



CHARLOTTE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Immigrant Integration Task Force

April 24, 2014

- Learning and Listening Phase
 - “Promising Practices” from peer cities and leading organizations
 - Community Listening Sessions in April, May and June
 - May meeting - see what needs to be tweaked the Listening Sessions & discuss Public Survey

Organizations Committed to Host	Largest Populations - Mecklenburg County:	Who's Missing?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action NC • Charlotte Chamber of Commerce • International House • Latin American Coalition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mexico ○ El Salvador ○ Honduras • Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ India ○ Vietnam ○ China • Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ United Kingdom ○ Germany • Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nigeria ○ Liberia ○ Ethiopia 	

Format

- Setup
 - Room set up in groups around topics
 - Participants sit at topic group of their choosing
 - Each participant given sheet with our 3 questions
- Getting started – all participants
 - Host:
 - Welcomes participants
 - Reviews Task Force charges
 - Provides instructions for Session

- Small Groups
 - Discussion led by Task Force member or volunteer
 - Each participant shares responses to 3 questions (everyone in group answers 1st question before moving on to 2nd question, etc.)
 - Participants then answer same 3 questions as they relate to the group-specific topic; share responses in same manner
 - Each group agrees on **one** answer per question to share with entire audience; discussion leader records this
 - If time, entire process repeats with different topic chosen by group

Format (cont.)

- Wrap-up – all participants
 - Discussion leaders share group responses with audience
 - Host:
 - Thanks participants
 - Reminds them to leave answer sheets
 - Invites them to next Task Force meeting
 - Asks them to check website for updates and complete survey, when available
 - Discussion leaders collect worksheets and minutes

Format (cont.)

- After-Session Review
 - Task Force members and volunteers meet for short debrief
 - Discuss questions provided
 - Notes recorded by After-Session Review leader

Topics

- Financial Inclusion
- Education
- Civic Integration
- Public Safety
- Quality of Life
- Workforce/Business Development
- Transportation
- Medical Care

Task Force Member Commitments

- Recruit organizations to hold a Listening Session
- Invite people to attend Listening Sessions
- Facilitate topic discussion at Session(s)
- Lead the After-Session Review



Immigrant Contributions to Local Economies

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Break into groups of six

- 3 minutes to individually answer the 2 questions on the sheet titled “Reflections on Today’s Presentation”
- 10 minutes to discuss your answers among your group
- Share what topic generated the most interest in each group

Please leave your feedback
for today's meeting on the table