Status Update
On
Immigrant and Refugee Taskforce

Council Study Session
August 8, 2017
Overview

- Provide update on the actions taken by Immigrant and Refugee Taskforce
- Present priorities identified by the Taskforce based on community input
- Discuss the needs and importance of actions, proposed by the Taskforce
Background

Citizenship and National Origin
(Tacoma, WA)

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
<th>Count</th>
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<tr>
<td>Citizen, US-Born</td>
<td>83.9%</td>
<td>169k</td>
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<td>Citizen, Territory-Born</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
<td>1,738</td>
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<td>Citizen, Born Abroad</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
<td>3,547</td>
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<td>Citizen, Naturalized</td>
<td>6.9%</td>
<td>13.8k</td>
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<td>Not Citizen</td>
<td>6.6%</td>
<td>13.2k</td>
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1 Puerto Rico and US Island Areas 2 to US citizen parent(s)

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Background

- City Council Resolution No. 39642 passed on Jan 21, 2017
- Alignment with Equity and Empowerment Goals, and Welcoming Cities and Counties Initiatives
- Convened community partners and surveyed over 500 I&R residents
Background

- Needs identified based on survey results:
  - Policy changes for long term impact;
  - Legal Aid/Fund;
  - Resource Fair (incl. resource packets for those unable to attend);
  - Celebratory events
Proposed Actions

1. City of Tacoma Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

2. Tacoma Families Immigrant Legal Defense Fund

3. Equitable language access in ALL City services
Commission on Immigration & Refugee Affairs

- Purpose
- Scope
  - Policy recommendations
  - Issue identification
  - Public platform
- Membership
Tacoma Families
Immigrant Legal Defense Fund
(Tacoma Families ILDF)
Why is the Tacoma Families ILDF important for the City of Tacoma?

Source: The Stranger, 2017
Why is the Tacoma Families ILDF important for the City of Tacoma?

Legal needs
How Does ICE Detention Stop Full Participation in the City?
What Could a Tacoma Families ILDF Look Like?

Full representation ~$440k

OR

Partial Representation ~$220k
What Could a Tacoma Families ILDF Look Like?

- Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Commitment
  - Monetary
  - Tacoma Families
  - Ongoing nature of cases
What Would a Tacoma Families ILDF Achieve?

### Two Systems of Justice: Does This Seem Fair?

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<th>Criminal Justice System</th>
<th>Immigration Justice System</th>
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<tr>
<td>Miranda Warning</td>
<td>YES.</td>
<td>NO. Immigrants receive more limited warnings, but only after being interrogated.</td>
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<td>Access to a Lawyer</td>
<td>YES.</td>
<td>NO. Unless you can afford one yourself.</td>
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<td>Right to a Bail Hearing</td>
<td>YES.</td>
<td>NO. Many immigrants are subject to “mandatory detention” and denied a hearing to make their case for bond.</td>
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<td>Right to a Speedy Trial</td>
<td>YES.</td>
<td>NO. Some immigrants remain detained for months and even years awaiting resolutions of their cases.</td>
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<td>Illegally Obtained Evidence Thrown Out</td>
<td>YES.</td>
<td>NO. Almost all evidence obtained - legally or not - is admissible.</td>
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<td>Right to Trial Before Jury</td>
<td>YES.</td>
<td>NO. Only before a judge or adjudicator. And the majority of immigrants have no right to even see a judge.</td>
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What do you think? Tweet using #2SOJ

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Read More About Two Systems of Justice at immigrationpolicy.org
Language Access

Language Spoken At Home

Percentage of the total population living in households in which a given language is spoken at home.

Scope: population of Washington and Tacoma

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<th>Language</th>
<th>Tacoma</th>
<th>Washington</th>
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<tr>
<td>Spanish</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>7.1%</td>
<td>13.3k</td>
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<td>Vietnamese</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
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<td>Cambodian</td>
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<td>Russian</td>
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<td>Korean</td>
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<td>Tagalog</td>
<td>0.9%</td>
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## Language Access

### Speaking English 'Very Well'

Percentage of people living in households in which a given language is spoken at home.

**Scope: population of Washington and Tacoma**

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<th>Less Than 'Very Well'</th>
<th>'Very Well'</th>
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<tr>
<td>Washington</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tacoma</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spanish</td>
<td>41.2%</td>
<td>58.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Slavic</td>
<td>41.3%</td>
<td>58.7%</td>
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<td>Cambodian</td>
<td>41.5%</td>
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<td>Laotian</td>
<td>47.1%</td>
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<td>32.9%</td>
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<td>Vietnamese</td>
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<td>Arabic</td>
<td>84.4%</td>
<td>15.6%</td>
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*Don't* | *Do*  
5,473 | 7,811  
453  | 643    
1,116 | 1,570  
146   | 164    
1,390 | 1,072  
582   | 363    
1,500 | 736    
2,585 | 1,262  
401   | 74     

*number of people that don't speak English 'very well'*

*number of people that do speak English 'very well'*

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“Yes, and I'd like to see things in multiple languages. I would love things for my kids to see that they are valued and can succeed and go to college or earn living wage jobs. I'd like to see those jobs advertised in Spanish. I'd like to see our leaders speak in multiple languages to us as a community.”

-Tacoma’s Immigrant/Refugee Resident
Language Access

- Executive Order 13166
- Language access to city services
Next Steps

• Letter to City Council

• Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Ordinance
Questions?

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