ³
How Caught	Wire worn by mole, John Christopher, AKA John DiVito
Court	U.S. District Court, N.E. Illinois
Sentence	Six months in federal prison
Time Served	Six months at minimum security Oxford, Wisconsin
Repercussions	Consented to revocation of his license to practice law in Illinois.
Post Conviction Job	Received discipline but Real Estate Broker's license was active in 2007 ⁶

Lawrence S. Bloom Notes

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William B. Carothers Alderman 28th Ward 1980-1983

Date & Place of Birth	1929 (54 on 4-8-83) ¹
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	African-American
Education	
Occupation/Career	Worked as a glass bender, machinist, and grocery store manager. In 1971 became foreman in Dept. of Streets and Sanitation ²
Office/Position	Alderman and Ward Committeeman ¹
Party Affiliation	Democrat
Years in Office	1980-1983 ³
Home Address	632 N. Troy ¹ or 3100 W. Walnut, ⁴ 632 N. Mason ⁵
Charges	Extortion, mail fraud and conspiracy: He was charged with extorting \$15,000 in office remodeling work from a contractor working on New Bethany Hospital; ¹ Zoning changes and construction permits were needed; ⁶ Also charged with accepting \$2,500 to get patronage jobs for three constituents; accepting \$5,000 in bribes from a nursing home for help with health code violations ⁷ and with mail fraud. ¹ Earlier, Ald. Carothers was indicted by a Cook County Grand jury and charged with perjury for supplying a false residency address to election officials. ⁸ He was acquitted of perjury and other charges at a bench trial. Hospital officials contacted the U.S. Attorney's office. ⁶
How Caught	
Date Indicted	4-8-1983 ^{1&7}
Date Convicted	8-23-1983 ¹⁴
Crimes and Counts	One count each of conspiracy and extortion ¹⁴
Investigation Name	
Court	U.S. District Court
Sentence	Three years in prison, five years probation, 1,000 hours of community service and \$10,000 restitution to Bethany Hospital. ¹⁵
Time Served	Three years at federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind. ¹⁶
Repercussions	

William B. Carothers Notes:

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17. Robert Davis, "7 incumbents defeated in aldermanic runoffs," *Chicago Tribune*, April 13, 1983
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19. Cynthia-Val Jones, "Carothers sentenced to 3 years," *Chicago Defender*, Oct. 4, 1983

Wallace Davis Jr. Alderman 27th Ward 1983-1987

Ethnicity African-American
Date & Place of Birth Born in Louisiana in 1952 (36 in April 1988)⁴
Education
Occupation Auto body shop owner⁴
Office / Position Alderman
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1983-1987
Date Indicted 11-22-1986
How Caught Wire worn by mole, Michael Raymond aka Burnett
Date Convicted 10/13/1987
Crimes and Charges Convicted of extortion, racketeering and perjury in accepting a \$ 5,000 bribe from FBI informant Michael Raymond. Also taking \$ 11,000 in kickbacks from his niece and shaking down two restaurant owners for \$ 3500 to help buy a parking lot.¹
Conviction Charged Found guilty of shaking down his niece, of extorting \$3,000 in cash from restaurant owners who sought his help to keep the city from condemning their building for urban renewal, found guilty of accepting a \$5,000 bribe from Michael Raymond³
Investigation Name Operation Incubator²
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence 8 ½ years in prison, federal prison at Milan, Mich.
Time Served 4 years (released in 1991)³
Repercussions
Post Conviction Job Lobbyist, owner of fast-food restaurant, Wallace Catfish Corner owner (at 2800 W. Madison)³

Wallace Davis Jr. Notes:

1. Adrienne Drell and Deborah Nelson, "7 indicted in City Hall Payoff case- Alderman Kelley, Davis top list of defendants," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Nov. 22, 1986
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Jesse J. Evans Alderman 21st Ward 1987-1997

Ethnicity African-American
Date & Place of Birth Born in 1937 (59 in July,1996)
Education
Occupation/Career Clerk and union steward at the post office^{1, 2, 3, 4}
Office / Position Alderman
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1987-1997
Date Indicted 16-7-1996
How Caught Wires worn by mole John Christopher and by Mark Dahlonga, an FBI agent posing as Christopher's business associate⁷
Date Convicted 6-16-1997
Crimes and Charges Charged with taking \$7,300 in bribes from an undercover FBI agent; extorting \$10,000 in unreported campaign contributions; trying to shake down business for \$10,000; extorting \$2,200 from a liquor license applicant; misusing over \$9,000 in City Council expense funds; obstruction of justice; filing false tax returns^{7, 8, 9}
Conviction Charges Extorting \$10,000 from a rock crusher operator; obstruction of justice, tax fraud and improperly billing more than \$9,000 to city taxpayers, bribery for accepting a \$1,000 campaign donation and a \$1,200 tile floor from the liquor license applicant's relative¹⁰
Investigation Name Operation Silver Shovel^{5, 11}
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence 41 months in prison, pay \$11,762 in restitution and fines and to perform 200 hours of community service^{11, 12}
Time Served 2 ½ years at federal prison in Oxford, Wis.¹²
Repercussions
Post Conviction Job

Jesse J. Evans Notes:

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4. Mark Brown, Tom Brune, Tracey Robinson, and Fran Spielman, "The new faces of '87," Chicago Sun-Times, April 13, 1987
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6. Ray Gibson and Matt O'Connor, "US Grand Jury Probing Evans- Permit for Restaurant is at Issue," Chicago Tribune, June 10, 1996
7. Mark Brown, "Ald. Evans indicted - 3 others charged in Silver Shovel," Chicago Sun-Times, July 16, 1996
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11. Matt O'Connor, "Evans Gets 41-month term; Judge Says he Sold out Voters- Former Alderman Admits no Wrong," Chicago Tribune, October 17, 1997
12. Fran Spielman, "Another ex-con ex-alderman wants seat back," Chicago Sun-Times, November 8, 2002

Louis P. Farina Alderman 36th Ward 1980-1983

Date & Place of Birth 1923 (57 when elected Alderman on Aug. 25, 1980)¹
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry Caucasian / Italian American
Education Attended DePaul University and John Marshall Law School but did not become a lawyer²
Occupation/Career U.S. Army, fought in WW II;³ Chicago’s parking commissioner 1961-78;² Deputy Commissioner, Department of Streets and Sanitation, 1978-80;³ also a real estate agent⁴
Office/Position Alderman
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1980-1983⁵
Date Indicted 1-27-1983⁷
Charges Extortion and conspiracy to commit extortion⁷ for shaking down a building owner and construction company for building permits.⁸ Subsequently, was accused of accepting bribes to get the contractor’s nephew a job at the airport and for fixing a drunk driving charge.⁹
How Caught John Walsh, a convicted contractor and then FBI informant, made payoffs to Farina and County Commissioner Martin Tuchow⁸ while wearing a recording device. Also the FBI placed taps on their phones and eavesdropping devices in the County building.¹⁰
Date Convicted 12-7-1983
Crimes and Counts Convicted on three counts of extortion and conspiracy¹¹
Investigation Name
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence Four years initially then reduced to three years in prison¹³
Time Served 15 months² including a year in Federal prison in Duluth, Minn.¹⁴ and at an Air National Guard base¹⁵
Repercussions While under investigation, Farina did not run for re-election in 1983.⁴ After indictment, the 36th Ward organization held a fundraiser to pay legal costs.¹⁶ Ward Committeeman, William Banks replaced Farina.¹⁷

Louis P. Farina Notes:

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4. Robert Davis, “Probe target Farina won’t enter ‘83 race,” *Chicago Tribune*, Dec. 11, 1982
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Percy Z. Giles Alderman 37th Ward 1986-1999

Ethnicity African-American
Date & Place of Birth Born in 1952 in Tiller, Arkansas,⁹ (47 in February, 1999)
Education University of Arkansas
Occupation Assistant grocery store manager, President of Westside Business Improvement, Association, served as Mayor Washington's chairman of the federal Community Development Advisory Committee^{1, 2}
Office / Position Alderman, Chairman of Consumer Protection and Human Rights Committees, 37th Ward Streets and Sanitation Superintendent, Democratic Ward Committeeman, Special Events Committee Chairman^{3, 4}
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1986-1999
Date Indicted 2-2-1999
How Caught Wire worn by mole John Christopher, a construction contractor⁵
Date Convicted 11-9-1999
Crimes and Charges Charged with 13 counts of racketeering, bribery, extortion, mail fraud and tax charges. Extortion of more than 20 payments totaling \$81,100 from a construction firm operating a dump in his ward, mail fraud scheme in which Giles got \$4,597 from the city after submitting fraudulent expense vouchers, accepting two \$5,000 cash payoffs from mole John Christopher^{5, 6}
Conviction Crimes Convicted of all 13 counts; taking two \$5,000 payoffs from mole John Christopher; illegally receiving \$81,200 from a construction firm that dumped a mountain of debris in his ward without zoning or permits, and of cheating on his aldermanic expense accounts
Investigation Name Operation Silver Shovel^{6, 8}
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence 39 months in prison, restitution of more than \$13,600 and 200 hours of community service after his release from prison⁷
Time Served years at federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind.
Repercussions Lost Aldermanic election in 2007
Post Conviction Job Baptist Minister

Percy Z. Giles Notes:

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Fred Hubbard**Alderman****2nd Ward****1969-1971**

Date & Place of Birth
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry
Education
Occupation/Career

