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from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford and Board of Election Push to Increase Voter Turnout

CHICAGO- State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-CH) and the Chicago Board of Elections will hold a press conference to push the millennial and ex offender voter turnout on Tuesday 16, 2018 at Slice of Bronzeville at 4655 S. King Drive in Chicago.

Millennials are now as large of a political force as Baby Boomers according to an analysis of U.S. census data from the Pew Research Center, which defines millennials as people between the ages of 18-35. Both generations are roughly 31 percent of the overall electorate.

“We want to encourage millennials to vote in the next election and push voter turnout in Illinois,” said Ford. Ex-offenders and millennials must show their voting power in this next election. We will inform voters about automatic registration, same-day voter registration, and provide a voter guide of important information.”

Voting rights in Illinois are automatically restored upon release from prison, and people on parole or probation can vote. Ex-offenders should re-register to vote.

“In Illinois it is also very important that people with felonies recognize that, when they’re out of prison, they have a right to vote. Other states, in the South, people with felonies, they don’t have that right,” Ford said. “In Illinois, there are 4.1 million people with some form of a background that have a right to vote.”

WHAT: Ford and Chicago Board of Election Push to Increase Voter Turnout

WHO: State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, Chicago Board of Election

WHEN: Tuesday, October 16

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

WHERE: Slice of Bronzeville, 4655 S. King Drive, CH, IL

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