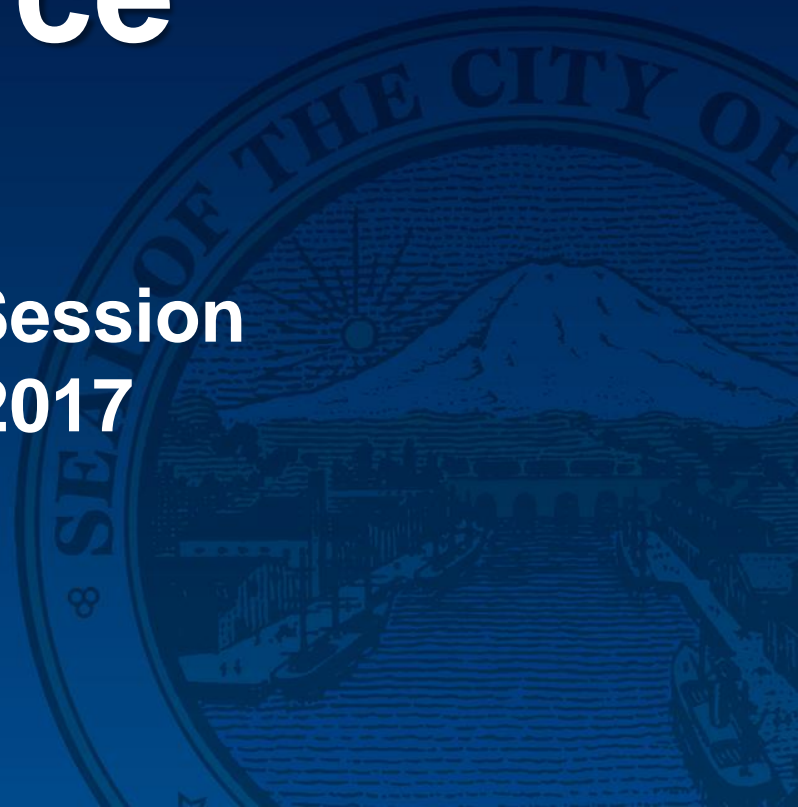


Status Update On Immigrant and Refugee Taskforce

**Council Study Session
August 8, 2017**

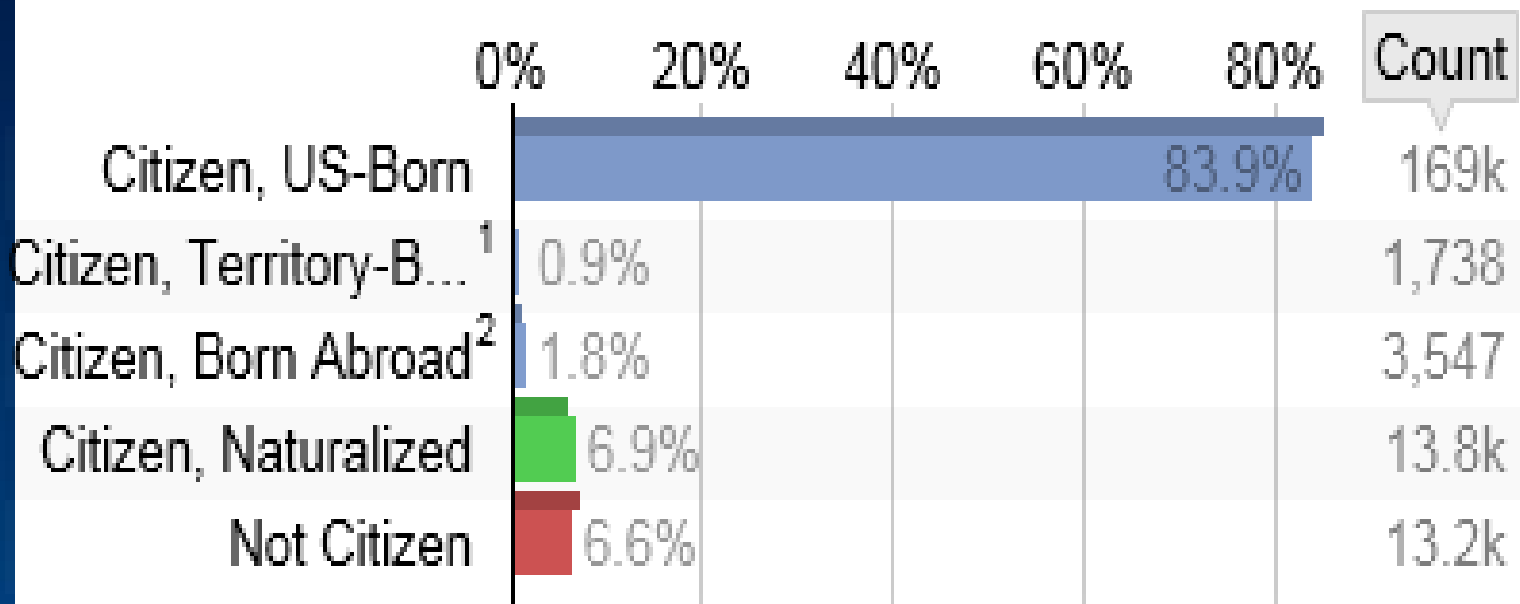


Overview

- 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)



¹Puerto Rico and US Island Areas ²to US citizen parent(s)

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

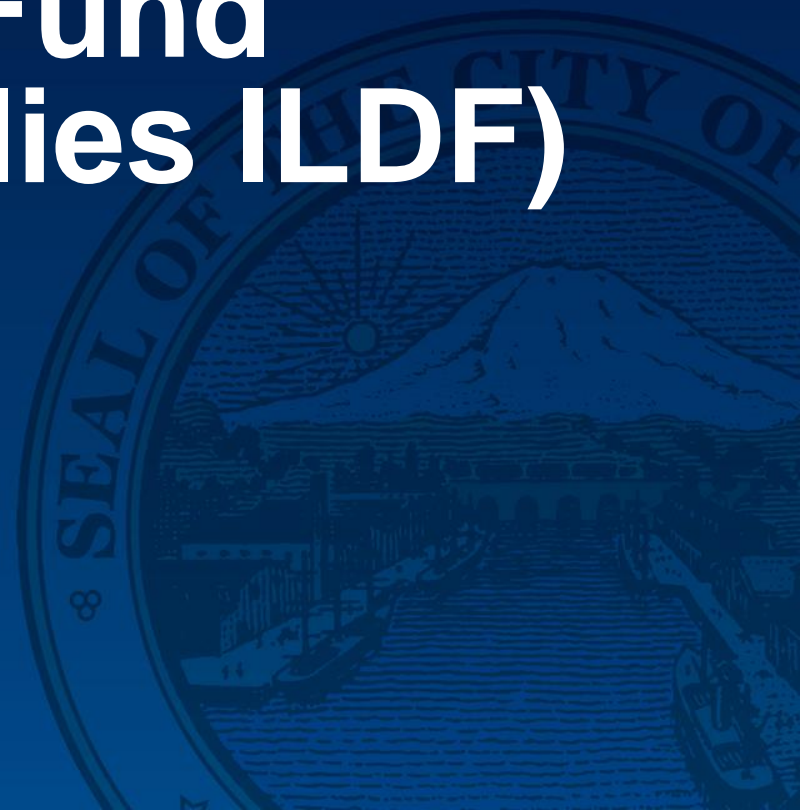
1. City of Tacoma Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
2. Tacoma Families Immigrant Legal Defense Fund
3. Equitable language access in ALL City services

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

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Legal needs



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How Does ICE Detention Stop Full Participation in the City?



