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## MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES WVON RADIO HOST MATT MCGILL AND STUDENT JOURNALIST JESSICA CAMPUZANO AS HOSTS FOR SECOND #ASKCHICAGO TOWN HALL Also Announces Remote Viewing Locations Available Across the City

CHICAGO - Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced Matt McGill, host of *The Matt McGill Show* on WVON, will be joined by Jessica Campuzano, a Chicago Public Schools sophomore and aspiring journalist, as the hosts and for his second live Facebook Town Hall meeting, centered around a conversation on education, on January 23 at 6:30 p.m.

McGill and Campuzano will be moderating a discussion of questions submitted by Chicagoans via www.AskChicago.org. The event's live-studio audience will be made up of students from Westinghouse College Prep's National Honor Society, Mikvah Challenge, Student Council and Culture Colectivo. The public is invited to watch and interact with the real-time discussion at their computers or by attending several community viewing locations across the City.

"I look forward to again working with Matt McGill, who hosted our budget town hall meeting, and of course with Jessica Campuzano, a current CPS student," said Mayor Emanuel. "And more importantly, I look forward to answering questions from people across Chicago regarding improving education for children, young adults and those returning to school."

In addition to streaming the event online, the Mayor's Office is worked with the Smart Communities program, the Chicago Public Schools and the City Colleges of Chicago to plan #AskChicago viewing events. Beth Swanson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Education, will be joining students, faculty and parents at Westinghouse College Prep.

Adolfo Hernandez,Director of the Office of New Americans, will attend the public viewing event at the Instituto del Progreso Latino in Pilsen. These events are posted online next week at <u>www.AskChicago.org</u>, and residents can also contact 3-1-1 find a local viewing locations where they can participate.

Washington Heights Julian High School 10330 S Elizabeth Street Chicago, IL 60643 Phone: (773) 535-5170

Belmont Cragin Prosser Career Academy 2148 N Long Avenue Chicago, IL 60639 Phone: <u>(773) 534-3200</u>

Budlong Woods Northside College Prep 5501 N Kedzie Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60625 Phone: (773) 534-3954

Englewood Kennedy King College Family Net Center 747 W 63rd Street Building V, Room 106 Chicago, IL 60621 Contact: Clarence Hogan (773) 487-3723 <u>chogan@hullhouse.org</u> Begin arriving at: 5:30pm Number of Spots: 15

Pilsen

Instituto del Progreso Latino Family Net Center 2570 S Blue Island, Chicago, IL 60608 Contact: Jesus Gonzalez (773) 890-0055 jesus@idpl.org Luiz Magana (312) 666-1323 lmagana@resurrectionproject.org Liz Rosas-Landa (312) 618-9930 erosaslanda@resurrectionproject.org Begin arriving at 5:30pm Number of spots: 15

Auburn Gresham St. Sabina Employment Resource Center 7901 S Racine Street Chicago, IL 60620 Contact: Jimmy Prude, Cell <u>(202) 641-1101</u> Work <u>(773) 483-3969 jprude@gagdc.org</u> Begin arriving at 6:00pm Number of spots: 15-20

The Loop Harold Washington College Computer Lab (Room 404) 30 E. Lake Street Chicago, IL 60601

Ashburn



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Daley College Library 7500 S. Pulaski Road Chicago, IL 60652

The public is encouraged to submit education-related questions and vote for questions to ask the Mayor at <u>www.AskChicago.org</u>. The town hall can be viewed at <u>www.facebook.com/chicagomayorsoffice</u> or <u>www.livestream.com/chicagomayorsoffice</u>. This past June, Mayor Emanuel became the first sitting mayor of a major city to hold a live online chat in which questions were submitted and ranked by the public.

Since taking office, Mayor Emanuel has leveraged social media to better connect with the public. This Facebook Town Hall forum compliments existing efforts including:

- **ChicagoShovels.org:** Earlier this month, Mayor Emanuel announced ChicagoShovel.org, a new, interactive online resource that helps Chicagoans engage and participate in critical winter-preparedness efforts. The site was launched with a real-time "Plow Tracker" that allows residents to monitor the progress of the City's snow plows, a volunteer "Snow Corps" program, and links to winter web apps. The City is also launching an "Adopt-a-Sidewalk" shoveling initiative where Chicagoans can soon visit the site and sign up to be a part of the program.
- **ChicagoBudget.org, the first interactive budget website:** People across Chicago can engage in the City's budget process. More than 10,000 ideas and comments for addressing the City's challenges were posted, generating over 62,000 votes from 3,100 people.
- Windy City Badge and Chicago's Mayor on Foursquare: Chicago is the world's first city with its own foursquare City badge, the "Windy City" City badge. The public can follow the Mayor as he travels across the City on Foursquare.com/ChicagosMayor.
- **Chicago's first #AskChicago Facebook Town Hall:** On June 30, 2011, Mayor Emanuel was the first sitting mayor of a major city to hold a live online chat in which questions were submitted and ranked by the public. The Mayor has committed to hosting similar forums in the future.
- **Mayor's Office on Twitter, Facebook and Google+:** Mayor Emanuel is the first Chicago Mayor to leverage Twitter and Facebook to connect with the public, answer questions and share news. Mayor Emanuel's office was the first Mayor's office to use Google+.

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