



# *Media Advisory...*

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## **Ford and Wheeler Hold Conference Call for House Members on Chicago Violence**

**CHICAGO** – State Representatives La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, and Barbara Wheeler, R-Crystal Lake, will host a bipartisan conference call for Illinois House members regarding the current violence in Chicago. Ford and Wheeler will call for a comprehensive plan from city and state officials to protect Chicago neighborhoods.

“Within thirty days, we want a plan to deal with the violence in Chicago,” said Ford. “We want the president, governor, mayor, president of the county board and all legislative bodies to come up with and implement a plan. I think we need to stand together from all communities against the killing. We are all affected by the violence in Chicago.”

“We need to put politics aside; it’s long overdue for city and state leaders to end the gang violence, stop the crime epidemic, and protect our youth,” said Wheeler.

This bipartisan conference call will be held on Friday, August 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. for all members of the House to schedule a bipartisan press conference aiming to promote these agenda items:

1. Demand that within 30 days city, state and relevant stakeholders present a comprehensive plan to end deadly violence
2. Form a concrete plan to end the flow of illegal drugs and guns into the South and West Sides of Chicago
3. Deploy additional resources from state, city, and county to violence-affected communities to provide behavioral health support
4. Other topics to be determined

Ford represents the Eighth District, which contains parts of Chicago’s Austin neighborhood and portions of Berwyn, Brookfield, Forest Park, La Grange, La Grange Park, North Riverside and Oak Park. For more information, please contact Rep. Ford’s district office at 773-378-5902 or visit [www.LaShawnFord.com](http://www.LaShawnFord.com).