



Why Walgreens Gives Up

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Walgreens closes another store in another crime-ridden Chicago neighborhood, so of course folks get mad at Walgreens.

The defeated Chatham store, closing its doors on June 4, suffered a million dollars in losses last year, citing theft rates “[far above company average](#)” — according to [one astute observer on X](#).

“Mayor Brandon Johnson is facing outrage,” explains our twitterer, “particularly on the South Side.”

One is tempted to ask the obvious question: *How do these politicians get elected if Chicagoans are so readily up in arms over their neighborhood-destroying priorities?*

While Chicago residents — that is, *some* Chicago residents — relate causes to effects and are angry with Johnson because of his policies and nonpolicies, [other residents](#) direct all their ire towards the drug store chain, instead: “With Another South Side Walgreens Set To Close, Neighbors Protest ‘Corporate Abandonment.’”

Local leaders “and residents” are rallying “to demand” that the chain either keep this particular store open or give money to healthcare organizations in the area. Hey, I’d like Walgreens to give me money to help me with stuff too. I wouldn’t think of *demanding* it though. Or *demanding* that Walgreens stores operate at a loss.

Anyway, I get it now. I get why Chicago is like this. Instead of blaming their politicians for being soft on crime, instead of blaming their neighborhood criminals, instead of blaming themselves for letting the politicians and the criminals destroy their city and civilization, too many very vocal citizens focus blame on the least guilty party in this whole sorry mess.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.