1928-9 ? Born in Beaumont, Texas;²² 40 years old 3-12-69¹
African-American
B.S. Degree in Sociology³ from University of Chicago²
was a U.S. Army paratrooper,⁷ youth gang social worker¹ with
YMCA;³ director of the Clarence Darrow Community Center,⁴ Board
Trustee of the YMCA Community College;⁹ project director of the
Chicago Plan for Equal Opportunity¹⁰

Office/Position

Alderman and in 1971 named chairman of City Council Committee of
Forestry and Recreation¹¹

Party Affiliation

Democrat

Years in Office

1969-1971⁸

Home Address

601 E. 32nd St., (1-7-69),^{6&1} and 1030 W. 14th St.³⁰

Date Indicted

May 26, 1971, federal warrant for arrest of Hubbard for cashing a
forged check for \$20,000; June 2, 1971 Cook County Grand Jury
indictment;¹³ August 12, 1971, U.S. indictment¹⁶

Charges

Cook County charged Hubbard with cashing 12 forged checks
worth \$98,450,¹³ U.S. charged Hubbard with 16 counts of
embezzlement for the same events¹⁶

How Caught

Bank bounced \$54,000 check which led official to forgeries¹²

Date Convicted

January 5, 1973²²

Crimes and Counts

Pleaded guilty to 16 counts of embezzlement²² and pleaded
guilty to state income tax evasion²³

Courts

U.S. District Court and Cook County Criminal Court

Sentence

2 years in prison, 4 years probation, ordered to join Gamblers
Anonymous;²² Six months to be served concurrently for state crime.
State theft and forgery charges were dropped.²³

Time Served

15 months²⁵ in Sandstone, Minn,²⁴ and Terre Haute, Ind.²⁶

Repercussions & Postscript

In June 1971, the 2nd Ward Independent Precinct Organization asked
the City Council to declare the Alderman's position vacant
and to hold a special election;¹⁴ The U.S. Dept. of Labor cut off funds
to the Chicago Plan and closed four offices.¹⁵ The City Council on
June 1, 1972 declared Hubbard's seat vacant.¹⁷ Hubbard's wife,
Arnette, Gus Savage and William Barnett filed for special election in
the 2nd Ward.¹⁷ Barnett was elected. The U.S. Government sued
Hubbard, Amalgamated Bank, and Motorists Insurance for \$308,000
in damages related to the embezzlement.¹⁸ Hubbard was captured by
the FBI in L.A. poker parlor.¹⁹ Working as a teacher, Hubbard
charged with assault for allegedly propositioning a 13-year-old girl.³⁰
Hubbard resigned from Chicago Public Schools before he could be
fired. Arnette Hubbard, an attorney, was appointed to the Chicago
Cable Commission by Mayor Harold Washington;³¹ then appointed to
the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners in 1989.³² In 1998 she
was elected Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court.³³

Post Conviction Job

cab driver²⁸ substitute teacher for Chicago Public Schools²⁹

Fred Hubbard Notes:

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3. "Foe Absolves Dawson in Shooting," *Chicago Tribune*, May 6, 1966
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9. "Ald. Hubbard Cools 'Y' College Tensions," *Chicago Daily Defender*, March 22, 1969
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13. Bob Olmstead and Fred Frailey, "Indict Hubbard in theft; friend Camille seized," *Chicago Sun-Times*, June 3, 1971
14. "Group Asks Vote to Replace Hubbard," *Chicago Today*, June 28, 1971
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17. Edward Schreiber, "28 File in 2d, 7th Wards," *Chicago Tribune*, June 13, 1972
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26. "Fred Hubbard to be freed tomorrow," *Chicago Tribune*, April 2, 1974
27. Ellen Warren, "Hubbard goes free tomorrow," *Chicago Daily News*, April 2, 1974
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31. Manuel Galvan, "Council..., OKs 3 Appointments," *Chicago Tribune*, Feb. 21, 1985
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33. "Tribune Endorsements," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 3, 1998

Marian Humes Alderman 8th Ward 1977-1987

Date & Place of Birth Born in Chicago, 1934 (55 old on 8/1/1989)
Race / Ethnicity African-American
Education
Occupation Schoolteacher, anti-poverty worker¹
Office / Position Alderman, Chair of the Human Rights and Consumer Protection Committee⁴
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1977-1987
Date Indicted 5-15-1987
How Caught Wire worn by mole, Michael Raymond aka M. Burnett
Date Convicted 5-1-1989
Crimes and Charges Receiving \$11,000 in bribes to help steer city contracts to certain businesses, extortion, conspiracy, racketeering and false statements
Conviction Charges Pleading guilty to taking \$5,000 in bribes in 1985 to help Raymond's employer, a New York City collection firm, win city contracts and another \$5,000 from Ald. Perry Hutchinson, receiving \$1,000 earlier from Hutchinson on behalf of his cousin, Atlanta contractor Floyd Thacker²
Investigation Name Operation Incubator¹
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence 2 year prison sentence originally, pay \$5,000 in restitution and serve 500 hours in community service following prison^{2,6}
Time Served Humes served 7 months from October 1989 to May 1990 after which she was given a reduced sentence of 6 months in a work-release program because of a worsening diabetic condition. Humes served in federal women's prison at Alderson, W.Va.⁶
Repercussions
Post Conviction Job Travel agent, volunteer for Probation Challenge, Safer Foundation (finding jobs for ex-offenders)^{7,8,9}

Marian Humes Notes:

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Perry Hutchinson Alderman 9th Ward 1983-1987

Ethnicity African-American
Date & Place of Birth Born in Chicago, 1944 (42 old on 5/30/1986)
Education
Occupation Insurance salesman and ex-aide to a state representative³
Office / Position Alderman, Democratic Ward Committeeman
Years in Office 1983-1987
Party Affiliation Democrat
Date Indicted 5-15-1987
How Caught Wire worn by mole, Michael Raymond aka M. Burnett
Date Convicted 9-28-1989
Crimes and Charges Receiving \$41,200 from Raymond, insurance scam, obstruction of justice by pressuring a government witness against him, mail fraud, conspiracy, false statements^{5,7,9}
Conviction Charges Pleaded guilty to taking the money from FBI mole Michael Raymond and also admitted making payoffs to former Ald. Marian Humes (8th) in connection with a construction contract at O'Hare Airport.⁵
Investigation Name Operation Incubator
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence 8- year prison term (bribery), 11-year prison term (insurance fraud), ordered to pay back the \$41,000.⁵
Time Served Served prison term from Aug. 30, 1991, until he died in Federal Prison in Terre Haute, Ind., on Jan. 1, 1992.⁶
Repercussions
Post Conviction Job

Perry Hutchinson Notes:

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4. Harlan Draeger, "Hutchinson admits passing O'Hare bribes to Aldermen," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 28, 1989
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Joseph Jambrone Alderman 28th Ward 1967-1971

Date & Place of Birth 1918 ? (52 on 11-28-70)¹ and 55 on 10-26-72²
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry Caucasian / Italian-American¹
Education
Occupation/Career Secretary to several 28th Ward Aldermen and deputy bailiff of Chicago Municipal Court from 1950-58³
Office/Position Alderman, member of City Council's Utilities Committee,⁴ retired in 1971 and became 36th Ward Superintendent²
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1967-1971
Home Address 3834 W. Huron St.,⁵ then 2138 N. Nordica Av.²
Date Indicted 10-25-1972¹²
Charges two counts of income tax evasion and two counts of receiving a total of \$5,800 in two separate zoning cases in 1969²
How Caught former Humble Oil Co. employee testified that \$4,000 was padded into the land purchase price to pay for a needed zoning change⁶
Date Convicted 4-12-1973¹¹
Crimes and Counts Jury found him guilty of all four counts⁷
Investigation Name aldermanic zoning scandal⁸ (See also Aldermen Kuta, Staszczuk and Potempa)
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence Two years in prison plus three years probation and fined \$15,000. The judge also ordered that while on probation, Jambrone can not serve on any public payroll.⁹
Time Served Died of a heart attack while appealing his conviction³
Repercussions Suspended from job as 36th Ward Superintendent⁹
Post Conviction Job
Follow-up Note After his death, the U.S. Court of Appeals overturned his indictment and conviction because he died while his appeal was pending.¹³

Joseph Jambrone Notes:

1. "Jambrone to Give Up Ward Seat," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 28, 1970
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4. "New Gas Users Win Reprieve from Potential Shutoff," *Chicago Tribune*, Jan. 3, 1971
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Dennis D. Fisher, "Ex-alderman convicted of zone bribes," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 13, 1973; and Robert Davis, "Former alderman guilty of bribery," *Chicago Tribune*, April 13, 1973
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9. Dennis D. Fisher, "Ex-Ald. Jambrone draws 2 years, fine," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 27, 1973, and Robert Davis, "Ex-alderman gets 2 years for bribery," *Chicago Tribune*, April 27, 1973
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12. Dennis D. Fisher, "Ex-Ald. Jambrone bribery trial begins," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 10, 1973
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Virgil E. Jones Jr. Alderman 15th Ward 1991-1999

