

Immigrant Integration Task Force Update

June 26, 2014



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Mayor Clodfelter Address on Immigration



Reflection



- 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



Already Held	Organizations contacted/considering:	Largest Populations Meck. County:
 Action NC Charlotte Chamber/LACC/CMBCC Refugee Support Services CIC/Choice Translating IITF at Bethesda Center Latin American Coalition Muslim American Society CPCC/ Neighborhood Good Samaritan Center CMS International house after meet and greet (7/19) 	 Southeast Asian Coalition Vietnamese American Senior Association Asian Library CAACC Neighborhood Good Samaritan Center Community Relations Committee Mecklenburg Ministries 	 Latin America Mexico El Salvador Honduras Asia India Vietnam China Europe United Kingdom Germany Africa Nigeria Liberia Ethiopia



What Are We Doing Well?

- Cultural events and festivals showcase diversity
- There are a variety of nonprofit organizations to assist immigrants
- There are good public transportation options and routes available
- There are more job opportunities available
- Schools offer quality English Language classes
- Entrepreneurship is encouraged
- The community is accepting of international business community



Where can we improve?

- Better information to CMS students and parents
 - How to navigate education system
 - How to become involved in schools
- Improve access to information about resources
 - Marketing efforts need to be improved
 - Information needs to be **printed** in multiple languages
- We need more culturally competent services
- We need more sidewalks
- We should streamline the process to open new businesses
 - Less paper work
 - Clarify/Simplify regulations



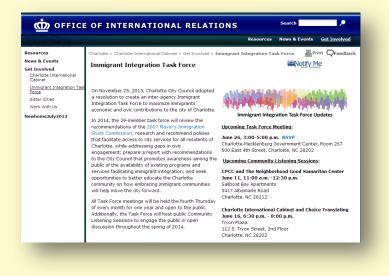
What are some critical needs?

- Driver's license/ID access
- Central location for resources
 - An official "Welcome to Charlotte" directory or orientation
 - Not just an online presence
- Address roadblocks caused by the 287(g) program
 - Limits economic opportunities
- Cultural sensitivity training for police, other City/County service providers
- Increased access to start-up capital and loans
- Address notary public versus notaries-at-law issues



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Next Steps



Next Meeting

• June 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m. CMGC, Room 267

Next Listening Session

 June 11, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Neighborhood Good Samaritan Center

More Information

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