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To: Davis Sr., Joe
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Subject: CDBG hearing Monday
Dear Alderman Davis,

I am writing to inform you why I think it is in the long term best interest of the Community Prosecution Program to reallocate funding in a way that we think best serves the community.

In 2010 CDBG allocated \$275,000 for community prosecution. That allocation was broken out into \$120,000 for SOC to cover an Assistant District Attorney at approximately \$75,000 and a Community Prosecution Coordinator, \$105,000 to Riverworks Development Inc. to cover a Assistant District Attorney at approximately \$75,000 and a Community Prosecution Coordinator, and \$50,000 for NACDC to cover a Community Prosecution Coordinator. The Riverworks (District 5) prosecutor was partially covered by a federal grant that carried over into the first quarter of 2010, so that is why there is a discrepancy between the SOC and Riverworks allocation.

Our concern for 2011 was how do we provide a similar level of service in a more efficient and cost effective manner. In looking at this, we first looked at maintaining the same distribution as we have historically. The problem is that we cannot provide the same level of service under the current system. The budget for the Assistant District Attorney went up to \$80,000. This would allow for \$115,000 of the \$275,000 allocation to be distributed to the CBO's. This would break down to \$38,888 per CBO for a Community Prosecution Assistant. Speaking to Riverworks and NACDC, they said that they would not be able to maintain the program at current levels for that amount. We then explored transferring the allocation to Safe and Sound. Safe and Sound currently manages three Community Prosecution Assistants funded through a federal earmark. The three assistants have provided a high level of service to Police Districts 5, 4, and 7. Safe and Sound was willing to leverage their Community Prosecution Assistant currently assigned to District 5. And to manage two additional Community Prosecution Assistants that would be assigned to District 3 and District 2. This would allow us to continue to provide a similar level of service to the community and to implement consistent benchmarks and deliverables so that we are more accountable in our activities. Safe and Sound also agreed to place the Community Prosecution Assistants in the three CBO's in which they currently reside, and provide some money to the CBO's to cover overhead. We have also spoken to Leo Ries at LISC who has agreed to collaborate with the Community Prosecution Program as part of this reorganization. LISC has made the commitment to work with Community Prosecution and make the connection to economic and neighborhood development, which we believe will be very beneficial to both the program and the community.

We are committed to working with the South Side Organizing Committee and maintaining the level of services and responsiveness that we have traditionally provided Districts 2 and 6 on the south side. We will advocate for any level of reprogramming that will make them whole and allow them to continue to do the excellent work they are doing and have done in the past. This move is not supported by SOC and I have spoken directly to their executive director who has asked me not to make this change, but I again think it is in the best interest of the community to do so. Thank you for your exceptional support for this critical program and I will be happy to answer any questions or concerns raised by this process.

John