

MOSES Action Update:



Governor Snyder's Chief of Staff Dennis Muchmore meets with MOSES

On Monday, October 17th, Chief of Staff for Governor Rick Snyder, Dennis Muchmore; the Director of Strategy, Bill Rustem; and Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor on Transportation, Dennis Schornack; sat down for a successful meeting with over two dozen MOSES leaders, staff, and allies at Saint Anne's Catholic Church in Southwest Detroit.

MOSES leaders first discussed issues of Immigration, including drivers certificates and the inclusion of working families in entrepreneurial incentives. On the issue of Transportation, leaders addressed the construction of the Second Bridge to Canada in terms of job creation and the effects on the Southwestern Detroit neighborhoods and businesses. Mr. Muchmore also spoke on the meeting between the Governor, Mayor Bing, and Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood that he attended earlier that day. He expressed optimism for the development of a Regional Transit Authority, and conveyed the Governor's continued support for this project. He also announced that the Governor and Mayor Bing will co-chair a taskforce as recommended by Secretary LaHood to ensure the development of this project. Another topic of conversation concerned Health Equity. MOSES leaders presented Mr. Muchmore with a copy of the White Paper prepared by the Healthcare Taskforce, and asked that a member of the Governor's staff be assigned to continue the dialogue on this issue. Mr. Muchmore made a commitment to follow up on securing this connection.

Finally, MOSES leaders extended an invitation to the Governor and his staff to attend the November 10th MOSES Equity Summit. Leaders who attended reported that the meeting was highly productive and successful, and look forward to following up on the promises made by the Governor's staff.

Wins:

- *Dennis Muchmore will meet with MOSES to further discuss Immigration issues.*
- *The Governor's Chief of staff will follow up with MOSES leaders on the Second Bridge to Canada and how it will benefit the surrounding community.*
- *Confirmation that the Governor supports the creation of a Regional Transit Authority, and will co-chair a taskforce with Mayor Bing to ensure its creation.*
- *The Governor will appoint a staff member to develop a strategy to promote healthcare in all policies—and Dennis Muchmore will follow up on this staff assignment.*
- *The Governor and his staff were invited to the November 10th MOSES Equity Summit.*