



CHARLOTTE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Immigrant Integration Task Force

February 27, 2014

- May 30, 2013, Americas Society/Council of the Americas roundtable about maximizing the role of immigrants in expanding the local economy and enriching civic life
- November 25th, City Council passed the resolution creating the Task Force
 - Mayor Kinsey appointed 7 members and selected the Chair and Vice-Chair
- February 10th, City Council appointed 18 members recommended by community partners
 - Approved 4 additional at-large appointments to Task Force to be made by Mayor Cannon
 - Total number of appointments is 29

Charges from City Council

- Reviewing the recommendations by the Mayor's Immigration Study Commission, published in 2007, in order to leverage previous research and conclusions;
- Researching and recommending policies—including those from other new immigrant gateway cities—that facilitate access to city services for all residents of Charlotte, including its immigrant populations, while addressing gaps in civic engagement;



Charges from City Council (Cont.)

- Preparing a report with recommendations to the Charlotte City Council that promote awareness among the public of the availability of existing programs and services facilitating immigrant integration;
- Seeking opportunities to better educate the overall Charlotte community on how embracing immigrant communities will help to move the city forward.

In a Task Force Minute give:

- Your Name
- Your Organization
- Your Position and What You Do
- Complete the sentence:
 - On the Task Force, I'm looking forward to ...



Immigrants in Charlotte: A Statistical and Spatial Overview

Break into groups of six

- 5 minutes to individually answer the 3 questions on the sheet titled "Today's Reflections"
- 10 minutes to discuss your answers among your group
- Share what topic generated the most interest in each group

- Meetings to be held every 4th Thursday of the month
- We will end each meeting with reflection to capture useful information
- During the next few Task Force sessions we will hear about “Promising Practices” from peer cities and leading organizations
- We will hold Community Listening Sessions in April, May and June

Next Steps (Cont.)

- Spring - Release of a Community Survey
- Summer - Sub-committee meetings based on City Council expectations and Community Listening Sessions
- Fall - Sub-committees report to Task Force and prioritize recommendations for City Council
- Winter – Gather community feedback on the recommendations
- Return final recommendations to City Council in one year