

March 25, 2015

«FirstName» «LastName»
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Dear «FirstName»,

I live near you on Dante Avenue, and I intend to vote for Mr. Garcia for mayor. Neighbors have been treated to mailings and TV attacks from Rahm Emanuel. After seeing all of the lies, I was so angry I felt someone needed to speak out.

First, Emanuel's people are trying to make it look as if Mr. Garcia is opposed to the Obama library. Mr. Garcia has a long history of supporting Obama. He worked with him in the Black Caucus in Springfield, and sat with him on the board of the Woods Fund of Chicago, which has invested millions in community development projects on the South and West Sides.

Next, Emanuel complains about Mr. Garcia's financial plan. But what about four years with Mayor Emanuel? He put us even more in debt, he closed down 52 schools, and now he wants to raise our property taxes! Mr. Garcia is committed to finding a way to protect us. He wants to reduce tax breaks for big corporations and look into a progressive state income tax to help fund schools and pensions. He wants to end Mayor Emanuel's closed-door budgeting and open the process up to communities with a plan called participatory budgeting.

I'm not a robot. I think for myself and I take democracy very seriously. I don't agree with all of Mr. Garcia's ideas, but I am willing to let him be my mayor. He's supported by nearly every black and Hispanic leader in Chicago, and he has served since Harold Washington. I support Mr. Garcia, because I think hard about our city's future. I hope you do, too.

You may have other questions. If I can answer them, I will try, or I'll find someone who knows. My personal contact information is above. Please text, call, or e-mail to show your support.

Sincerely,

Jackie Jones