

## Mayor's Election Victory Speech

**Rahm Emanuel:**

Last night, eh, demonstrated, eh, there was a diverse coalition from across the city that recognizes the challenges we face and the reforms we need. The page has been turned, and we're starting a new beginning in this city. Our faith as one city is in our hands, and Chicagoans are ready to step up and ensure that Chicago remains a world-class city by making the difficult decisions and choices we have to make as one city.

**Rahm Emanuel:**

A true victory, as heartening as it is, doesn't happen on Election Day. Winning, as I said last night, and I repeated this morning, and I want to repeat again: Winning, for me and I think for the city, is when a kid on the way to school, as I've seen throughout this campaign, can be thinking about their studies and not their safety. And today, too many kids are thinking about their safety. Winning is when that parent of that child can be thinking about their work, not struggling to find work. That is how you define winning.

**Rahm Emanuel:**

The voters were clear: the status quo across the waterfront of issues is unacceptable. Reform is the spirit, the goal, the objective. I am responsible for leading that effort, and I will do that with the city council as my partner in achieving that. We will do it by being as honest as we were in the campaign about the choices we have to make, as a city, to achieve the type of things that I think are necessary so Chicago stays what it is: a world-class city with a great future.

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