From: Shaw, Barbara
To: Irving, Toni
Cc: Weems, Malcolm
Subject: FW: FYI
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:39:59 PM
Importance: High

Hi, Toni. I just wanted to alert you that I received another call from a reporter (WBEZ) about Austin. He was asking about how Lead Agencies were selected. When I tried to find out what he's working on, I gleaned that it was about Austin. He wouldn't tell me the specific issue, saying he wanted to check it out first to see if there's any basis. He said he's going to an aldermanic forum in Austin tonight to check out the information he received and said he would call back tomorrow. I sent you an email yesterday about the call I received then.

Apparently there's a highly contested aldermanic race in Austin and it sounds like the challenger may be using NRI as an issue to attack the current alderman.

If you want to call me, I'll be here in the office for at least another hour or so (312) 814-1514. Otherwise, you can reach me on my cell at (312) 636-4557.

Thanks,
Barbara

From: Shaw, Barbara
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:29 PM
To: Irving, Toni
Subject: FYI

Hi, Toni. I just wanted you to know that I received a call today from Kristin Hartman from Channel 2. Someone from the 29th ward (Austin) told her that some of the funds meant for their community had been given to the South Suburbs. I double checked with the Austin Lead Agency and was assured that all their Coordinating and Providing Partners are from Austin and that none of the funds were going to the South Suburbs. I reported this back to Ms. Hartman and that seemed to settle it for her. She said it sounded bizarre but that she needed to ask.

Thanks,
Barbara