Ethnicity African-American
Date & Place of Birth Born in 1950 (41 in April 1991)³
Education Northeastern Illinois University Graduate, degree in social work and community organization in 1974²
Occupation Chicago Police evidence technician, served as a bodyguard¹
Office / Position Alderman
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1991-1999
Date Indicted 12-18-1999
How Caught Wire worn by mole John Christopher, a construction contractor
Date Convicted 1-28-1999
Crimes and Charges Charged with one count of conspiracy to commit extortion and two counts of attempted extortion;⁸ taking \$7,000 in two cash bribes from John Christopher⁴ in exchange for helping Christopher win contracts and acquire city permits⁵ and with failing to report the alleged bribes on his 1992 and 1993 federal income tax returns⁷
Conviction Charges Convicted of accepting \$7,000 in bribes from John Christopher¹¹
Investigation Name Operation Silver Shovel
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence 41 months in prison and \$1,000 in fines¹², two years of probation,¹³ 200 hours of community service after release from prison¹⁴
Time Served federal prison in Oxford, Wis¹⁵
Repercussions
Post Conviction Job

Virgil E. Jones Jr. Notes:

1. Tom McNamee, "Crime, property - not race - are 15th Ward keys," *Chicago Sun-Times*, February 20, 1991
2. Jean Latz Griffin, "13 Fresh Faces Will Give New Look to City Council," *Chicago Tribune*, April 4, 1991
3. "The Chicago City Council Elected 1991," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 7, 1991
4. Matt O'Connor, "6th Alderman Indicted in Silver Shovel- Virgil E. Jones (15th) Accused of Bribe-taking," *Chicago Tribune*, December 18, 1997
5. Michael Gillis, "Feds indict Ald. Jones- Government unfazed by acquittals in last 2 trials," *Chicago Sun-Times*, December 19, 1997
6. Matt O'Connor, "6th Alderman Faces Charges in Silver Shovel," *Chicago Tribune*, December 19, 1997
7. Mivhael Gillis, "Ald. Jones enters plea of not guilty," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 13, 1998
8. Matt O'Connor, "City Alderman Pleads not Guilty to taking Silver Shovel Payoff," *Chicago Tribune*, January 13, 1998
9. Mark LeBien, "Witness Details Payoffs to Jones in Extortion Case," *Chicago Tribune*, January 21, 1999
10. Matt O'Connor, "Jones 'Shocked' when Mole Concealed Cash," *Chicago Tribune*, January 27, 1999
11. Cam Simpson, "Ald. Jones convicted in shovel case," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 29, 1999
12. Ellen Almer, "Alderman Gets 3 ½ Years for Taking Bribes," *Chicago Tribune*, June 11, 1999
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14. Matt O'Connor, "Silver Shovel Target Jones Gets 41 months- Ex-Alderman still denying guilt, is deemed 'an unrepentant crook,'" *Chicago Tribune*, June 12, 1999
15. Charlie Meyerson and Mark LeBien, "Ex-Alderman Caught in Silver Shovel Reports to Prison," *Chicago Tribune*, September 10, 1999

See also: Fran Spielman, "Ald. Jones Questioned in Probe," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 8, 1996

Thomas E. Keane Alderman 31st Ward 1945-1974

Date & Place of Birth Sept. 29, 1905, Chicago, Ill.¹ (Keane died Sept. 9, 1996)

Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry Irish-American and Luxembourgian²

Education St. Ignatius H.S, Loyola University, Loyola Law School³

Occupation/Career Attorney, State Senator 1934-45 then Alderman
Clients included Walgreen Co.⁴ and others

Office/Position Alderman, Finance Committee chairman, City Council floor leader,
Democratic Ward Committeeman

Party Affiliation Democrat

Ward/District 31st Ward

Years in Office 1945-1974⁵

Home Address 1049 N. Sacramento⁶

Date Indicted 5-2-1974

Charges 21 counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy.⁷ Keane was charged with directing a scheme to buy tax delinquent properties; moving ordinances through City Council to improve their value and then selling the tracts to various government agencies.⁸ He used secret land trusts to conceal his interest in the deals and violated state laws prohibiting government officials from having an interest in the sale or purchase of land by a government agency.⁸

How Caught A 1973 Sun-Times investigation by Edward T. Pound and Thomas J. Moore with the Better Government Association reported that Keane and his partners brought tax-delinquent land cheaply and sold to government agencies at a huge profit.⁹ Keane's business partner was granted immunity and testified for the feds.¹⁰

Date Convicted 10-9-1974

Crimes and Counts Convicted of 17 counts of mail fraud and one count conspiracy¹¹

Investigation Name U.S. District Court, Chicago

Court U.S. District Court, Chicago

Sentence 5 years for each of 18 counts to be served concurrently, fined \$27,000, and charged \$25,000 for the cost of prosecution.⁸

Time Served 22 months, at minimum security prison in Lexington, Ky¹³

Repercussions Keane's aldermanic seat was declared vacant until regularly scheduled election on Feb. 25. His wife, Adeline, was elected to replace him. She served a full four-year term ending in 1979. Keane chose 31st Ward secretary Edward Nedza to replace him as Committeeman.¹³ The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals turned down Kean's petition to overturn his conviction in 1988.¹⁴ His U.S. Supreme Court appeal was rejected without a hearing.¹⁵

Post Conviction Job Keane was an advisor to Mayor Jane Byrne. He drew the ward redistricting map in 1981.⁴ His law license was reinstated in 1984.¹⁵

Thomas E. Keane Notes:

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5. Dick Simpson, *Rogues, Rebels and Rubber Stamps* (Westview Press, Boulder Colorado, 2001), p.115-116.
6. Keane amassed a fortune in 3 fields, *Chicago Tribune*, May 3, 1974
7. Richard Phillips, U.S. indicts Ald. Keane, *Chicago Tribune*, May 3, 1974
8. Richard Phillips, Keane gets 5 years, fine, *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 19, 1974
9. Sun-Times History, "I always wanted to be rich." *Chicago Sun-Times*, Feb. 14, 2008
10. Len O'Connor, *Clout: Mayor Daley and His City* (Henry Regency Company, Chicago, 1975), p 237.
11. Michael Coakley, Keane's dealing days end, *Chicago Tribune*, October 10, 1974
12. Rick Soll, Specter of indictment appears to stun Keane, *Chicago Tribune*, May 3, 1974
13. David K. Fremon, *Chicago Politics Ward by Ward* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1988), p.205-206.
14. John Gorman, Keane Conviction to stand, *Chicago Tribune*, July 6, 1988
15. Glen Elsasser, High court rebuffs Gacy, ex-Ald. Keane, *Chicago Tribune*, May 23, 1989
16. Robert Davis, Former Ald. Thomas E. Keane, *Chicago Tribune*, September 11, 1996

Clifford P. Kelley Alderman 20th Ward 1971-1987

Ethnicity African-American
Date & Place of Birth Born in Chicago, 1939 (48 old in June, 1987)
Education Bachelor's degree, law degree
Occupation Head of a tax-consultant business, hearing officer for the Illinois secretary of state⁶
Office / Position Alderman, Chairman of the City Council's Committee on Committees, Rules and Municipal Code Revisions
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1971-1987
Date Indicted 11-21-1986
How Caught Wire worn by mole, Michael Raymond aka M. Burnett²
Date Convicted 4-23-1987
Crimes and Charges Receiving \$10,000 for helping to swing two land deals for Waste Management. Accepting favors from Akers a lobbyist for Waste Management Inc , including repairs on his autos, rental cars, and tickets, transportation and hotels for two Super Bowls. Accepting \$20,000 in bribes from Raymond to help promote SRS for a parking-fine-collection contract over a competing company through his influence in City Hall and a "media disinformation" campaign. Lying to the FBI about accepting money from SRS, mail fraud and failing to file federal income tax returns for 1983, 1984 and 1985^{1&2}
Conviction Charges Pleaded guilty to accepting \$19,000 in cash and benefits from two companies, to four counts of mail fraud and one count of failing to file 1985 federal income taxes⁸
Investigation Name Operation Incubator¹
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence 366 days in prison, federal prison in Duluth, MN; 5 year probation, 1,000 hours of community service⁷
Time Served nine months (released in July 1988)¹⁰
Repercussions
Post Conviction Job Radio talk show host; operates a public affairs consulting firm⁹

Clifford P. Kelley Notes:

1. Adrienne Drell and Deborah Nelson, "7 indicted in City Hall Payoff case- Alderman Kelley, Davis top list of defendants," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Nov. 22, 1986
2. Thomas M. Burton and Maurice Possley, "7 indicted in City Hall Probe- 2 Alderman face charges," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 22, 1986
3. Manuel Galvan and Thomas Burton, "Alderman, Contractors Feel Heat," *Chicago Tribune*, Dec. 28, 1985
4. Art Petacque, "Another probe figure retains top legal talent," *Chicago Sun-Times*, March 6, 1986
5. Art Petacque, "Delay in Davis trial puts Kelley in line for prison," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 14, 1987
6. "The Mayor's 25," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 30
7. Ann Marie Lipinski, "Jail Almost a Reunion for Former Ald. Kelley," *Chicago Tribune*, July 22, 1988
8. William B. Crawford Jr., "Kelley gets Year, Will Help Probe," *Chicago Tribune*, June 12, 1987
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10. "Former Ald. Kelley home from prison," *Chicago Sun-Times*, July 6, 1988

See also: Adrienne Drell, "2 Alderman, 3 others await indictment," *Chicago Sun- Times*, Nov. 16, 1986

