



Chicago's 2023 Mayoral Race: Reclaiming Harold Washington's Multiracial Coalition

In 1983, Harold Washington forged a multiracial, progressive coalition that propelled him to victory as Chicago's first Black mayor. Washington's triumph marked a turning point in U.S. urban politics, one cut short by his tragic death in 1987. Forty years after his stunning victory, a new Chicago mayoral contest raises the question: what can we learn from the Washington era?

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Moderator

Juan González, cohost of *Democracy Now*, and Senior Fellow at Great Cities Institute



Panelists

Gordon Mantler, author of *The Multiracial Promise: Harold Washington's Chicago and the Democratic Struggle in Reagan's America*, and Executive Director of the University Writing Program; Associate Professor of History at George Washington University



Jakobi Williams, author of *From the Bullet to the Ballot: The Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party and Racial Coalition Politics in Chicago*, and Ruth N. Halls Associate Professor, Department of History; Chair, Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies at Indiana University

Lilia Fernández, author of *Brown in the Windy City: Mexicans and Puerto Ricans in Postwar Chicago*, and Professor of History at University of Illinois Chicago

