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from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford to Discuss Legislation to Deal with Violence as a Public Health Issue

State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, will join State Reps. Lisa Hernandez, D-Cicero and Camille Lilly, D-Chicago, Cook County Commissioner Deborah Sims and Rev. Anthony Williams at Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield for a special listening session on violence. Rep. Ford and participants will address violence as a public health issue and discuss legislation that can promote healing and prevention.

The recent shooting at Mercy Hospital which resulted in four fatalities, including a Chicago police officer, drew national attention to the plight of violence in Chicago.

“Let us put violence on trial in Chicago and Illinois. Violence will be prosecuted and found guilty,” declared Rev. Anthony Williams, Pastor of First Congressional Church of Berwyn. “And because of this action, legislation and public policies will come into existence that will promote civility and safety.”

“I believe in the public health approach to violence, which sees violence as being preventable, not inevitable,” said Ford. “Preventing violence is not solely a punitive approach. The goal of our meeting will be to work on comprehensive approaches to prevent violence, starting with developing a blueprint for action,” said Ford.

WHAT: PRESS CONFERENCE ON VIOLENCE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE
WHEN: Monday, November 26, 2018, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Calvary Baptist Church, 2208 E. Kansas Road, Springfield, Illinois 62703
WHO: State Representative La Shawn K. Ford
State Representative Lisa Hernandez
State Representative Camille Lilly
Cook County Commissioner Deborah Sims
Rev. Anthony Williams

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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