Tyrone T. Kenner Alderman 3rd Ward 1971-1983

Date & Place of Birth Born in 1931 or 1932 at Cook County Hospital,¹ (50 on 8-3-82)
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry African-American
Education Three years at University of Maryland, in 1971 enrolled in a master's degree program at the Illinois Institute of Technology²
Occupation/Career Served in the U.S. Air Force (1949-54), a Chicago motorcycle policeman,⁴ Deputy Director Chicago Com.on Urban Opportunity²
Office/Position Alderman; elected Committeeman in 1978, served as chairman of the City Council Claims and Liabilities Committee¹⁸
Years in Office 1971-1983
Party Affiliation Democrat
Home Address 45th and Michigan²⁴
Date Indicted 8-2-1982⁵
Charges 34 counts mail fraud, conspiracy to commit extortion, extortion, filing false income tax returns and obstruction of justice.⁵ Allegedly he accepted \$29,000 in payoffs from people seeking electrical licenses and jobs as deputy sheriffs.⁶ He was also charged with trying to get two grand jury witnesses to lie.⁷
How Caught A businessman and close friend of Kenner was recorded on tape making damaging admissions in a conversation with a sheriff's deputy who paid \$1,500 for his position.¹³ The businessman, Murphy Palmer, then decided to become an informant. He in turn recorded conversations with Kenner.⁸ Also an undercover FBI agent passed a \$500 payoff to Kenner⁹ who later was recorded on the telephone trying to get witnesses to change their testimony.²¹
Date Convicted 5-24-1983
Crimes and Counts Guilty of 9 counts of mail fraud, 10 counts of extortion and one count each of attempted extortion, conspiracy and obstruction of justice.¹⁰
Investigation Name U.S. District Court
Court
Sentence 5 years in prison and 3 years probation¹⁵
Time Served 20 months²⁶ at federal prisons in Leavenworth, Kan; Springfield, Mo.; El Reno, Okla.; Terre Haute, Ind.; Taledega, Ala.; Lewisberg, Pa.; and the Chicago Metropolitan Correction Center²⁰
Repercussions Upon sentencing he was forced to vacate his aldermanic seat. The Alderman's son, Howard, and three others were mentioned as possible successors.¹⁷ In October that year, Kenner unsuccessfully attempted to regain his seat.¹⁶ Ald. Joseph Kotlarz was elected to replace Kenner as chairman of the City Council Claims and Liabilities Committee¹⁹ In 1984, Kenner lost the Committeeman's race to Dorothy J. Tillman who subsequently was appointed alderman.
Post Conviction Job Construction worker,²⁵ assistant engineer at Cook County Jail²⁶

Tyrone T. Kenner Notes:

1. Maurice Possley, "Ald. Kenner denies taking payoffs," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 18, 1983
2. Jay McMullen, "It's Patch vs. Kenner in 3d Ward showdown," *Chicago Daily News*, Feb. 3, 1971.

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6. Maurice Possley, "Ald. Kenner indicted," *Chicago Sun-Times*, August 3, 1982
7. William B. Crawford Jr., "Ald. Kenner is indicted," *Chicago Tribune*, Aug. 3, 1982
8. William B. Crawford Jr., "Tapes of Ald. Kenner ruled OK for bribe trial," *Chicago Tribune*, March 29, 1983
9. Sarah Snyder, "Ald. Kenner act unshaken on eve of extortion trial," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 18, 1983
10. Maurice Possley, "Kenner guilty, could get 240 years," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 25, 1983
11. Maurice Possley, "Kenner pleads not guilty in federal bribery case," *Chicago Sun-Times*, August 11, 1982
12. Maurice Possley and Adrienne Drell, "Kenner didn't profit from gifts, lawyer says," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 6, 1983
13. Larry Weintraub, "Kenner jury hears tape of 'bagman,'" *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 12, 1983
14. Maurice Possley, "Ald. Kenner generous, aide testifies," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 17, 1983
15. William B. Crawford Jr., "Kenner gets five years for extortion and fraud," *Chicago Tribune*, June 29, 1983
16. Chinta Strausberg, "Kenner attempts comeback," *Chicago Defender*, Oct. 12, 1983
17. Brent Staples, "Kenner's son proposed as father's replacement," *Chicago Sun-Times*, June 25, 1983
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24. "Ald. Kenner moves into Robert Taylor Homes," *Chicago Defender*, June 4, 1981
25. R. Bruce Dold, "Convicted alderman builds steam for a comeback," *Chicago Tribune*, July 14, 1987
26. Chuck Neubauer, "Kenner: Took Bribes as Alderman," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jan. 22, 1995

Chester S. Kuta**Alderman****31st Ward****1979-1981**

Date & Place of Birth
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry
Education
Occupation/Career

age 69 on March 19, 1987¹
 Caucasian, Polish/American²

Office/Position
Party Affiliation

Cook County Probation Officer⁴, Alderman, then deputy commissioner Dept. Streets and Sanitation⁶,
 Alderman

Years in Office
Home Address

Democrat

1979-1981³

Date Indicted

2645 Cortez St.⁴; 4201 W. Haddon⁵ then 3018 N. Neva¹;
 3-17-1987^{8&15}

Charges

Fraud, civil rights violation¹, extortion, income tax evasion⁹,

How Caught

Extortion victim Leonard Kraus wore a wire to help the FBI¹¹

Date Convicted

3-20-87⁶

Crimes and Counts

Fraud, civil rights violation¹, extortion, income tax evasion⁹,

Investigation Name

Operation Phocus¹

Prosecutors

Ast. U.S. Attorneys Joseph Duffy, Ira Raphaelson¹ David Stetler¹²

Defense Attorney

Herbert Barsey¹

Court

U.S. District Court

Sentence

60 days work release, \$5,000 fine, 1,000 hours of community service¹³

Time Served

Repercussions

When pleading guilty Kuta agreed to testify against former State Senator Edward Nedza (D-Chicago)¹⁰

Post Conviction Job

Chester S. Kuta Notes:

1. William B. Crawford Jr., "Ex-Alderman Pleads Guilty in Payoff Plot" *Chicago Tribune*, March 20, 1987
2. Mike Royko, "C'Mon Ald. Henry, Show Some Class," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 26, 1990
3. David K. Fremon, *Chicago Politics Ward by Ward*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1988, p.121.
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5. William Recktenwald, "'Ho-hum'—Another day in the life of city work crews," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 4, 1979
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7. "Adeline M. Kuta," Obituary, *Chicago Tribune*, June 25, 1986
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9. "Don't back no losers," *Chicago Sun-Times*, March 22, 1987
10. William B. Crawford Jr., "Former State Senator pleads innocent in business extortion" *Chicago Tribune*, March 24, 1987
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14. "Obituary: Chester S. Kuta," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 17, 2002
15. William B. Crawford Jr. and Maurice Possley, "11 indicted in payoffs probe – ex-Chicago lawmakers are named," *Chicago Tribune*, March 17, 1987

Frank J. Kuta**Alderman****23rd Ward****1967-1971**

Date & Place of Birth	1934 ? (40 when convicted on 9-4-74)
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	Caucasian, Polish ancestry ¹
Education	
Occupation/Career	Attorney and Real Estate Broker ² ; Major in Army Reserve ³
Office/Position	Alderman and 23 rd Ward Democratic Committeeman
Party Affiliation	Democrat
Years in Office	1967-1971, Kuta lost his re-election bid in a 1971 run-off. ⁴
Home Address	4824 S. Karlov Ave. ⁵
Date Indicted	6-27-73
Charges	four counts of mail fraud, three counts each of extortion and filing false income tax returns ⁶
How Caught	Zoning consultant Al C. Allen's notebook, evidence in the trial of Ald. Staszczuk (13 th Ward), disclosed a payment to Kuta ⁷
Date Convicted	9-4-1974 ⁵
Crimes and Counts	One count each extortion, mail fraud and tax evasion ⁵ for taking a \$1,500 bribe in a zoning case. ⁸
Investigation Name	
Court	U.S. District Court
Sentence	Six months in the Metropolitan Correction Center, Chicago ¹¹
Time Served	Six months ¹⁰
Repercussions	Kuta's law license was revoked after conviction but was restored in 1980 by the Illinois Supreme Court. ¹⁴ He surrendered it again in March 2000, when the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission accused Kuta of taking \$125,000 from a client's escrow account. ¹² Also, he was separated from Army and stripped of his military pension. ³
Post Conviction Job	Operated an insurance, accounting and tax firm, 5130 S. Archer; Manager, Chicago Auto Employees Credit Union, and treasurer of Archer Heights Credit Union ⁸

Frank J. Kuta Notes:

1. Michael Killian, "Runoffs to Reflect Public Housing Issue," Chicago Tribune, March 29, 1971.
2. Illinois Department of Finance and Professional Regulation, Real Estate Brokers list
3. William Griffin, "Kuta loses Army benefits after bribery conviction," Chicago Tribune, May 9, 1976.
4. Michael Killian, "G.O.P. Wins 13th, 23d Ward Runoff Races, Chicago Tribune, April 7, 1971.
5. Robert Enstad, "Ex-Ald. Kuta found guilty," Chicago Tribune, September 5, 1974
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7. Robert Davis, "Ald Staszczuk guilty on all counts, could get 86 years,; Chicago Tribune, June 26, 1973
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9. Deaths in the News, Chicago Sun-Times, February 23, 1992
10. Richard Phillips, "Ex-Ald. Kuta gets 6 Months," Chicago Tribune, Nov. 2, 1974
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John S. Madrzyk Alderman 13th Ward 1973-1994

