



CHARLOTTE™

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Immigrant Integration Task Force

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- Spring - Release of a Community Survey
- Summer – Sub-committee meetings based on City Council expectations and what we have learned from peer cities and leading organizations, the Community Survey and the 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

- Learning and Listening Phase
 - “Promising Practices” from peer cities and leading organizations
 - Community Listening Sessions in April, May and June

- Task Force-Hosted
- Community-Hosted
- Common Format
- Common Requirements

3 Questions for the Community

- What is one thing that is being done well in Charlotte to help immigrants with _____?
- What is one thing that could be improved upon in Charlotte to help immigrants with _____?
- What is one critical need that is urgent and should be addressed in Charlotte to help immigrants with _____?

3 Locations for Listening Sessions

- Central Ave.
- North Tryon St.
- South Blvd.

Venue suggestions?

Topics in the charge from Council to cover

- Financial Inclusion
- Education
- Civic Integration
- Public Safety
- Collaboration
- Celebrate Diversity

Any additional topics?

Community-Hosted Sessions

- Guidelines
- Ideas on who to ask to host Sessions

- 11 organizations that focus on international business in Charlotte
- Various missions, mostly to promote/encourage economic exchange and trade
- Number of members varies from 40 to over 3,000
 - Most memberships are for businesses as opposed to individuals; some do allow individual members, such as entrepreneurs

- Services provided vary from business advice and training to trade and investment development
- Most have worked with some form of government in the area, but not all of them



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 this session on the table