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Ford and Chicago Board of Election Push to Increase Voter Turnout

CHICAGO – Illinois State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, and representatives from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners will hold a press conference to push the millennial and ex-offender voter turnout on Tuesday, October 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’s guide containing 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. In other states, especially in the South, people with felonies don’t have the right to vote,” said Ford. “In Illinois, there are 4.1 million people with some form of a background who still have a right to vote.”

WHAT: Ford and Board of Elections Push to Increase Voter Turnout

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

WHEN: Tuesday, October 16, 2018; 6 P.M.

WHERE: Slice of Bronzeville, 4655 S. King Drive, Chicago, Illinois

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.

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