

Media Advisory...



from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford, WHA, and CPD Announce the Strategy to End West Side Killings

"Bloody weekend on West Chicago Ave Combatted by community and police with Celebration of Love and Unity for Mandela Day."

CHICAGO – State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) hosts the 6th year anniversary naming of Mandela Road and Mandela birthday celebration on July 18th. This event is an effort to raise community support to halt violence, and to strengthen relationships. This day will be a day when more than a dozen agencies, businesses, and nonprofits will announce their support for the West Side of Chicago. The west side of Chicago has more homicides than other parts of the city combined. The Chicago police and the community organization will announce the plan to make the west side safe.

To honor Nelson Mandela, the late South African statesman, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and First President of the post-apartheid South Africa, State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, introduced House Joint Resolution 89 in 2014 designating the portion of Cicero Avenue from Grand Avenue to Roosevelt Road as Mandela Road. The resolution passed both the House and the Senate in unanimous, bipartisan votes. The dedication of the naming of Mandela Road occurred on July 18, 2014, Mandela's birthday.

"On July 18th we will honor President Mandela and will join the movement of change-makers and do our part to in the spirit of Madiba and his vision to spread social justice and freedom for all - this is our chance to become a part of a continuous global movement for good," said Ford. "Let us all emulate the servant leader we loved by becoming servant leaders ourselves. By becoming a Mandela Day change-maker and doing something that effects positive change every day, we can show that actions speak louder than words."

Partners currently include:

Institute for Nonviolence Chicago
Alternative School Network
Paul Simon Job Crop
Lincoln Challenge
The Good Neighbors Campaign
Westside Health Authority
Loretto Hospital
Chicago Public Schools
Market 72
Habilitative Systems Inc
Chicago Park Districts
Chicago Urban League
Bobby E. Wright

The Press Conference will be held at 4800 W. Chicago Ave on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 11:30 am.

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