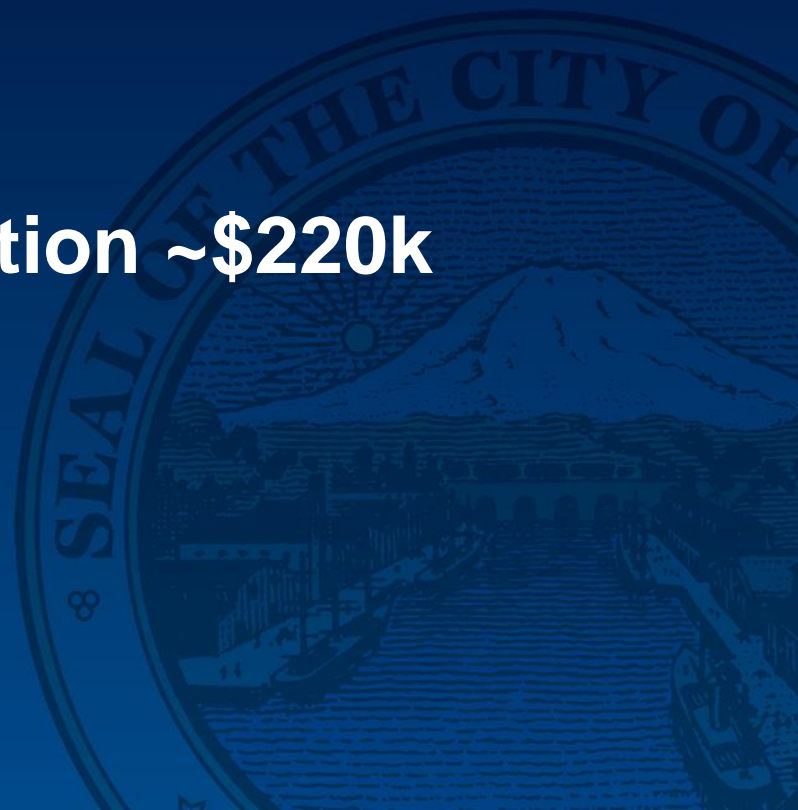
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What Could a Tacoma Families ILDF Look Like?

