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## **Ford Announces Suburban Office Hours**

**OAK PARK, IL -** State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) announced Thursday that his Suburban Constituent Service Office in Oak Park will be open full-time to offer another location for suburban constituents to access services provided by Ford and his staff.

"A full-time office will provide suburban residents another location to access services and find out about state programs," Ford said. "Citizens deserve high-quality and convenient constituent services, and everyone should have a way of easily expressing their views and accessing state services."

Ford's full-time Suburban Constituent Service Office is located at 816 S. Oak Park Avenue, Suite A, in Oak Park. Ford's full-time Legislative Aide Tony Ellis will staff the office and will be available to respond to constituents' needs. Ellis can be reached at (708) 445-FORD (3673), or via e-mail at TonyEllis.RepFord@gmail.com.

"As many citizens are facing difficult times due to the economy and high unemployment, they should be able to more easily access available State of Illinois services," Ford said. "We are here to help citizens know about state programs that could help, publicize the many available community services, and listen to concerns about issues facing the state so action can be taken."

Ford's Suburban Office will open full-time on Monday, March 22, 2010, and regular office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Ford's District-Wide Constituent Service Office, located at 5104 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago, will continue to remain open full-time with the same hours of operation. Ford represents the Eighth District, which includes the Austin community on the West Side of Chicago and portions of the suburban communities of Oak Park, Berwyn, North Riverside, Riverside and Proviso Township.