



On October 2, 2010, Chicago lost its bid to produce and host the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. For some, the decision was a shattering blow to the ego of the city and a monumental defeat for the city's powerful. To others, it was a triumph of grass roots community organizing in face of the most powerful people on the planet.

The battle for the bid offers telling lessons on a number of fronts. This was a clash of two fundamentally different views of how to make a city prosperous. It was about local politics and who gets to decide the fate of neighborhoods. **It was about democracy, dissent and fear.**

Now, one year later, an examination of the battle will help set up just about every relevant issue that the city will be facing as it picks its next mayor. It is our hope that the story of the battle for the bid will help frame and inform the civic work that will be unfolding in Chicago.

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