

Political Action Committee Conference Call

Tuesday, December 27th, 2005

In Attendance: Leonard Morin, Phil Josselyn, Adam Weissman

Notetaker: Adam Weissman

Agenda

- 1) Preparations for outreach event in the Bronx in January concerning ALBA and Citgo project
- 2) Discuss Status of Outreach to:
 - a) Colombia Media Project (Mario Murillo)
 - b) Ecuadorian Community (Nicolas Chango)
 - c) Killer Coke (NYU)
 - d) Peruvian Community
- 3) Status of Towns Campaign:
 - a) Discuss Letter to Nancy Pelosi commending her on her actions against Towns
 - b) Bernie's contacts in Bed Stuy
 - c) Contacts with Councilman Charles Baron's office (Phil)
 - d) Contacts via 1199 SEIU
- 4) Areas to Research:
 - a) Peruvian FTA
 - b) Congress members linked to Citgo heating fuel agreements

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- 1) Preparations for outreach event in the Bronx in January concerning ALBA and Citgo project

Adam: We need to effectively link with the community in planning this event, but only Domingo is intimate to Petrobronx project and politics.

Leonard-- Alba is also in the Bronx and he has already done an event there.

Adam: local groups need to be involved on a planning level.

Leonard agrees.

Adam-- Issue call to Bronx groups that we would co-author with a local group -- in person organizing meeting in the Bronx.

We should have the Meeks and Townes flyers at the event.

Leonard will speak to Taleigh and Domingo about Bronx contact groups and to Bernie about Townes flyer.

Leonard is willing to speak and also recommends Taleigh.

Adam: What are we trying to achieve with this event?

Leonard: Bring attention to AFTA and positive alternatives

Adam: Agrees with Leonard: Also: AVOID specific politics of Petrobronx. Focus on why US govt doesn't want PetroBronx and how that relates to FTAA and Chavez. Speakers on ALBA, Alliance for Responsible Trade proposal, and localism.

CAFTA and Meeks and Townes speaker suggestion: David Edeli of Public Citizen

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Invite all to organizing meeting for Bronx event.

Adam: Question about AFTA: Is it one big agreement linking each country or individual US bilaterals?

Leonard thinks the latter.

3) Status of Towns Campaign:

- a) Discuss Letter to Nancy Pelosi commending her on her actions against Towns

Leonard will contact Julian about writing letter. Adam happy to look at draft.

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Leonard will contact Bernie about Bed Stuy contacts.

What exactly do we want to ask them? We'd like to do an invite-based organizing meeting with local organizers/contacts to develop a strategy and plan of action for local Meeks campaign. We will suggest a forum and protest, but be open to other ideas from meeting participants.

Phil: Carlos may also have contacts in that district.

Adam: We need a better sense of Townes district-- demographics, boundaries, etc. Adam will work

on this.

Leonard: Are we focusing on Townes or Meeks and Townes?

Adam, Phil: Townes

4) Areas to Research

a) Peruvian FTA

Leonard wrote to David Adeli about it and will pass on info.

b) Congress-Citgo Contacts

Check with Taleigh for William's email about which legislators are in touch with Citgo over heating oil.