

**REPRESENTATIVE SCHAKOWSKY ANNOUNCES AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

CHICAGO, IL U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) announced today at her Chicago office the creation of an African and Caribbean Advisory Committee for the 9th Congressional District. Chairing the committee is Mr. Hayelom Ayele, President of the African Institute for Education and Development.

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The committee will meet quarterly to discuss current legislative initiatives and local community issues and concerns.□□

"It is very important to keep an open line of communication between elected officials and the communities they represent.□ I will be relying on the committee to help me find additional ways to offer assistance and be involved in the African and Caribbean communities.□ The committee will also play a vital role in advising me on policy issues relevant to African and Caribbean nations," said Schakowsky.