

BUILDING INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES IN CHAPEL HILL PROGRESS REPORT



COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

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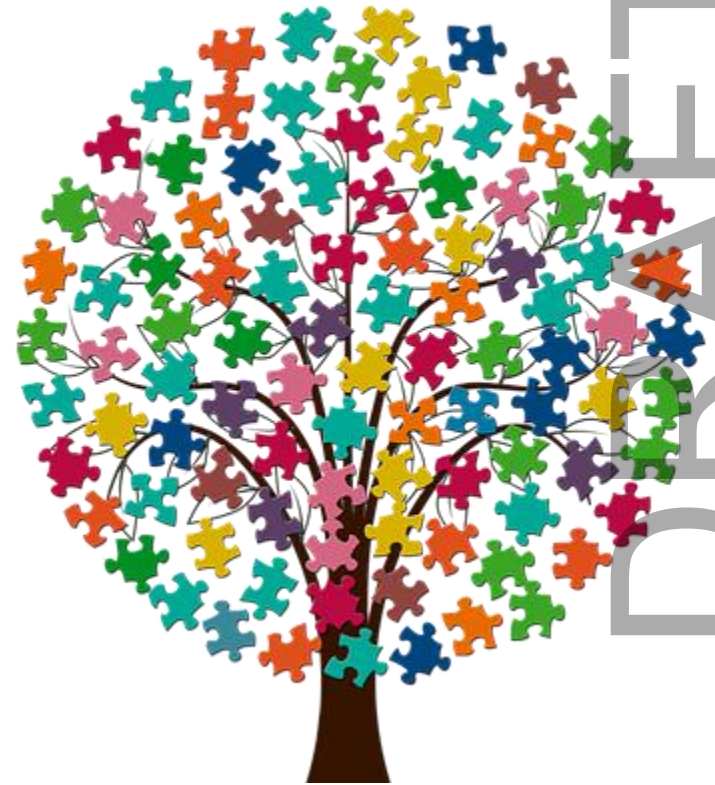


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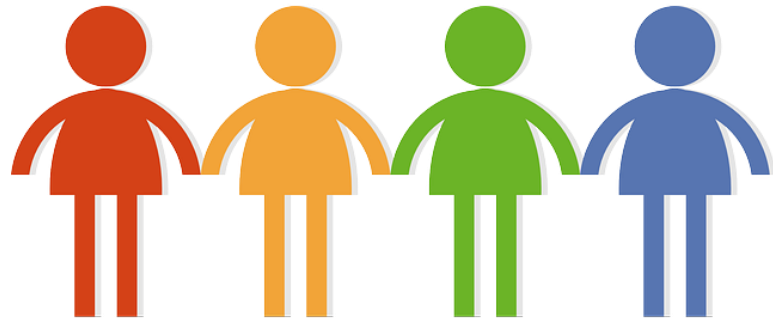
AGENDA

