

Legislative Director Report: East/Chicago Region
Summer 2015 through October 8, 2015
Kevin Palmer

Summer 2015

I met informally with Chicago Aldermen John Arena and Scott Waugespack regarding issues related to the Progressive Caucus and our interests in helping CTU in their efforts with the Rahm Emanuel Administration's education policies. Both of these aldermen are committed to continual support of the CTU. Continued email contacts with legislators within my Legislative Director area.

Thursday September 3, 2015

I attended a fundraiser for IL Representative Will Guzzardi – 39th District (my Illinois State Representative) and pressed the Representative on how he thought we might be able to handle the current budget impasse. He indicated that with the Democratic Caucus divided and Republicans reluctant to work with Democratic legislators willing to compromise, there is no end in sight. I additionally spoke to IFT Field Rep. John Cusick on more collaboration with our Legislative Directors.

Legislative Director Facebook Page

I created a Facebook page for my Legislative Director position, the page allows me to invite legislators to my page so that I can follow their legislative work as well as be informed of their upcoming fundraisers so that I can attend and share our commitment to educational issues.
https://www.facebook.com/KevinPalmerLocal1211LegislativeDirector?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

September 18 – October 8, 2015

Communicated with Illinois Representatives and Senators in my legislative region

*Contacted either directly or the offices of Illinois State Senators and Illinois State Representatives about the upcoming November 10 -11 Lobby Days in Springfield; invited them all to the Dinner at Augie's following our lobbying.

Representative Luis Arroyo – 3rd District, Representative Cynthia Soto – 4th District, Representative Ann Williams – 11th District, Representative Sarah Feigenholtz - 12th District, Representative Greg Harris – 13th District, Representative Kelly Cassidy -14th District, Representative John D'Amico – 15th District, Representative Robert Martwick – 19th District, Representative Michael McAuliffe – 20th District, Representative Will Guzzardi – 39th District (my Illinois State Representative), Representative Jaime Andrade – 40th District, Representative Carol Ammons – 103rd District.

Senator William Delgado – 2nd District, Senator John Cullerton – 6th District, Senator Heather Steans – 7th District, Senator Ira Silverstein – 8th District, Senator Joe Mulroe – 10th District, Senator Kwame Raoul – 13th District, and Senator Iris Martinez – 20th District (my Illinois State Senator).

Thursday September 24, 2015

Attended Local 1211 Council Meeting

Thursday October 2, 2015

I attended a fundraiser for Senator Elaine Nekritz, along with Bobby Walser. We spoke to Senator Nekritz about the budget impasse in Springfield. She addressed many alternatives but all would have to include the governor and General Assembly leadership working together and at this point that seems implausible.

In Unity,
Kevin Palmer
Local 1211 Legislative Director