

Legislative Director Report – Kevin Palmer, February 2020

Chicago Progressive Caucus Union Breakfast – Thursday February 6

I attended the Chicago Progressive Reform Caucus Union Leadership Breakfast in Chicago, having been invited by the Caucus to attend gratis. The Caucus presented its accomplishments for 2019 and goals for 2020 and addressed specific union/labor issues, including the CTU job action and contract. There was an opportunity for union brothers and sisters to address their issues and hear responses from Caucus members. I was able to talk to several of the aldermen present, many with whom I have a first name relationship. The Progressive Reform Caucus includes - Ald. Daniel LaSpata (1); Ald. Sophia King (4); Ald. Leslie Hairston (5); Ald. Roderick Sawyer (6); Ald. Susan Sadlowski-Garza (10); Ald. Stephanie Coleman (16); Ald. David Moore (17); Ald. Jeanette Taylor (20); Ald. Michael Rodriguez (22); Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez (25); Ald. Chris Taliaferro (29); Ald. Rossana Rodriguez (33); Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa (35); Ald. Felix Cardona, Jr. (31); Ald. Scott Waugespack (32); Ald. Andre Vasquez (40); Ald. Matt Martin (47); Ald. Maria Hadden (49).

Fundraiser for Alderman Daniel LaSpata (1st Ward) – Wednesday February 26

Alderman LaSpata is the newly (2019) elected alderman for the 1st Ward, adjacent to my Ward (32nd). Alderman LaSpata is a committed member of the Progressive Caucus and was endorsed and supported by the Caucus in his bid for election. I had an opportunity to talk to the alderman regarding issues related to education. He should prove to be a committed ally for education and labor and was an active supporter of CTU during the Fall job action.