From: Irving, Toni
To: Bertuca, Lou; D"Alessandro, John
Subject: Fw: NRI Advocacy
Date: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 4:32:29 PM

She is very excitable

Toni Irving
Deputy Chief of Staff
Governor Pat Quinn

----- Original Message -----
From: Irving, Toni
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 04:32 PM
To: Shaw, Barbara
Subject: Re: NRI Advocacy

Will follow up after the Gov weighs in.

Toni Irving
Deputy Chief of Staff
Governor Pat Quinn

----- Original Message -----
From: Shaw, Barbara
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 04:28 PM
To: Irving, Toni
Subject: FW: NRI Advocacy

FYI. This is very worrisome. When you get back next week, can we talk about a strategy for working with him on this? As Chair of the Approp Committee in the House he could be responsible for NRI and SNW receiving no appropriations for FY 13.

-----Original Message-----
From: Valencia Myles [mailto:mylesv@ChicagoCommons.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 3:40 PM
To: Shaw, Barbara
Subject: RE: NRI Advocacy

He said he does NOT intend to support funding without more "funding" coming into his community. He thinks the Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center and YMCA McCormick should be funded as NRI agencies.

-----Original Message-----
From: Shaw, Barbara [mailto:Barbara.Shaw@Illinois.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 3:32 PM
To: Valencia Myles
Subject: RE: NRI Advocacy

He does NOT intend to support funding?

-----Original Message-----
From: Valencia Myles [mailto:mylesv@ChicagoCommons.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 3:31 PM
To: Shaw, Barbara
Subject: RE: NRI Advocacy

Yes.
The Representative said he does not intend to support appropriations for NRI or SNW in the FY 13

budget. Hopefully, his meeting with the Governor goes well.

-----Original Message-----
From: Shaw, Barbara [mailto:Barbara.Shaw@Illinois.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 2:38 PM
To: Valencia Myles
Cc: Edgar Ramirez
Subject: RE: NRI Advocacy

Thanks for the thoughtful update. Did Rep Arroyo indicate anything about his posture vis-à-vis FY 13 appropriations for NRI and SNW.

I wonder how his meeting went today.

-----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