

## **10-10-2018 Town Council Meeting Responses (#2)**

### **ITEM #9: Building Integrated Communities Project Update**

**Council Question:** What percentage of refugees in Orange County live in Chapel Hill?

**Staff Response:** *We have refugee arrival data for Orange County as well as foreign born population data for public housing, which is reflected in the Report. The BIC team is exploring ways to assess the total refugee population for Orange County, as this data is not currently available from any existing sources.*

**Council Question:** What level of engagement has there been with BIC participants and the contemplated short range transit plan?

**Staff Response:** *Staff has shared information about engagement opportunities with the BIC steering committee. Initial feedback/input was provided by BIC steering committee members during the first phase of public involvement for the plan, with a high level of interest in better weekend service. We have also asked many non-profits and faith based groups, many that assist immigrants, to respond to the survey on the current preferred alternative. As we move into Phase 2 of Action Planning for the BIC project, we will continue exploring opportunities to connect with existing plans and planning processes, such as the short range transit plan, as to not duplicate efforts and also further advance mutual goals. The current preferred draft, which includes improved weekend service, will be presented to the BIC steering committee later this fall.*