



Media Advisory...

from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford and Community Praise 15th District Police for Helping to Make Community Safer

“A bloody weekend on West Chicago Ave combatted by community and police with celebration of love and unity through the spirit of Mandela”

CHICAGO – State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) hosts the 6th year anniversary naming of Mandela Road and Mandela birthday celebration on July 24th. The event is an effort to raise community support to halt violence, and to strengthen relationships. After a neighborhood threatened with illegal activities, shootings and homicides, Ford and the West Side community celebrate with Chicago police to announce a victory over violence.

“The West Side has more homicides than any other parts of the city combined,” said Ford. “We thank the Chicago police for the dedication and effectiveness in bringing peace to families and local businesses in our community. This partnership with CPD and the community shows what is possible to make our neighborhoods safe.”

On July 14th, a drive by shooting took place on the 800 block of LeClaire striking both people and property. Ford’s vehicle was struck by bullets during the drive by while he was parked on the street. Flying bullets also struck a home of a family that was ultimately stopped by a loveseat’s armrest. Since that day the community and police have worked together to change things significantly.

“On July 24th we will honor President Mandela and join a movement of change-makers to do our part in maintaining peace and safety for our communities. With the West Side residents and CPD working together, we show that actions speak louder than words in keeping our neighborhoods safe from violence.”

Press Conference will be held at 5051 W. Chicago Ave. on July 24, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

Celebration will be held at 5051 W. Chicago Ave. on July 24, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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