

# BUILDING INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES IN CHAPEL HILL PROGRESS REPORT



Council Business Meeting

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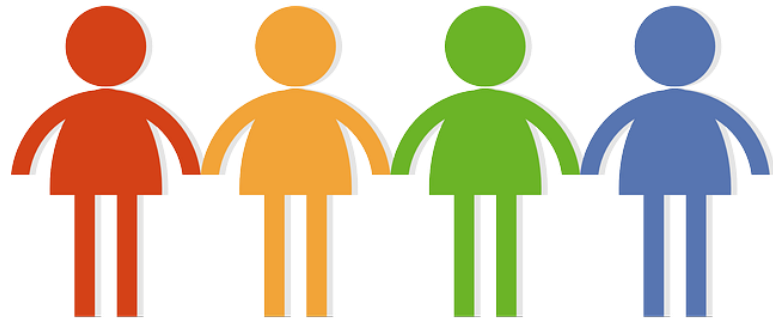
# AGENDA

- Background
- Overview of BIC & Progress to Date
- Next Steps



# WHY BIC?

- Consistent with Town goals – A Place for Everyone
- Interest in developing strategies to further engage and be responsive to our diverse community

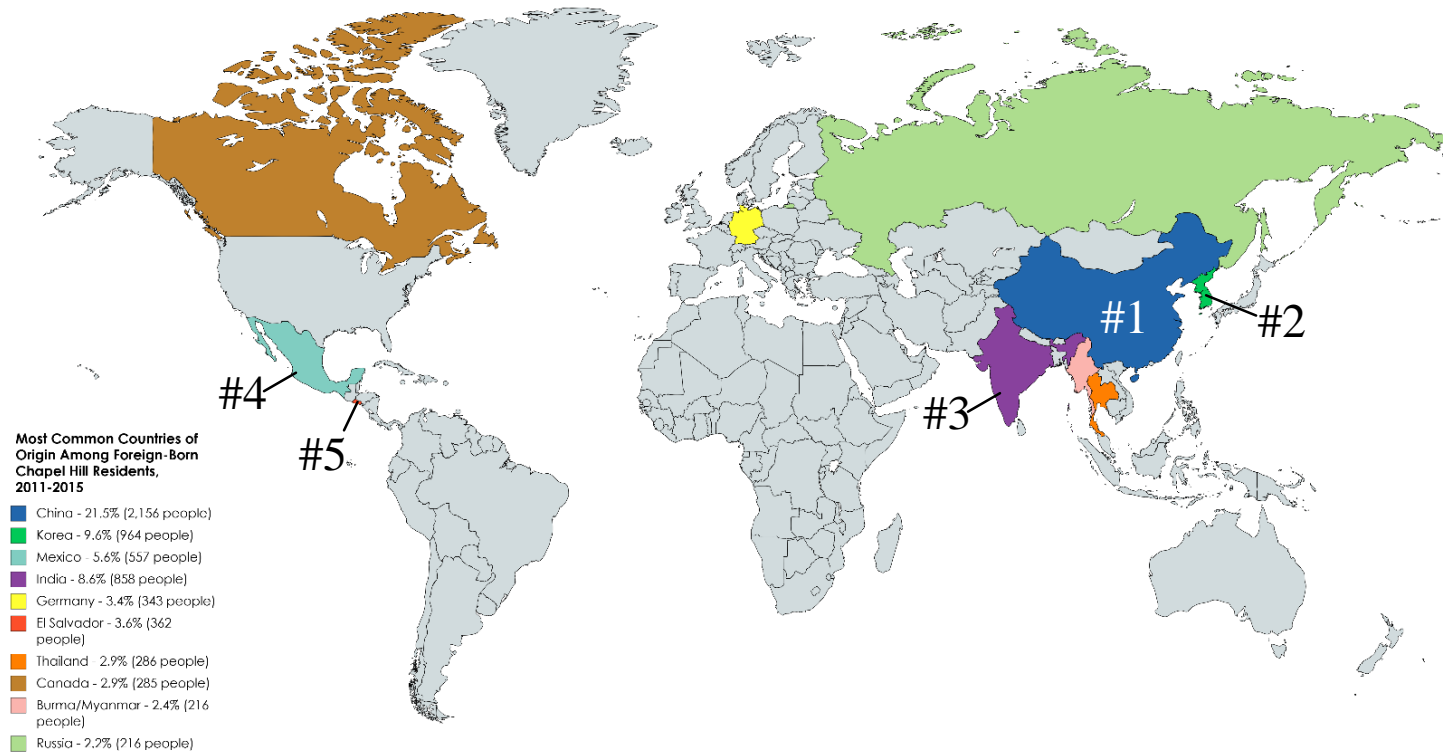


# OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

- 17% (10,000) of residents are foreign born
- Top countries of origin among foreign born residents:

