

Legislative Director Report – Kevin Palmer November 14, 2019

Fall Illinois Legislature Lobbying

Bobby Walser, Gerri Songer, and I spent Tuesday November 12 and Wednesday November 13 in Springfield meeting with various House and Senate members to make Local 1211's presence known. We wanted to thank them for a productive Spring Session and wish them well in the Fall Veto Session. We all three stopped by the Governor's office to thank him for his successes and to invite him, unfortunately he was otherwise occupied; worth a shot!

For dinner, we met at Augie's Front Burner to meet and greet our evening guests. I invited Senator Omar Aquino, 2nd District (who was unfortunately home sick), Representative Delia Ramirez, 4th District and Ann Williams, 11th District (who were unable to attend as their committee meetings ran over). Those who did attend that I invited were Representative Greg Harris, 13th District and Majority Leader in the Illinois House General Assembly, Representative Celina Villanueva, 21st District, and Will Guzzardi, 39th District. Attending that both Bobby and Gerri invited were - Senators Laura Murphy, Ann Gillespie, Christina Castro, and Terry Link as well as Representatives Michelle Mussman, Fred Crespo, Jonathan Carroll, and Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz the new 17th District Representative, joined us either to say hello or join us for dinner. On Wednesday, we chatted for quite a bit with newly appointed Senator, and former Representative Robert Martwick, 10th District. He was very forthcoming about his pleasant surprise about the Spring Session and hopeful for the Fall Veto Session. Overall, it was a very productive visit and helped further our close ties to our allies in the state General Assembly.