Date & Place of Birth 1-04-1939¹
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry
Education
Occupation/Career U.S. Army, Purchasing Supervisor, Chicago Board of Health¹
Office / Position Alderman, chair of City Council Committee on Special
Events in 1991-92,² then Director of Office of Special Events³
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1973-1994
Home Address 6721 S. Kedvale⁴, 4200 W. Harrington⁵
Date Indicted 4-20-1997^{5,6}
Charges Placing his daughter-in-law in a “no-work, ghost-payroll job” with
City Council Special Events Committee;⁵ racketeering and extorting
kickbacks⁷ and additional racketeering charges⁸ for a shake down of a
political operative to support a zoning change⁸ and for demanding
money to resolve an electrical code violation⁹
How Caught
Date Convicted 4-30-1998¹⁰
Crimes and Counts Pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud¹¹ for, placing ghost
payrollers, and admitted accepting bribes and kickbacks¹⁰
Investigation Name Haunted Hall⁶
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence 3 years and 5 months and ordered to make “full
restitution”¹¹
Time Served at federal prison in Oxford, Wisconsin¹³
Repercussions & Postscript After Madrzyk stepped down as alderman, Mayor Daley appointed
Frank J. Oliyo to replace him.¹⁴ After indictment, Madrzyk resigned
his city job,³ then worked in the law offices of former Alderman
Edward Vrdolyak,¹⁵ After his guilty plea, Madrzyk was compelled to
testify against his former aide.¹⁶
Post Conviction Job

John S. Madrzyk Notes

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2. Fran Spielman, “Pilsen Demands Tighter Control of Fiesta del Sol,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, June 24, 1992
3. “Under fire, Madrzyk quits city job,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, February 22, 1997
4. “11 seek seats in ward elections,” *Chicago Tribune*, Sept. 25, 1973
5. Michael Gillis, “Former alderman indicted in ghost payroll scandal,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, Feb. 21, 1997
6. Matt O’Connor, “Ex-alderman from 13th Ward Indicted with in-law on ghost-payroll charges,” *Chicago Tribune*, Feb. 21, 1997
7. Michael Gillis, “Madrzyk charged with racketeering, extortion,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 9, 1997
8. Matt O’Connor, “Madrzyk now faces shakedown charges,” *Chicago Tribune*, November 11, 1997
9. Michael Gillis, “Madrzyk faces new charges of shakedowns,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, Dec. 19, 1997
10. Lorraine Forte, “Madrzyk admits guilt in scheme...,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 1, 1998
11. Matt O’Connor, “Madrzyk gets prison term in jobs scheme,” *Chicago Tribune*, Sept. 25, 1998
12. “Ex-Ald. Madrzyk Hires Lawyer,” *Chicago Tribune*, November 13, 1997
13. Sneed Column, “The Bloom Report,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, Nov. 10, 1999
14. John Kass, “13th ward choice has familiar face,” *Chicago Tribune*, October 29, 1994
15. “Madrzyk Plea for Lawyer Rejected,” *Chicago Tribune*, November 11, 1997
16. Cam Simpson, “Ex-alderman details ghost-payrolling,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 8, 1998
17. Sneed & Lavin Inc., “City Ditties...,” *Chicago Tribune*, February 2, 1985

Joseph A. Martinez Alderman 31st Ward 1981-1983

Ethnicity Hispanic, Puerto Rican ancestry
Date & Place of Birth Born in Puerto Rico in 1946 (51 in January, 1997)²
Education
Occupation Attorney
Office / Position Alderman
Years in Office 1981-1983
Party Affiliation Democrat
Date Indicted 1-23-1997²
How Caught Martinez sent restitution in three installments to City Hall thus prompting an investigation.
Date Convicted 1-23-1997
Crimes and Charges Ghost payrolling in three committees thus collecting \$90,000
Conviction Charges Pleaded guilty to receiving more than \$90,000 in ghost pay and benefits. Pleaded guilty to holding a ghost job on the Traffic Committee from May 1988 to April 1992; admitted to not working while on the payrolls of the Finance Committee from August 1985 to May 1987, and on the Land Acquisition Committee from May 1987 to March 1988; collecting \$53,145 in pay and \$37,352 in health insurance coverage.
Investigation Name Haunted Hall
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence Paid full restitution, 10 months in confinement⁵- five months in prison and five months of home detention, two years of probation, 100 hours of community service and a \$15,000 fine⁶
Time Served Five months
Repercussions In May 2006 Illinois Supreme Court ruled Martinez can be reinstated to the state bar
Pension
Post Conviction Job Community work⁷

Joseph A. Martinez Notes:

1. Michael Gillis and Fran Spielman, "Burke named in case of ghost payroller," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 24, 1997
2. Matt O'Connor and Ray Gibson, "Burke Linked to Payroll Scandal- Ghost Worked for his Firm, not City Council," *Chicago Tribune*, January 24, 1997
3. Michael Gillis, "Ex-alderman faces arrest," *Chicago Sun-Times*, November 14, 1997
4. "Ex-alderman due in court," *Chicago Sun-Times*, November 19, 1997
5. Cam Simpson, "Ex-Ald. Martinez gets 10 months," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 28, 1998
6. Cam Simpson and Fran Spielman, "City `ghost' gets 10-month term - Investigation continues in Martinez case," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 29, 1998
7. Charles Sheehan, "Disbarred ex-alderman can be reinstated," *Chicago Tribune*, May 19, 2006

Ambrosio Medrano Alderman 25th Ward 1991-1996

Date & Place of Birth 1953 or 1954 (Listed as 42 when sentenced, 7-3-1996)
Education Has a college degree
Occupation Owner with his father of Cermak Bowl bowling alley; executive director of Pilsen Chamber of Commerce;¹ administrative assistant in Richard M. Daley’s State’s Attorney’s office; in 1989 was Hispanic coordinator for Daley’s mayoral campaign; former director of the City’s Commission on Latino Affairs
Office / Position Alderman, chairman of the Housing and Real Estate Committee
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1991-1996
Date Indicted 1-10-1996
Charges Extortion; accepting \$31,000 bribes from FBI mole John Christopher for doing favors including helping to get certification for Christopher’s construction company as a minority contractor when it was not.²
How Caught Christopher taped his conversations with Medrano for the FBI
Date Convicted 1-10-1996; pleaded guilty³
Crimes and Counts Accepting bribes and arranging for two ghost payrollers
Investigation Name Silver Shovel⁴
Court U.S. District Court, Chicago
Sentence 30 months in federal, plus three years of supervision and full restitution of \$31,000.⁵
Time Served 21½ months at the minimum-security prison in Oxford, Wisc.⁶
Repercussions Nine weeks after pleading guilty, Medrano ran successfully for Ward Committeeman enabling the party to name his successor; Mayor Daley named Danny Solis to succeed Medrano as Alderman.
Pension
Post Conviction Job Marketing rep for a large Hispanic record company in California⁶

Ambrosio Medrano Notes:

1. Chicago Tribune corrections, page 2, April 2, 1987
2. Jorge Oclander and Mary Mitchell, “Alderman Pleas Guilty - Probers Predict More...,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, Jan. 11, 1996.
3. Matt O’Connor, “Silver Shovel Dirt Piles Up: Water Department Commissioner Resigns,” *Chicago Tribune*, Jan. 11, 1996.
4. Matt O’Connor, ‘Silver Shovel’ Investigation Goes Out With a Wimper,” *Chicago Tribune*, Jan. 27, 2001.
5. Paul de la Garza, “Ex-Ald. Medrano Gets 2 ½ Years for Taking Bribes...” *Chicago Tribune*, July 4, 1996.
6. Chinta Strausberg, “Ex-alderman not bitter...,” *Chicago Defender*, August 2, 2000.

See also: Matt O’Connor, Ray Gibson “Medrano Hasn’t Been Charged ...” *Chicago Tribune*, Jan. 9, 1996

Joseph Potempa Alderman 23rd Ward 1971-1973

Date & Place of Birth 1918 ? (listed as 53 in *Chicago Tribune*, 3-29-1971)
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry Caucasian/Polish¹
Education
Occupation/Career Crane operator for 27 years,² and an electrical workers union steward at Western Electric³
Office/Position Alderman, also G.O.P. Ward Committeeman⁴
Party Affiliation Republican
Years in Office 1971-1973
Home Address 6131 S. Melvina²
Date Indicted 3-28-73
Charges Two counts extortion,⁵ eight mail fraud counts and two counts of income tax evasion for accepting a \$9,000 zoning bribe.⁶
How Caught Al C. Allen, a real estate investor and zoning consultant testified that he paid bribes to Potempa to approve zoning changes.²
Date Convicted 10-30-1973
Crimes and Counts Pleaded guilty to one count each of extortion and mail fraud and two counts of income tax evasion⁷
Investigation Name
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence One year and a day in federal prison⁸; began sentence 6-7-1974
Time Served
Repercussions Potempa was required to resign his Aldermanic position⁹
In 1975, William Lipinski was elected Alderman and Ward Committeeman. In 1983, Potempa's assistant, William Krystyniak, was appointed and then elected 23rd Ward Alderman.¹⁰

Post Conviction Job

Joseph Potempa Notes:

1. Michael Kilian, "Runoffs to Reflect Public Housing Issue," *Chicago Tribune*, Mar. 29, 1971
2. Robert Davis and Edward Schreiber, "2 G.O.P/ aldermen indicted" *Chicago Tribune*, , March 29, 1973
3. George Tagge, "E-Day! Million May Vote," *Chicago Tribune*, , April 6, 1971
4. Service Becomes 33d Ward Factor, *Chicago Tribune*, March 19, 1972
5. Robert Davis, "Potempa rejects deal, to face trial," *Chicago Tribune*, , Oct. 30, 1973
6. "2 indicted may stay in Council," *Chicago Tribune*, , March 30, 1973
7. Robert Davis, "Potempa pleads guilty to bribe, tax dodge," *Chicago Tribune*, , Oct. 31, 1973
8. Robert Davis, "Potempa gets 1-year prison sentence," *Chicago Tribune*, , Dec. 12, 1973
9. "Potempa resigns post as 23d Ward alderman," *Chicago Tribune*, , Nov. 2, 1973
10. David K. Fremon, *Chicago Politics Ward by Ward*, Indiana University Press, 1988, p.153-155.