- 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



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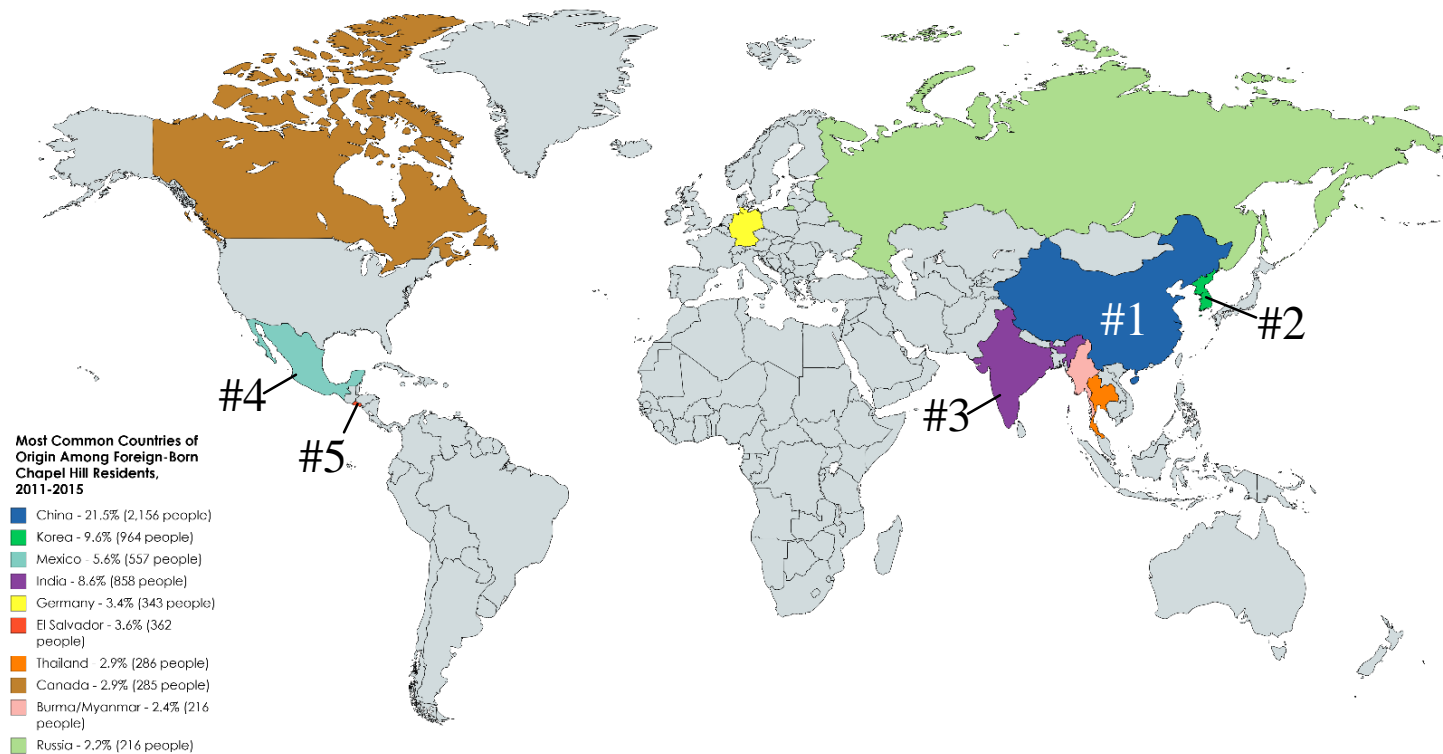
OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

- 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
China	21.5%	2,156
Korea	9.6%	964
India	8.6%	858
Mexico	5.6%	557
El Salvador	3.6%	362

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



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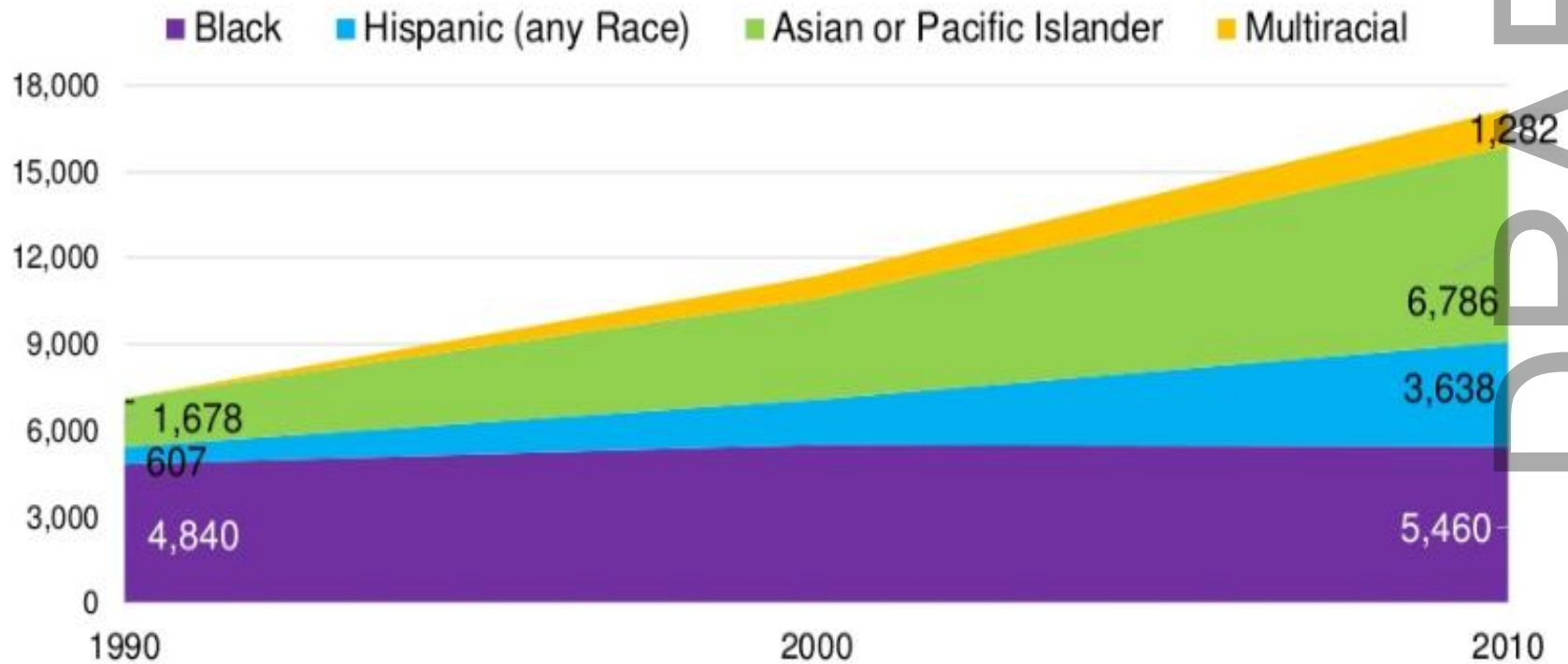
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- 24% of foreign-born residents lived in households where there was limited ability to speak English
- 31% of households in our public housing are foreign born



