

Schakowsky stops by U.S. Representative visits her constituents in new Des Plaines portion of district

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U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, a Chicago Democrat, is feeling her way out into the new suburban aspects of her district.

In early January, Schakowsky's legislative territory will break into Des Plaines and Park Ridge, meaning a whole new set of issues are on her plate. First stop, Des Plaines seniors.

The congresswoman recently stopped into the Des Plaines Community Senior Center, 515 E. Thacker St., and Andy's restaurant, 1515 E. Oakton St. The two are both hot spots for the local senior community.

Schakowsky spokeswoman Nadeam Elshami said the congresswoman made the senior center a high priority stop because health care issues are a main agenda item for her.

"The No. 1 issue that seniors have been talking about are the high costs of prescription drugs," Elshami said. "We don't want to just lower prescription drug costs, but provide these seniors with what they've been promised all along- a prescription drug benefit through Medicare."

Elshami said the congresswoman is well-versed in local issues and will continue to make visits to local community venues to listen to the priorities of her new constituents.