

**MARCH 9, 2004**

**SCHAKOWSKY MEETS WITH EVANSTON POSTMASTER NIEVAS - MONTHLY MEETINGS TO FOLLOW**

**ENCOURAGES CONSTITUENTS TO CONTACT HER WITH COMPLAINTS**

**EVANSTON, IL - In their first meeting to discuss her constituents' concerns about mail delivery and service, U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) vowed to work closely with newly appointed Evanston Postmaster Samuel Nieves to handle the recent increase in complaints about postal service.**

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**Schakowsky pointed to complaints she continues to receive from her constituents about postal mail delivery delays and she also discussed the concerns from letter carriers about work environment conditions.**

**Postmaster Nieves agreed to meet monthly with Schakowsky to provide a progress report about steps being taken to address the issues raised during this initial meeting and other problems.□□ Schakowsky was also pleased that Postmaster Nieves has committed to responding to all congressional inquiries within 5 business days.**

**Schakowsky encouraged her constituents to contact her office at 847/328-3399 with any complaints or problems they may be experiencing with postal delivery or service in Evanston.□ Those concerns will be presented to Postmaster Nieves during the monthly meetings.□ The dates and times of those meeting will be posted on Schakowsky's webpage at [http://www.house.gov/htbin/leave\\_site?In\\_url=http://intranet.house.gov/apps/list/press/il09\\_schakowsky/www.house.gov/schakowsky](http://www.house.gov/htbin/leave_site?In_url=http://intranet.house.gov/apps/list/press/il09_schakowsky/www.house.gov/schakowsky)**

□ **"The residents of Evanston are entitled to timely mail delivery and quality service and letter carriers must be treated with respect and dignity.□ I believe Postmaster Nieves agrees and I look forward to working with him to accomplish these goals," Schakowsky said.**