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Response to Preckwinkle's Campaign Manager's Racist, Anti-Semitic Social Media Post

“The incident of Toni Preckwinkle’s campaign manager posting a racist, anti-Semitic social media post is yet another example of the deep racism, deceit, and lack of full transparency that exists in Chicago government. Although the person was recently fired, I’d like to know how long she knew about the offensive behavior of this employee as well as potentially others on her staff and in her administration. There seems to be a pattern of ‘looking the other way until caught,’ especially with the firing in recent months of Preckwinkle’s chief of staff and head of security, one due to allegations of inappropriate behavior on personal time and the other allegedly for misuse of a county-issued vehicle, respectively.

Any mayor, especially the mayor of the City of Chicago, which this month was dubbed the ‘nation’s most corrupt big city’ by a University of Illinois report, must not tolerate any form of racism and must exhibit full transparency and accountability. Leadership starts at the top. If the top is corrupt, so goes the city. This is why it’s imperative that the Chicago political machine be dismantled. The citizens of Chicago deserve better.”

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