Fred B. Roti Alderman 1st Ward 1968-1993

Ethnicity Caucasian, Italian ancestry
Date & Place of Birth Born in 1920 in Chicago, (72 years old on 1/17/1993)
Education
Occupation Shoveled asphalt for the City; worked in the County morgue; for the Clerk of the Circuit Court; as an investigator for the Illinois Department of Revenue; former state senator; house drain inspector for the City Sewer Department, and was a 1st Ward Democratic precinct captain.²
Office / Position Alderman, insurance salesman
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1968-1993
Date Indicted 12-19-1990
How Caught Wire worn by mole Robert Cooley¹
Date Convicted 1-15-1993
Crimes and Charges Racketeering, bribery, extortion. Accused of accepting a \$ 72,500 bribe in his office in exchange for fixing a 1981 murder, taking bribes to fix a zoning change for \$7,500 and a Chancery Court case for \$10,000^{1, 2, 3}
Conviction Charges Convicted on 11 counts, including racketeering, racketeering conspiracy, five counts of bribery and four counts of extortion⁵
Investigation Name Operation Gambat aka Operation Kaffeeklatsch¹
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence Four year prison sentence; ordered to pay for his room and board there- \$1,492 a month, \$75,000 fine, ordered to pay back, in restitution, the \$17,500 in bribes, after he is freed, to cover the cost of his three-year term of supervised release - \$1,318 a year⁶
Time Served Roti served three years in minimum security prison in Oxford, Wis. After that, Roti had six months in a work-release program with the Salvation Army^{7, 8}
Repercussions After getting out of prison he died on September 20, 1999
Post Conviction Job

Fred B. Roti Notes:

1. Harlan Draeger and William Braden, "U.S. indicts Roti , Marcy and D'Arco - Shields, DeLeo also accused in 1st Ward probe," *Chicago Sun-Times*, December 19, 1990
2. Hanke Gratteau and Ray Gibson, "5 Indicted Men Political Veterans- Fred Roti," *Chicago Tribune*, December 20, 1990
3. Rosalind Rossi, "1st Ward's Roti , Marcy, D'Arco plead not guilty," *Chicago Sun-Times*, December 21, 1990
4. "Irene Roti, 62, spouse of ex-1st Ward alderman," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 8, 1992
5. Rosalind Rossi, "Fred Roti Guilty on 11 Counts," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 15, 1993
6. Rosalind Rossi, "Roti 's Sentence: 4 years, Fine, Imprisonment Costs," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 14, 1993
7. Fran Spielman and Phillip O'Connor, "Roti Begins His Stay In Wis. Prison Camp - He'll Earn 11 Cents an Hour in Minimum Security," *Chicago Sun-Times*, August 17, 1993
8. Stephanie Zimmermann, "Roti begins term in halfway house," *Chicago Sun-Times*, September 11, 1996

See also: Art Petacque & Philip Franchine, "Feds bug pols in Loop restaurant," *Chicago Sun-Times*, July 13, 1989

Edward T. Scholl Alderman 41st Ward 1963-1973

Date & Place of Birth	Born in Chicago, May 18, 1937. Died Aug. 29, 2003 ¹
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	Caucasian/German-American ⁷
Education	Wright College, Loyola University, DePaul University ¹
Occupation/Career	Sports editor for <i>Edison-Norwood Review</i> , editor of <i>Edison-Norwood Review</i> and <i>Niles Golf-Mill Review</i> , after aldermanic career was an Illinois State Senator (16 th) from 1973-75, and worked for Attorney General William Scott, and Illinois Department of Transportation ^{1, 2 & 3}
Office/Position	Alderman, member of Building and Zoning Committee
Party Affiliation	GOP
Years in Office	1963-1973
Date Indicted	6-24-1975
Charges	Charged with filing false income tax returns, extortion of \$6,850 from Cumberland Construction wanting zoning changes ^{1 & 2}
How Caught	Chicago Daily News gave information about Scholl to the FBI
Date Convicted	12-2-1975
Crimes and Counts	Pleaded guilty to charges of filing false income tax returns in 1971 and 1972 as part of a plea bargaining agreement under which three other counts in the indictment were dropped. ^{1 & 4}
Investigation Name	
Court	U.S. District Court
Sentence	18 months in prison ⁵
Time Served	Five months
Repercussions	Five months after indictment, Scholl lost his reelection bid for State Senate.
Post Conviction Job	Community Service Director for Passionist Monastery ⁶

Edward T. Scholl Notes:

1. "Former politician, editor, forged new career after adversity," *Edison-Norwood Times Review*, Sept. 11, 2003
2. "Scholl finds public loyal despite US indictment," *Harlem-Foster Times*, July 30, 1975
3. "US Jury Indicts ex-Ald. Scholl on extortion, taxes," *Chicago Sun-Times*, July 25, 1975
4. "Scholl, ex-alderman, pleads guilty on taxes," *Chicago Tribune*, December 3, 1975
5. Richard Phillips, "Tearful Scholl gets 18 months," *Chicago Tribune*, Jan. 14, 1976
6. "Kawanis Club commendation to Ed Scholl," *Belmont-Central News*, Aug. 23, 1980
7. Dorothy Stork, Ald. Ed on move, Dems hope he'll go far- away," *Chicago American*, Nov. 28, 1965

Casimir “Casey” J. Staszczuk Alderman 13th Ward 1967-1973

Date & Place of Birth	1924 (age 49 on 3-28-1973)
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	Caucasian/Polish ¹
Education	
Occupation/Career	Building contractor ²
Office/Position	Alderman
Party Affiliation	Republican
Years in Office	1967-1973
Home Address	3740 W.70th St. ³
Date Indicted	3-28-1973
Charges	Three counts of extortion, four counts mail fraud, two counts income tax evasion ⁴
How Caught	Al C. Allen, real estate investor and zoning consultant told the Feds that he gave bribes to Staszczuk on three occasions. ⁴
Date Convicted	6-25-1973
Crimes and Counts	Guilty on all counts in the indictment ⁵
Investigation Name	
Court	U.S. District Court
Sentence	9 concurrent sentences of 18 months in prison ⁷
Time Served	
Repercussions	Staszczuk resigned as Alderman. A special election was held on Nov. 27, 1973 to fill the vacancy. John S. Madrzyk was elected to the post. ⁸
Post Conviction Job	

Casimir “Casey” J. Staszczuk Notes:

1. Edward Schreiber, “Aldermanic Votes to Settle Makeup of City Council,” *Chicago Tribune*, April 4, 1971
2. Edward Schreiber, “Strong Minority Bloc G.O.P. Council Goal,” *Chicago Tribune*, March 3, 1967
3. Rick Soll, “Staszczuk conviction: a blow to wife, friends,” *Chicago Tribune*, June 26, 1973
4. Robert Davis and Edward Schreiber, “2 G.O.P. aldermen indicted,” *Chicago Tribune*, March 29, 1973
5. Robert Davis, “Ald. Staszczuk guilty on all counts; could get 86 years,” *Chicago Tribune*, June 26, 1973
6. “2 indicted may stay in council,” *Chicago Tribune*, March 30, 1973
7. David Gilbert, “Staszczuk gets 18 months in jail,” *Chicago Tribune*, September 8, 1973
8. “4 newly elected aldermen may take seats tomorrow,” *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 29, 1973
9. Death Notice, Raymond N. Gesiorski Sr., *Chicago Tribune*, Sept. 5, 1966

Allan K. Streeter Alderman 17th Ward 1981-1996

Date & Place of Birth March 8, 1934¹
Race/Ethnicity African-American
Education Wright Jr. College¹
Occupation/Career U.S. Army,¹ Foreman with United Airlines; worker in the City’s Building Department, then director of lead poisoning control program for Chicago Board of Health¹

Office / Position Alderman, Chairman Committee on Historical Landmarks
Party affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1981-1996
Date Indicted 4-18-1996²
Charges Extortion and filing a false tax return³
How Caught Christopher taped his conversations with Streeter
Date Convicted 4-18-1996, Pleaded guilty
Crimes Taking \$37,020 in bribes for helping FBI mole, John Christopher, set up a rock-crushing site in the 17th Ward, for helping Christopher get concrete work on a CTA bus garage in the ward, and for introducing the mole to other public officials.²

Investigation Name Silver Shovel
Court U.S. District Court, Chicago
Sentence eight months in prison and ordered to pay \$10,000 restitution⁸
Time Served
Repercussions After he was confronted with the mole’s tapes and before his indictment was announced, Streeter wore a wire to record conversations of fellow aldermen, public officials and individuals. Mayor Daley appointed Mayoral Assistant Terry Peterson to succeed Alderman Streeter who resigned. Peterson had served as Streeter’s chief of staff from 1990 to 1994.⁴ Streeter retained his position as 17th Ward Committeeman and after leaving prison he participated in slatemaking sessions in March, 2000.⁹ Ald. Arenda Troutman (20th) was selected to replace Streeter as Chairman of the Committee on Historical Landmarks.⁵ Ironically, in 2007 she too was indicted for extortion and bribery.

