

# Jane Byrne Quotes

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Beens, Flight, Mistake, Ideas, Persons, Symphony, Party, Strong, Employee,  
Transportation, Chief Executives, Succeed, Long*

Be assured that I did not become the Mayor of Chicago to preside over its decline.

~Jane Byrne

If we are to succeed, we must recognize that the community redevelopment is not solely the rehabilitation of housing, or putting a mall in the business strips.

~Jane Byrne

The Chicago Symphony is considered the greatest orchestra in the world.

~Jane Byrne

Politics never takes a holiday in Chicago.

~Jane Byrne

I accept that responsibility and ask only that I be judged by my performance as its chief executive.

~Jane Byrne

But I am committed to keeping this city a strong and viable center for commerce and industry, for continuing to make it a place of opportunity for its citizens.

~Jane Byrne

The nation can no longer afford to continue policies that hasten the flight of persons to the distant suburbs.

~Jane Byrne

Our universities and museums are respected around the country.

~Jane Byrne

City employees will be hired and promoted because of their abilities - without outside interference.

~Jane Byrne

Tonight - by taking this solemn oath - I am no longer a private citizen but the Mayor of the City of Chicago.

~Jane Byrne

In the days and months I spent walking through the various communities of this city, I found that Chicago did not work for everyone, however.

~Jane Byrne

The people ask much, often more than any government can give. We must resist the temptation to promise solutions to all problems.

~Jane Byrne

Chicago kept industry, attracted new business, became the center for convention trade and transportation.

~Jane Byrne

But always I was a private citizen whose activities in government or political party were appointive.

~Jane Byrne

In the housing projects, people talked of ways to reduce crime, relieve overcrowding, and they were good ideas that we plan to study, and possibly implement.

~Jane Byrne

I am a Democrat. I have been one all of my life.

~Jane Byrne

I pledge tonight to be Mayor for all of the people of this city - for one Chicago.

~Jane Byrne

As I visited the various neighborhoods in the campaign, I learned fast that it's a mistake to think that all of the wisdom and possible solutions to our problems are available only in this building.

~Jane Byrne

The people of Chicago are a proud people - and for good reason.

~Jane Byrne

For my part, I plan to work out a fair and adequate redistribution of city services to all city neighborhoods.

~Jane Byrne

When there were fears about the future of this nation's older cities... when a few of the cities teetered on the brink of bankruptcy, all eyes were focused on Chicago for contrast.

~Jane Byrne

The cooperation of government at its different levels is important and can only be achieved as long as the people of Chicago are directly involved in our efforts and supportive of our goals.

~Jane Byrne

But as important as the job to be done by government in the neighborhoods, the people must also be involved.

~Jane Byrne

We must care. We must all care. And while I am working, while the governments is working, so must the people also work.

~Jane Byrne

Chicago's neighborhoods have always been the city's greatest strength.

~Jane Byrne

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