From: Irving, Toni
To: D"Alessandro, John
Subject: Fw: -Rep Arroyo
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JD, Arroyo wants to add 2 lead agencies to NRI. I explained to him that the number was set and all funds were committed to the existing 23 communities. I also explained that there are at least a dozen legislators who want their communities added in and we couldn't add 1 without the others but he is still insistent about Hermosa getting equal funding w/the existing 23. Please make sure PQ is aware of these details before he meets with Arroyo. Let me know if there are any questions. Thx

Toni Irving
Deputy Chief of Staff
Governor Pat Quinn

----- Original Message -----
From: Shaw, Barbara
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To: Irving, Toni
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FYI--I just noticed this email.

-----Original Message-----
From: Valencia Myles [mailto:mylesv@ChicagoCommons.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:44 PM
To: Shaw, Barbara
Cc: Edgar Ramirez
Subject: NRI Advocacy

Hello Barb,

Edgar and I met with Rep. Arroyo, this afternoon. We presented a one pager and the zip code charts that show that his constituents participate and benefit from NRI. The Rep. was generous with his time. He was receptive to hearing the information we wanted to share.

Rep. Arroyo shared his views and intentions regarding NRI. The Representative stated that:

· He has scheduled a meeting with Governor Quinn tomorrow (Wednesday) to discuss how organizations in his district can garner a lead agency designation and funding;

· He has identified 2 organizations (Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center and YMCA McCormick) that he thinks should administer NRI in his community.

· He has monitored (watched) the program all year (FY11) and appreciated the collaborative efforts of Chicago Commons and other organizations in the targeted communities;

· He is well informed about NRI activities and events and likes the program but he does not like that his community is not a NRI community.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Regards,

Valencia