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Ford Proposes to Make Chicago Police Superintendent an Elected Position

CHICAGO – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, wants to give residents a say when it comes to police leadership, and is proposing that the Chicago Police Superintendent role become an elected position.

Ford will discuss details of his proposal Friday at 10:30 a.m. at his district office, located at 5051 W. Chicago Ave.

“Right now, some residents don’t feel that the appointment of the top cop gives them a voice in selecting the best superintendent to head the Chicago Police Department,” Ford said. “The current structure doesn’t hold the superintendent accountable to the taxpayers. Changing the selection process for the top cop position would give our police leadership and residents the opportunity to develop a platform and strategy that’s approved by taxpayers necessary to tackle crime in our city. By being an elected position, residents would be able to have a choice and more of an influence on the direction of our policing strategy.”

Ford’s proposal would make the position a four year term elected as part of a consolidated election, comparable to how state’s attorney and sheriff elections are typically held. To preserve accountability, a recall provision would enable residents to remove a superintendent from office if needed.

Ford will be joined Friday by members of the community who want to address violence with a comprehensive approach that targets the illegal flow of guns into the state, the illicit drug market and efforts to improve needed human services.

“We have to stop the cycle of street justice,” Ford said. “Not only do we have to focus on police work, we also should work to bring trauma assistance and other needed mental health care to neighborhoods impacted by ongoing violence.”

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<p>Who: State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, community activists What: Press conference on Ford proposal to make Chicago Police Superintendent role elected, efforts to target violence in city When: Friday, Aug. 14; 10:30 a.m. Where: Ford’s district office, 5051 W. Chicago Ave.</p>

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