Country	Percentage of Foreign-born Residents*	Number of People
<b>China</b>	21.5%	2,156
<b>Korea</b>	9.6%	964
<b>India</b>	8.6%	858
<b>Mexico</b>	5.6%	557
<b>El Salvador</b>	3.6%	362

# MOST COMMON COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AMONG FOREIGN-BORN IN CHAPEL HILL RESIDENTS

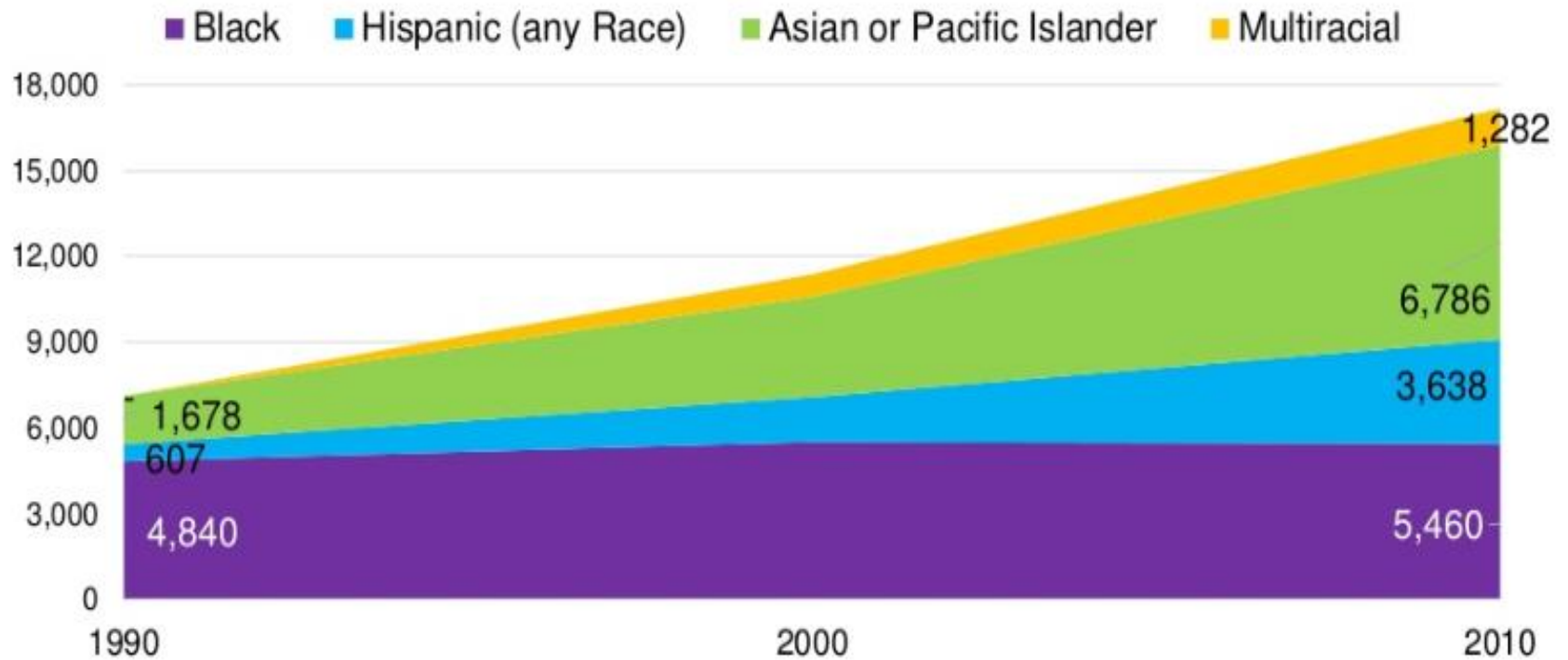


# OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

- 24% of foreign-born residents lived in households where there was limited ability to speak English
- 31% of households in our public housing are foreign born



# CHAPEL HILL POPULATION- PEOPLE OF COLOR



# WHAT IS BUILDING INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES (BIC)?

BIC is a **statewide community planning initiative** that helps NC local governments to **successfully engage** with **refugee and foreign-born populations** in order to:

- Enhance communication
- Improve relationships
- Increase leadership and civic engagement opportunities



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# What is Building Integrated Communities (BIC)?

