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Cc: Martinez, Denise; Garate, Teresa; Hurtado, Mireya; Ocasio, Billy; Lopez, Jose J; Villa, Silvia
Subject: RE: Greetings from Melrose Park!
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 6:20:36 PM

Hi, Father Claudio. Thanks for getting in touch. I'll try to answer your questions.

Many of the target communities have Latino residents. Just because the lead agency isn't a Latino organization, that doesn't mean that there won't be Latino partner providers in the community who will work with the lead agencies to carry out the program components. I expect that there will be many such partners, both faith –based and secular organizations-- that will be involved in the NRI Initiative.

In Maywood, both the local officials and the state officials involved felt that the Village should be the lead and that they would do a good job of subcontracting with community partners. We accepted that recommendation.

Please stay in touch.

Best,
Barbara

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Hi Barbara,

Thank you very much for your letter regarding the list of the lead agencies.
I was happy to notice that you have added four more African American communities in the South Suburban townships, but I'm not so happy to see that other high neighborhoods at risk weren't included, particularly the Latino communities. I strongly feel and believe (and with me many other faith based community leaders) that the challenges we are facing in the Latino communities are equal or worse than other communities. Only four out of twentyfour sites there is a strong Latino presence.
Also I would like to know how it came about that the Village of Maywood is the lead agency of itself. I didn't know that municipalities could be a lead agency! Who knew? The eldermen suggested themselves?
I'm sorry about the last questions, but it seems odd to me.
After the election I will call the new established "Catholic Network" for a meeting and we will do our own evaluation regarding our role and presence to the "faith based

communities" network.
Please let me know what is next.

Thank you very much for your hard work.
God bless you!

Fr. Claudio

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