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- Today's complaint is not made for political theatre, but instead, to address the eroding of our constitutionally guaranteed liberties as Americans. It's a tragedy that this erosion of our rights is being orchestrated by the Democratic Party in a bald attempt to curry political favor.
- We are seeing a frightening pattern emerge in this country and, now -- in this City. That's a pattern of government using its unique and overwhelming power to curtail the free expression of belief and the free exercise of religion.
- First the Obama Administration stated it would not defend the Defense of Marriage Act -- a law passed by Congress. Then we had the HHS mandate that will force all employers that provide insurance coverage to pay for medications and procedures regardless of whether they conflict with their religious beliefs. Now we have an American company founded by a man with traditional Judeo-Christian views on what constitutes marriage being told his company will not be able to open a second location in Chicago.
- I've had this little book sitting on my desk for years -- our Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. As you can see, these aren't massive documents. In very few words, they lay out the principles that have made this nation what President Ronald Reagan called the "shining light on the hill that attracts freedom-loving people everywhere."
- We need to safeguard religious liberty. We need to safeguard freedom of speech. We need to reign in those who would throw away the core tenets of American democracy just to win elections. I would hope that those who have been entrusted with upholding our laws in this State will look beyond partisan politics and put a stop to clear human rights violations that threaten our nation's foundational principles.