

# **Emanuel's battle-of-the-ballot trumps all issues in Chicago mayoral race**

Just when it looked like the Chicago news media were fixing to focus on the issues – wham! – the Illinois Appellate Court tossed the frontrunner in Chicago's mayoral race off the Feb. 22 primary ballot. True, that appellate decision only lasted for three days–on Jan. 27 the state Supreme Court restored Rahm Emanuel to the ballot. But the off-again, on-again battle of the ballot has made it hard for everyone–press and public–to re-focus on the stuff that really matters.