

Schakowsky to be in House Leadership

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WASHINGTON-Evanston Democrat Jan Schakowsky has been appointed to serve in the leadership team of U-S House Speaker-designate Nancy Pelosi.

The Illinois congresswoman, who is one of Congress' most liberal members, will be a chief deputy Democratic whip in the 110th Congress.

Chief deputy whips were selected by Pelosi in consultation with Majority Whip-elect James E. Clyburn of North Carolina and the decision was announced by Clyburn.

Schakowsky, was first appointed to the post of Chief Deputy Democratic Whip under then Democratic Whip Nancy Pelosi and continued in the role under Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland.

Chief deputy whips are part of the official Democratic leadership structure and also serve on the House Steering and Policy Committee.

The job of the whip team is to maximize party unity and ensure passage of priority legislation in the House.

Schakowsky may also gain the gavel as the chair of a House subcommittee specializing on consumer rights issues. The committee is to decide the matter in January.