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## Statement from Mayor Emanuel on the Passing of Dawn Clark Netsch

"Few have carried forward the fight for equality, opportunity and justice for longer in our City and State than Dawn Clark Netsch. For decades, Dawn was a powerful and plain-spoken voice for those whose voices were not heard in our city and state. She refused to allow underrepresented residents of our city and state, whether they were women, immigrants, or gays and lesbians, be denied a seat at the table. Their struggle was Dawn's struggle and because of it, our city and state are more equal and just. During her recent service on the City's Ethics Task Force, I saw first-hand her commitment to a government that is accountable and responsive to all people. Whether she was fighting for equal rights, a fair, open, and accountable government, or painful illness at the end of her life, Dawn was a fighter until the end. We will honor her life by carrying forward her fight for greater equality and opportunity for all in the months and years to come."

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