

# **WITHDRAWING JARRETT'S CANDIDACY AS AN F-U TO BLAGOJEVICH**

The WSJ notices something I pointed out Tuesday. There was a two-hour meeting on November 10 at which Blago's team tried to concoct a way to get Obama's team to give something of value in exchange for Valerie Jarrett's appointment to replace Obama as Senator, closely followed by Jarrett's withdrawal from consideration. What the WSJ misses, though, is that there's pretty clear evidence that Obama refused to deal with Blago.

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## **JESSE JACKSON JR. MET BLAGOJEVICH IN THE LATTER'S OFFICE: WERE THEY TAPED?**

What do you think the chances are that the meeting between Jesse Jackson Jr. and Rod Blagojevich was taped on Monday?

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## **THE FIRST JESSE JACKSON JR-RELATED BLAGOJEVICH CONTACT**

# **WAS BEFORE OCTOBER 31**

Fitzgerald's chronology of Blagojevich's discussions relating to Jesse Jackson Jr. are not entirely clear. It appears, at first glance, that those discussions all took place in December, in the last week or so. But that's not right. The first Blago reference Fitz records occurred on October 31, four days before the election.

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## **BLAGOJEVICH'S SEIU CONTACT NOT ANDY STERN**

My NPR station reported earlier today that the SEIU contact that Blagojevich spoke with—referenced in the complaint—was not Andy Stern. NPR said it was Tom Balinoff, President of SEIU Local 1.

A senior advisor to the SEIU has confirmed to me that the contact in the complaint is not Stern, though he could not confirm that it was Balinoff.

The SEIU advisor also told me that SEIU proactively contacted Fitzgerald's office.

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## **WEEDS, FOR MARK**

# **AMBINDER**

I'm not so sure that Fitz hasn't asked Obama to be quiet about any discussions about his replacement. Particularly as those discussions relate to Rahm.

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## **JESSE JACKSON JR. PRESS CONFERENCE**

Short version: Jackson uses this as a campaign commercial, he makes a narrow denial about the conversations of his supporters with Blago, and he refuses to take questions.

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## **NEXT BLAGOJEVICH SHOE TO DROP: THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR**

Gosh. Deputy Governor gets named a bunch of times in a criminal complaint yesterday. And a Deputy Governor resigns today. You think there's a connection?

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## **WILL HAVING THE NAME "JESSE JACKSON"**

## **ASSOCIATED WITH BLAGOJEVICH...**

Will having the name “Jesse Jackson” associated with Blagojevich further inflame those nutters trying to tie Obama to Blago, or will it give them a favorite lefty dynasty to devour and in so doing stave their hunger for a scandal larger than it is? Unfortunately, I’m guessing it’s the former...

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## **WHAT FITZGERALD IS HIDING IN HIS BLAGOJEVICH COMPLAINT**

Often, Pat Fitz says as much by his silence in indictments as he does by what he says directly.

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## **RAHM ALMOST CERTAINLY DIDN’T BUST BLAGOJEVICH**

Earlier today Rahm claimed credit for busing Blago (he has now released a statment saying the earlier leak was wrong). The timing on Rahms’ involvement always suggested the Senate seat sale came late on the wiretaps. But what WAS Rahm’s involvement?