

Media Advisory...



from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford and Parents Call For an End to Violence and For CPD to Catch Killers

CHICAGO – With the number of shooting victims in the City of Chicago reaching almost 2,500 in 2017, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, and community leaders will be hosting an anti-violence march and a press conference highlighting the families of victims of gun violence in the Austin neighborhood. The press conference will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 26 at Lake Street and Central Avenue just before the march. The march will then proceed down Lake Street to Laramie Avenue, then on Laramie Avenue south to Quincy Avenue.

“My life will never be the same. The hole in my heart will never close. The best surgeon can’t repair it; my son is gone and never coming back,” said Bertha Purnell, the mother of Maurice Purnell, a 28 year old father who was gunned down in June of 2017. “His children will not get a chance to know his greatness and some useless person is continuing to live their life freely without remorse. We need the police to find these killers and we need justice!”

“We hear of these stories that are tearing our community and families apart and the violence must stop,” said Ford. “For the sake of making our community better, we must end the senseless violence that is plaguing our streets, and instead, renew a promise to work together to build a better future for our children and grandchildren.”

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Ford’s constituent service office at 773-378-5902 or email AustinMarch@LaShawnFord.com.

WHO:	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford Parents & Family of Violence Victims More than 1 dozen community advocacy organizations
WHAT:	Press Conference and Community March for a Better West Side of Chicago
WHEN:	Saturday, August 26, 2017 5:30 p.m.
WHERE:	Lake Street and Central Avenue, Chicago, 60644 March down Lake St. to Laramie Ave, then on Laramie Ave. south to Quincy Ave.