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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Scott Hitt
From: Mr. Tonio Burgos
Date: April 7, 1997
Subject: Andrew Cuomo Meeting

As per your request, the following are some points for our meeting today with new H.U.D. Secretary Andrew Cuomo of New York.

1. **Bio Background**

- A. Campaign Manager for Governor Mario Cuomo in 1982, 1986 and 1990. The 1994 campaign in which the governor lost. Andrew was in D.C. serving as Deputy Secretary of H.U.D.
- B. Assistant District Attorney in New York County (Manhattan) with former District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.
- C. Established and directed, (H.E.L.P.). A Homeless Housing Assistant Program New York State that has been used as a National Model by the Bush and Clinton Administrations.
- D. Deputy Secretary of H.U.D. from 1993 through 1996 when he was named by President Clinton as Secretary.

2. **Points To Thank Him For And Request**

- A. In both his H.E.L.P. and H.U.D. roles he understood the need for housing that included services such as health, education and counseling, as we saw the homeless increasing in AIDS case loads.
- B. Leading the efforts with Secretary Cisneros to push for continuous and increased funding for HOPWA from The White House.
- C. Urge for an increase coordination between H.U.D. and H.H.S. as we begin to see people live longer. Housing is no longer transitional, and services have become more important. With Marsha Martin at H.H.S. and Andrew at H.U.D., we are encouraged and hopeful this will happen.

- D. Urge that Secretary Cuomo continue the dialogue that Secretary Cisneros started on a regular basis with AIDS activist/gay/lesbian leadership.
- E. Urge and thank the H.U.D. for continued funding support for the President's Council and continue H.U.D.'s staff support (Paul Yandura).
- F. Once again, emphasize that H.U.D. fight for an increase with O.M.B. for HOPWA. In the past, it was left to Congress to fight for a larger appropriation - led by Congressman Rick Lazio (Republican).
- G. Housing discrimination continues to be a concern to us at the Council. The Fair Housing Division should have a dialogue with our Committee Chair, Ben Schatz. The appointment of someone who is sensitive to gay/lesbian and AIDS issues.
- H. Thank him for the briefing done by his staff on Saturday - Fred Karnas.

PROGRAM

Dr. Hitt -	Opening Remarks on the Council - Its History and Mission Introduction of Council Members
Tonio Burgos -	Introduction of Secretary Cuomo
Secretary Cuomo -	Presentation and Q/A
Sandra Thurman -	Closing and Thank You

Andrew functions best in an informal setting in which he gives an overview of where he is and then a Q/A period. Our time is limited so we should have one question by each Council Member and our new Director, Sandy Thurman.

Council Members Attending:

Bob Fogel
Mike Isbel
Debra Fraser-Howze
Alexandra Levine
Tom Henderson
Alexander Robinson
Ben Schatz
Jeremy Landau
Stephen Abel
Sandy Thurman
Tonio Burgos
Plus: Daniel Montoya
Eric Goosby