Local governments and diverse community stakeholders build the relationships and tools to generate **locally-relevant strategies** that strengthen foreign-born residents' **civic engagement**.



# CH BIC STEERING COMMITTEE

Antonio Alanis

**Shannon Bailey**

**Krystal Black**

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Peggy Duhamel

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Mariela Hernandez

Josh Hinson

Isabel Jackson

Karon Johnson

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Jamie Rohe

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Gentile Runyambo

Laura Villa Torres

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El Centro Hispano in Carrboro

**CH Public Library**

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Orange Co. Immigrant and Refugee Health

Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC); Orange Co. Justice

United (OCJU); East CH Rotary Club

UNC Center for Global Initiatives

Family Success Alliance

UNC Refugee Mental Health and Wellness Initiative

Orange Co. Dept. on Aging

CH Police Department

CWS-Durham

Refugee Community Partnership

UNC CELAH Center for Latino Health

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

CWS-Durham

Community, UNC-CH

**CH Office for Housing and Community**

## Phase 1

Jul. 2017 – Dec. 2017



### Community Research

- Collect community information
- Hold discussion groups with foreign-born residents
- Share knowledge

## Phase 2

Jan. 2017 – Jun. 2018



### Action Planning

- Use the community research
- Design town/county strategies for improvement
- Hold public meeting(s) and ask for feedback

## Phase 3

Jul. 2018 – Apr. 2019



### Implementation

- “Carry out”, or “do”, the strategies and actions
- Observe and improve the actions
- Prepare to measure the effects of these actions



## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS FOR FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS OF CHAPEL HILL

**Share your experiences and recommendations  
for local government and services**

transportation \* housing \* safety \* leadership opportunities \* parks,  
greenways and recreation \* planning and development

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018 9am-10:30am**

**Seymour Senior Center** 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 27516

*Conversations in Mandarin, Korean, and English Language*

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 11am-12:30pm**

**Chapel Hill Public Library** 100 Library Dr, Chapel Hill, 27514

*Conversations in English, Russian, Burmese, & Arabic Languages;  
Childcare available*

**Thursday, February 15, 2018 7pm-8:30pm**

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church** 940 Carmichael St, Chapel Hill, 27514

*Spanish & English languages; Childcare available*



*All residents welcome. We do not record meetings or request identification/registration.  
Wheelchair accessible.*

**Chapel Hill Building Integrated Communities is a collaborative project of UNC-CH, the Town of Chapel Hill and foreign-born residents. We seek newcomer perspectives to improve leadership opportunities, communication and services. <https://migration.unc.edu/programs/bic/> 919-962-5453**

# PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 2 meetings held to date, attended by 105 people from:  
Taiwan, China, Thailand, Burma/Myanmar, Korea, Japan, Ghana, Poland, Switzerland, Canada, Germany, & U.S.
- Facilitated by UNC, Town staff, and 20 community volunteers
- Interpretation provided in 8 different languages (Arabic, Russian, Burmese, Karin, English, Korean, and Mandarin Chinese)



# THANK YOU TO COUNCILMEMBERS BUANSI AND ANDERSON AND MAYOR HEMMINGER FOR ATTENDING!



# PRESS



- The China Press Weekly
- The Daily Tar Heel: **“Town of Chapel Hill and UNC aim to bridge the gap for immigrant and refugee residents”**
- WCHL Radio

*I am honored to attend the meeting. I think this is a very warm and effective dialogue, and the elderly are very grateful to the government for giving them good service and opportunity.*

*-Jue Hu, The China Press Weekly*

# Public Meetings





# NEXT STEPS

## 1. Community Research Phase (Sept 2017 – Feb 2018)

- Conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Conversation
- Complete analysis of data

## 2. Action Planning (Feb - June 2018)

- Choose issues to focus on
- Develop town strategies (“action plans”) to improve issues
- Hold public strategy sessions

## 3. Implementation ( July 2018 - April 2019)

- Carry out actions
- Monitor progress
- Make improvements
- Prepare to measure impacts