Post Conviction Job

Allan K. Streeter Notes:

1. David K. Fremon, *Chicago Politics Ward by Ward* , Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1988, p.123.
2. Matt O’Connor, Ray Gibson, “Streeter Seen As the Key to Code of Graft ...,” *Chicago Tribune*, April 19, 1996.
3. Mary A. Mitchell, “Streeter May Take Other Officials Down,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 19, 1996.
4. Fran Spielman, “Ex-Aide to Replace Streeter in Council,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, June 7, 1996
5. Area Briefs, *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 21, 1996
6. Dave Newbart, “Ex-alderman can get wife’s pension - City to appeal ruling,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 1, 2003.
7. Michael Sneed,”2nd Alderman Likely to Quit - 17th Ward’s Streeter Seeks Deal from Feds,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, Feb. 16, 1996
8. Mary Houlihan-Skilton, “Ex-Ald. Streeter gets 8 months in bribe case,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, June 12, 1998.
9. R. Bruce Dold, “Is Cook County’s Democratic Party Becoming a Joke?” *Chicago Tribune*, Mar. 26, 2000.
10. Monroe Anderson, “Ald. Streeter is accused of pay kickbacks,” *Chicago Tribune*, October 14, 1983

Donald T. Swinarski **Alderman** **12th Ward** **1967-1972**

Date & Place of Birth 1935,? (age 40 on 3-13-1975)¹
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry Caucasian, Polish/American²
Education Morgan Park Academy, Ocean Carisbad College,³ Knox College⁴
Occupation/Career U.S. Marine Corps,³ part owner of a Fla. Holiday Inn and marina,⁵ insurance executive,⁴ operated a truck leasing business,⁶ real estate broker, State Senator 1972-75
Office/Position Alderman and later 12th Ward Committeeman³
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1967-1972⁸
Home Address 4444 Archer Ave. and 9128 S. Karlov Ave, Oak Lawn⁶ 4655 S. Springfield⁹
Date Indicted 3-13-1975¹⁰
Charges filing false tax return¹⁰
How Caught
Date Convicted 3-14-1975¹¹
Crimes and Counts one count filing false tax return to hide zoning bribes¹²
Investigation Name
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence One year and a Day¹³ at minimum security prison at Elgin Air Force Base, Pensacola, Fla.¹⁴
Time Served Four months before being paroled¹⁵
Repercussions Swinarski resigns senate seat;¹⁶ cooperates with federal probe;¹⁷ Illinois sued to recover Swinarski's pay advancement,¹⁸ he lost his real estate broker's license;⁷ and State Rep. LeRoy Lemke was appointed to Swinarski's State Senate seat.¹⁹
Post Conviction Job Ran a restaurant in Florida¹⁵

Donald T. Swinarski Notes:

1. Art Petacque and Hugh Hough, "Swinarski indicted on tax; other politicians probed," *Chicago Sun-Times*, March 14, 1975
2. Mike Royko, "C'Mon Ald. Henry, Show Some Class," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 26, 1990
3. "Dynamic, Concerned, Involved - Apt Description of...Swinarski," *South West News Herald*, March 14, 1974
4. "Only One Alderman Runs Again in 5 Turbulent S.W. Side Wards," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Feb. 20, 1967
5. Ronald Yates, "Claims Alderman Hit by Car Had Gun," *Chicago Tribune*, Feb.28, 1972
6. John Elmer, "15 try for 12th, 16th Aldermanic Posts," *Chicago Tribune*, Feb.1 9, 1967
7. "Swinarski asks to keep real-estate license," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Dec. 18, 1975, and Phillip J. O'Connor, "Swinarski loses broker license," *Chicago Daily News*, April 13, 1976
8. David K. Fremon, *Chicago Politics Ward by Ward* , Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1988, p.89-94.
9. John Camper, "Swinarski denies he was hiding," *Chicago Daily News*, Feb. 4, 1975
10. Edmund J. Rooney, "Swinarski indicted on tax charge," *Chicago Daily News*, March 13, 1975
11. Betty Washington, "Swinarski pleads guilty to tax charges," *Chicago Daily News*, March 14, 1975
12. Richard Phillips, "Swinarski pleads guilty to tax charge," *Chicago Tribune*, March 15, 1975
13. Dennis D. Fisher, "Swinarski gets year in prison on tax charge," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 10, 1975
14. "Swinarski on prison pass and he's looking for a job," *Chicago Tribune*, Oct. 9, 1975
15. Bonita Brodt, "How time, law dealt with political criminals," *Chicago Tribune*, Feb. 7, 1980
16. "Swinarski's resignation letter told by Howlett aide," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 10, 1975
17. Richard Phillips, "Swinarski gets year, day for tax fraud," *Chicago Tribune*, May 10, 1975
18. "State sues to get Swinarski's pay," *Southtown Economist*, July 16, 1975
19. "Lemke to replace Swinarski in 25th," *Chicago Tribune*, April 12, 1975
20. Thomas Powers, "Swinarski denies he faces threat on life," *Chicago Tribune*, Feb.4, 1975

Arenda R.Troutman Alderman 20th Ward 1990-2007

Ethnicity	African-American
Date & Place of Birth	Born in 1957
Education	Calumet High School; bachelor's degree in political science from Southern Illinois University ³
Occupation	Miner in Southern Illinois for Inland Steel and Coal, ⁸ Schoolteacher, supervisor at a South Side testing Facility for the Illinois secretary of state's office, precinct captain in the 20th ward organization ¹
Office / Position	Alderman, Chair of Committee on Historical Landmarks and Preservation ^{2,3}
Party Affiliation	Democrat
Years in Office	1990-2007
Date Indicted	6-13-2007
How Caught	FBI Investigation, undercover recordings by mole Andre Johnson ^{7,9}
Date Convicted	8-6-2008
Crimes and Charges	13 counts of extortion, bribery, mail fraud, tax evasion. Charged with taking \$5,000, a promise of another \$10,000, and \$5,000 in campaign contributions and title to units in the development for helping a "developer" convert a building into a mixed-use development, shaking down a businessman for zoning change for \$20,000 ^{7,8} , collecting about \$60,000 in various payoffs ¹¹
Conviction Charges	Pleaded guilty to one count each of mail fraud and tax evasion, admitted extorting developers for zoning preferences ^{13,14}
Investigation Name	
Court	U.S. District Court
Sentence	
Time Served	
Post Conviction Job	

Arenda R.Troutman Notes:

1. Thomas Hardy, "Daley Silent on Jones' Successor," *Chicago Tribune*, April 25, 1990
2. "Introducing Chicago's new City Council," *Chicago Tribune*, May 7, 2003
3. "Ald. Arenda Troutman," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 26, 2004
4. Annie Sweeney, "Gang leaders helped elect Troutman - Says she believed visitors to office were businessmen," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 26, 2004
5. Tim Novak, Steve Warmbir and Annie Sweeney, "Alderman's family tied to truck firm // Company got more than \$1 million in city business," *Chicago Sun-Times*, June 24, 2005
6. Mark Brown, "Chicago's wards still land of opportunity for corruption," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 9, 2007
7. Natasha Korecki and Maureen O'Donnell, "FBI nabs alderman: Accused of bribery, Troutman does not answer door, so agents bust in through window," *Chicago Sun-Times*, January 9, 2007
8. Jeff Coen and Gary Washburn, "FBI bribe sting snares alderman - Agents break window, seize Troutman in raid," *Chicago Tribune*, January 9, 2007
9. David Jackson, Jeff Coen and Ray Gibson, "FBI mole had long history of fraud--but looked great," *Chicago Tribune*, January 11, 2007
10. Natasha Korecki, "Troutman indicted on bribery count," *Chicago Sun-Times*, June 14, 2007
11. Frank Main, "Aide, businessman added to Troutman indictment - Tied to claims of ex-alderman's developer shakedowns," *Chicago Sun-Times*, July 13, 2007
12. "Troutman, 2 others plead not guilty to corruption," *Chicago Tribune*, July 19, 2007
13. Natasha Korecki and Fran Spielman, "Troutman pleads guilty to bribery, tax charges - Ex-alderman could get 57 months," *Chicago Sun-Times*, August 7, 2008
14. "What does she get out of it?" *Chicago Tribune*, August 13, 2008

Edward R. Vrdolyak Alderman 10th Ward 1971-1987

Ethnicity Croatian-American³
Date & Place of Birth Born in 1938 (48 in April 1986)⁴
Education St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind.,¹² U.of Chicago Law School¹³
Occupation Lawyer,⁴ firm: Edward R. Vrdolyak Ltd.⁹
Office / Position Alderman; Chairman, Committee on Neighborhood and Community Affairs;⁶ Chairman, Buildings & Zoning Committee,¹⁰ Ward Committeeman, Cook County Democratic Party Chairman¹
Years in Office 1971-1987
Party Affiliation Democrat then Republican
Date Indicted 6-11-2007¹⁴
Charges Bribery, wire and mail fraud charges related to a real estate kickback scheme.¹⁵ Accused of scheming with Stuart Levine in a real estate deal where Vrdolyak was to arrange a kickback to Levine from a \$1.5 million fee¹⁴
How Caught FBI Investigation, co-defendant testimonies, undercover recording
Date Convicted 11-3-08²⁰
Conviction Charges Pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud²⁰
Investigation Name Operation Board Games¹⁷
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence Not sentenced as of Jan. 28, 2009
Time Served
Repercussions
Post Conviction Job

