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Rep. Fritchey Kicks off Reelection Campaign *Also Announces Bid for 32nd Ward Committeeman*

Chicago - State Representative John Fritchey (D-Chicago) today formally announced his intention to seek reelection as Representative for the 11th District, comprising all or parts of the neighborhoods of Bucktown, DePaul, Wrightwood, Roscoe Village, Lake View, Ravenswood, and Lincoln Square.

In a highly-anticipated announcement before a packed room of supporters at the Green Dolphin Street restaurant, Rep. Fritchey also declared his candidacy for Democratic Committeeman for the 32nd Ward.

“For the last ten years, it has been my privilege to serve as a member of the General Assembly. In that role, I have worked hard to represent the interests of my neighbors both at home and in Springfield,” stated Rep. Fritchey. “I am proud of the accomplishments that I have been able to achieve on issues ranging from cleaning up state government to fighting for property tax relief and reform. And I look forward to the opportunity to continue this important work for another term.”

Rep. Fritchey was first elected in 1996, and served for two terms as the Chairman of the Consumer Protection Committee. For the last two terms, he has presided as Chairman of the House Civil Judiciary Committee. In 2003, along with Senator Barack Obama, he was named as one of the 100 rising stars of the Democratic Party nationally.

Fritchey, 43, stated that his candidacy for committeeman, a non-paying political post, stems from his desire to create and develop an independent Democratic organization for the ward. The present committeeman is Theris Gabinski, former 32nd Ward Alderman. Gabinski, 68, was the protégé of former Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, the ward’s previous committeeman, and orchestrated the appointment in 1999 of former Alderman Ted Matlak, who was defeated three months ago by Alderman Scott Waguespack.

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“It is my desire to be committeeman, not in the way that some people have treated the job, as a position for power and influence; but in the way the job should be done, as a position to inform, attract, energize and mobilize the voters,” Fritchey stated.

“Now more than ever, the voters of the 32nd Ward recognize that they can create historical change at every level of government,” Rep. Fritchey told the crowd, adding that “It won’t be easy; there are those that want to prevent change, that want to keep our ward buried in old-fashioned machine politics.”

“But I place my full faith in the process and in my belief that when the people and families of the 32nd Ward are given the opportunity to elect independent leaders, they will do so.”

The election is February 5, 2008.

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