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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**.



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CH BIC STEERING COMMITTEE

Last name	First name	Affiliation(s)
Accordino	Nicole	Transplanting Traditions Community Farm
Alanis	Antonio	El Centro Hispano in Carrboro
Bateman	Flicka	Refugee Support Center
Bailey	Shannon	Chapel Hill Public Library
Black	Krystal	Chapel Hill Public Library
Choi	Youngin	Chapel Hill Community Member
Clifford	Susan	Orange Co. Immigrant and Refugee Health
Duhamel	Peggy (Ghislaine)	Church of the Holy Family
Hernandez	Mariela	Family Success Alliance
Hinson	Josh	UNC Refugee Mental Health and Wellness Initiative
Jackson	Isabel	Orange Co. Dept. on Aging
Johnson	Karon	CH Police Department
Mai Mai	Mai Mai	Chapel Hill Community Member
Muragizi	Soni	Church World Service
Oo	Khin (April)	Family Success Alliance
Rohe	Jamie	Refugee Community Partnership
Royo	Luis, Dcn.	St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Viñas	Sarah	Chapel Hill Office for Housing and Community

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Phase I

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

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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**



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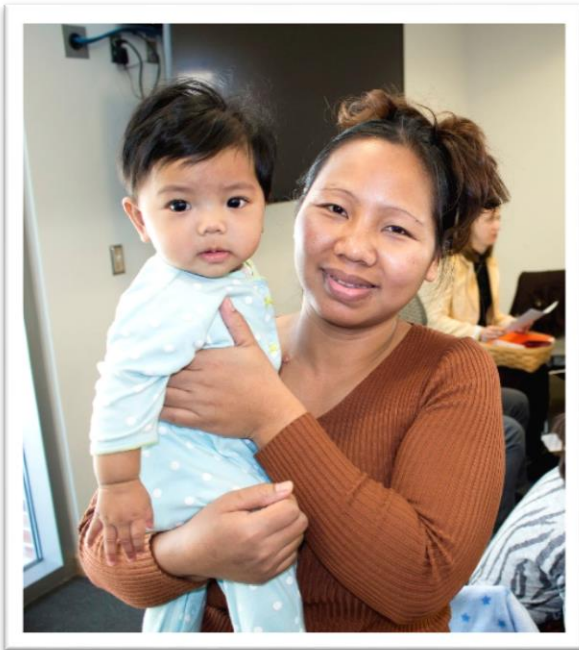
PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 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)



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Public Meetings



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



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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

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NEXT STEPS

1. **Complete Community Research Phase (Sept 2017 – Feb 2018)**
 - Conduct 3rd 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



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