Edward R. Vrdolyak Notes:

1. Philip Lentz, "Vrdolyak Liberally Criticizes Democrats at Party Dinner," *Chicago Tribune*, May 31, 1985
2. D. Frantz , M. Possley, "Embezzlement Charge Hits Peter Vrdolyak," *Chicago Tribune*, Oct. 4, 1985
3. Clarence Page, "Vrdolyak's Farrakhan Attack," *Chicago Tribune*, October 30, 1985
4. "Vrdolyak's 25," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 30, 1986
5. C. Nicodemus, "Trial may show Vrdolyak plan for 'kingpin' Bullock," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 9, 1986
6. Mark Eissman and Ann Marie Lipinski, "Vrdolyak Hirings Questioned," *Chicago Tribune*, August 14, 1986
7. Michael Cordts, "Family always first for Matilda Vrdolyak- Alderman's mother instilled the work ethic in her brood," *Chicago Sun-Times*, December 24, 1986
8. Manuel Galvan, "A New Round in Vrdolyak vs. Mayor," *Chicago Tribune*, December 27, 1986
9. Fran Spielman , Chuck Neubauer, "Vrdolyak reveals his '85 income tax," *Chicago Sun-Times*, April 4, 1987
10. "Vrdolyak 's political career," *Chicago Sun-Times*, September 16, 1987
11. Andrew Herrmann, "Vrdolyak 's wife opens doors to her new career," *Chicago Sun-Times*, Nov. 29, 1988
12. Matt O'Connor, Ray Gibson and Jeff Coen, "Vrdolyak under U.S. scrutiny - Payments for sale of building are eyed," *Chicago Tribune*, August 18, 2006
13. Abdon M. Pallasch, "Five things you should know about Ed Vrdolyak," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 11, 2007
14. Dan Mihalopoulos, Jeff Coen and Ray Gibson, "Feds catch up with 'Fast Eddie' Vrdolyak- Legendary former alderman took part in kickback scheme, according to U.S. charges," *Chicago Tribune*, May 11, 2007
15. John Kass, "Vrdolyak always a good judge of power," *Chicago Tribune*, May 11, 2007
16. "Vrdolyak arraignment scheduled next week," *Chicago Tribune*, - May 12, 2007
17. Mark Brown, "Eddie who? Vrdolyak faded, but not his clout - All-but-forgotten ex-alderman still a force in picking judges," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 13, 2007
18. Natasha Korecki, "Vrdolyak lawyer rips key witness - Pleads not guilty: Ex-alderman's camp says Levine 'under immense pressure' to cooperate," *Chicago Sun-Times*, May 18, 2007
19. Abdon M. Pallasch, "Feds double charges in Vrdolyak fraud case," *Chicago Sun-Times*, July 20, 2007
20. Natasha Korecki and Fran Spielman, "Vrdolyak cops a plea -- guilty - Feds to ask up to 41 months for conspiracy to commit mail fraud," *Chicago Sun-Times*, November 4, 2008

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Paul T. Wigoda Alderman 49th Ward 1959-1974

Date & Place of Birth 1922 (On 11-1-59 he was 37)¹
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry Caucasian /Jewish¹
Education graduate of DePaul University
Occupation/Career Attorney and had law office with Ald. Thomas E. Keane, Assistant Corporation Counsel, World War II veteran, Marine Corps
Office/Position Alderman, Chairman of the Building and Zoning Committee⁶ and the Chicago Plan Commission²
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1959-1974
Home Address 1535 W. North Shore Ave. ³
Date Indicted 4-5-1974 ⁴
Charges Extortion (this charge was later dropped) ⁵ and tax evasion ²
How Caught Zoning attorney Robert E. Haskins testified that he bribed Wigoda
Date Convicted 10-12-1974
Crimes and Counts Income tax evasion; failure to report a \$50,000 zoning bribe
Investigation Name
Court U.S. District Court
Time Served 6 months in federal prison, Lexington, Ky.⁸
Repercussions His seat was declared vacant; State Senator Esther Saperstein elected alderman in February. He was disbarred but later regained his law license; State of Illinois sued Wigoda and Edgewater Golf Club owners for \$8 million charging that the state was defrauded by an illegal zoning change.⁹
Post Conviction Job Practiced law with son,¹² Wigoda & Wigoda in Chicago

Paul T. Wigoda Notes:

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Stanley M. Zydlo Alderman 26th Ward 1963-1979

Date & Place of Birth 1905 Chicago (77 on 6-1-1983)
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry Caucasian, Polish/American ¹
Education Graduated from Lane Technical High school in 1923 ¹
Occupation/Career Businessman who ran a tavern, a Traffic Court clerk and an employee at the Metropolitan Sanitary District ²
Office/Position Alderman
Party Affiliation Democrat
Years in Office 1963-1979 ³
Home Address 2141 Augusta Blvd.⁴
Charges Paying a bribe to fix a firefighters' exam ⁵
How Caught City's Personnel Department discovered strange test results and called in federal investigators.⁶
Date Indicted 10-16-1980 ⁵
Date Convicted 10-22-1980 ⁷
Crimes and Counts Pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor of paying a \$1,000 bribe in an attempt to fix a firefighters' exam for two relatives ⁸
Investigation Name U.S. District Court
Court U.S. District Court
Sentence 60 days in jail;¹⁰ but changed to three years probation¹¹
Time Served probation only
Repercussions Zydlo did not run for re-election in 1979 due to poor health. Michael Nardulli was elected.³ As part of his plea agreement in 1980, Ald. Zydlo agreed to cooperate with the grand jury and at any trial.⁷ In 1986 the Alderman's son, Dr. Stanley Zydlo Jr., was appointed head of an oversight committee to recommend purchases of ambulances and equipment by the Chicago Fire Department.¹² Former Ald. Zydlo died on Dec. 23, 1989 at age 83.

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We need long-term fix for 'The Chicago Way'



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Thanks to Gov. Blagojevich, Illinois has been recognized as the corruption capital of the United States. Since 1971, a thousand politicians and business people have been convicted of public corruption. There have been 30 Chicago aldermen, three Illinois governors, and several city clerks and treasurers along with suburban mayors, appointed government officials, judges, lawyers, insurance magnates and trucking company owners.

Some subscribe to the "few rotten apples" theory. They assume that if a few bad guys and gals are convicted of political depravity, others will be deterred and the problem solved.

Mayor Daley's weak response to Chicago's scandals has been only to pass new amendments to the city's ethics ordinance and to make administrative adjustments to prevent repetition of a particular scandal.

After each new revelation, such as the governor's alleged selling of a Senate seat and the reported shakedown of a charity for campaign contributions, the public and civic organizations demand reforms. But these reforms are always far too limited to end public corruption. And the furor soon dissipates.

Our problem isn't just a few rotten apples. It's a rotten apple barrel. We have a political history and a political culture of corruption tied to Machine politics. Nothing short of a comprehensive reform program sustained over more than a decade will change what the national media now derisively call "The Chicago Way."

So what must be done?

First, elect reform candidates to top government positions like mayor, county board president, and governor. Men and women who run on a reform platform but who keep their promises. They can then use the power of their offices to eliminate patronage, pay-to-play government contracts, and services delivered as payoffs.



Gov. Blagojevich has a few words for the media after announcing his appointment of Roland Burris to the U.S. Senate on Tuesday. | PAUL BEATY-AP

Our problem is a rotten apple barrel.

Second, develop a strong reform bloc of legislators in our legislative bodies and provide them with the public support to enact comprehensive campaign and government reform legislation.

Third, strengthen the inspector general offices at all levels of government to weed out the bad officials and waste. The U.S. attorney's office can't be the only corruption fighters in the state if we are to bring change.

Fourth, enact public campaign financing for all major state and local government offices. Until the ties between campaign contributions and government favors, jobs, and contracts are severed, no true reform will be possible.

Fifth, teach about public corruption and honest, ethical government in the schools. Just as Charles Wacker's *Manual of the Plan of Chicago* taught the principles of the Burnham Plan to generations of Chicago public school students who then implemented those plans and later passed the bond issues to pay for them, we must teach students the cost and cure of corruption.

Sixth, finally, we must continue to prosecute and convict corrupt

officials and those who bribe them.

Only such a comprehensive program aggressively pursued by officials, civic groups, and citizens over a long period of time can succeed.

After all, the first public corruption case convicted three Cook County Board members in 1869 of a fraudulent City Hall painting contract. While many reformers have labored for years to destroy Machine politics and our culture of corruption, our task will take a renewed commitment for years to come. And the fight needs continuous public support, not temporary outrage.

Many claim that the task of ending corruption here is impossible. Yet, cities like Hong Kong have reformed themselves dramatically. Even here, "The Chicago Way" can be changed. In the past, Chicagoans stopped for minor traffic violations routinely wrapped a \$20 bribe around the driver's license they gave to the police officer. Anyone who does that today is likely to land in jail. Most Chicagoans no longer take the chance. Our expectations have changed.

In the same way, we can come to demand good government in all aspects of our lives. In the process, we would save at least \$300 million in corruption taxes now used to pay for patronage, waste and bloated government contracts every year.