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



Language Access

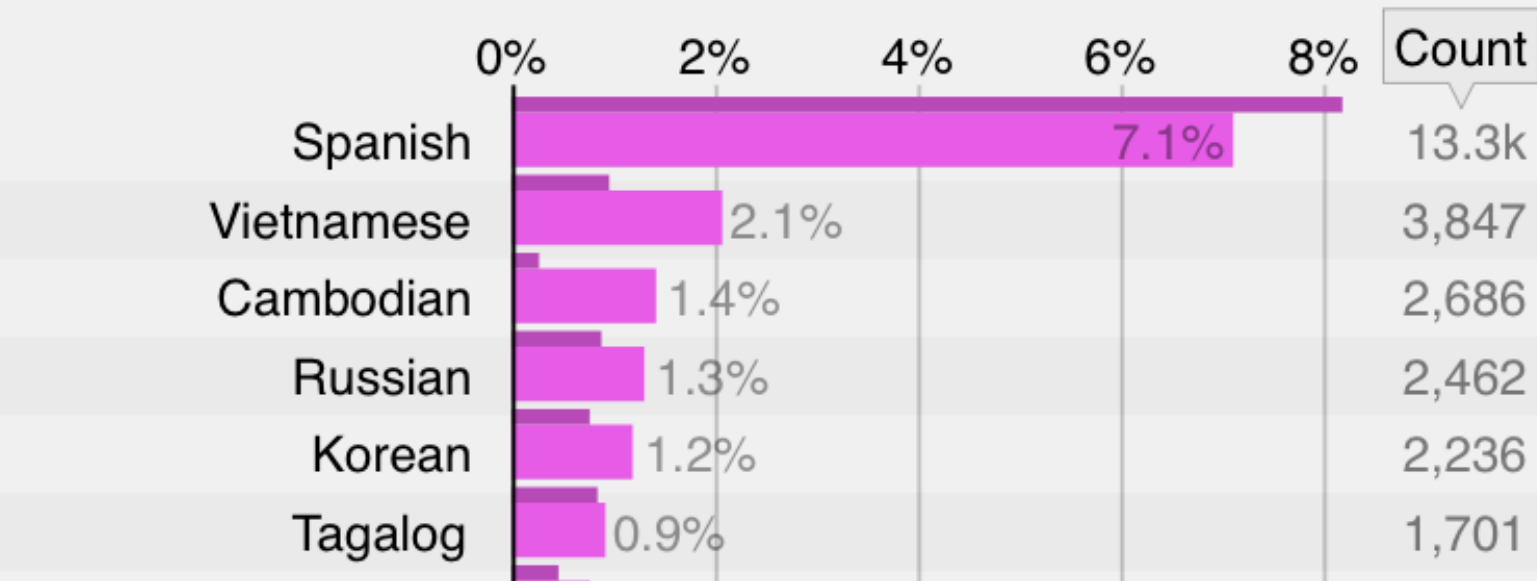
Language Spoken At Home

#1

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

Scope: population of Washington and Tacoma

Tacoma Washington



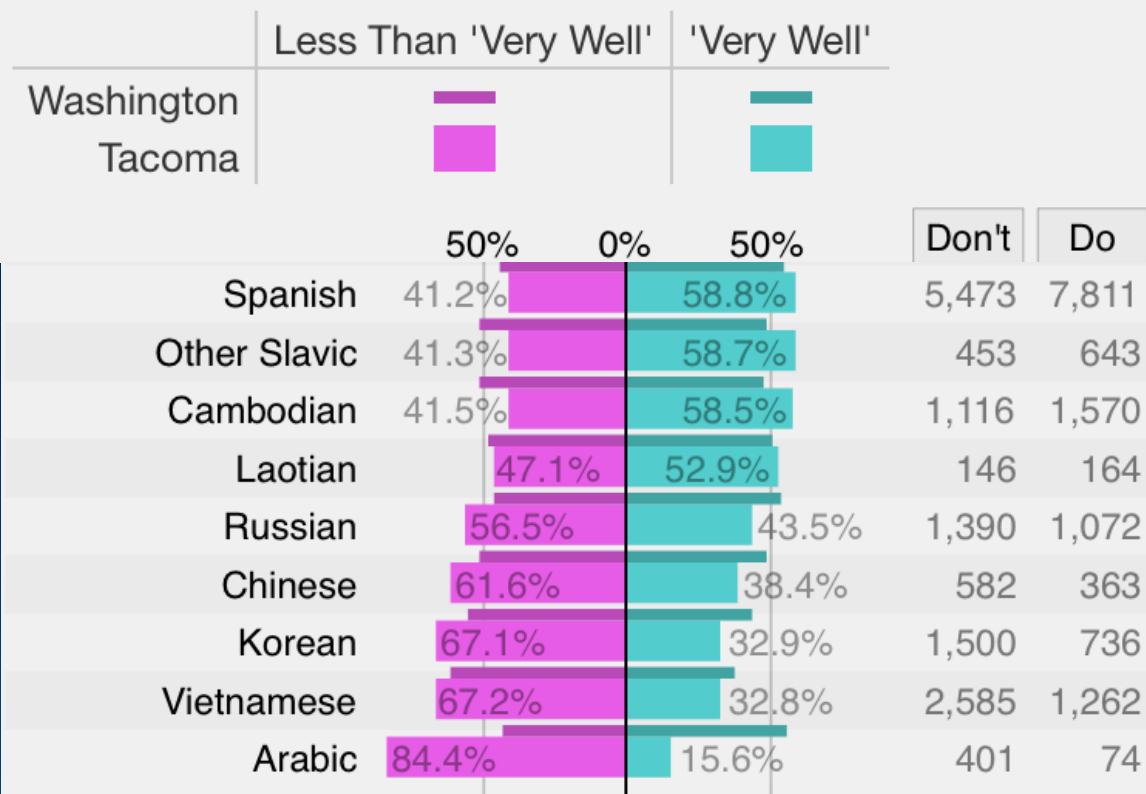
Language Access

Speaking English 'Very Well'

#2

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

Scope: population of Washington and Tacoma



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

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

Language Access

“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

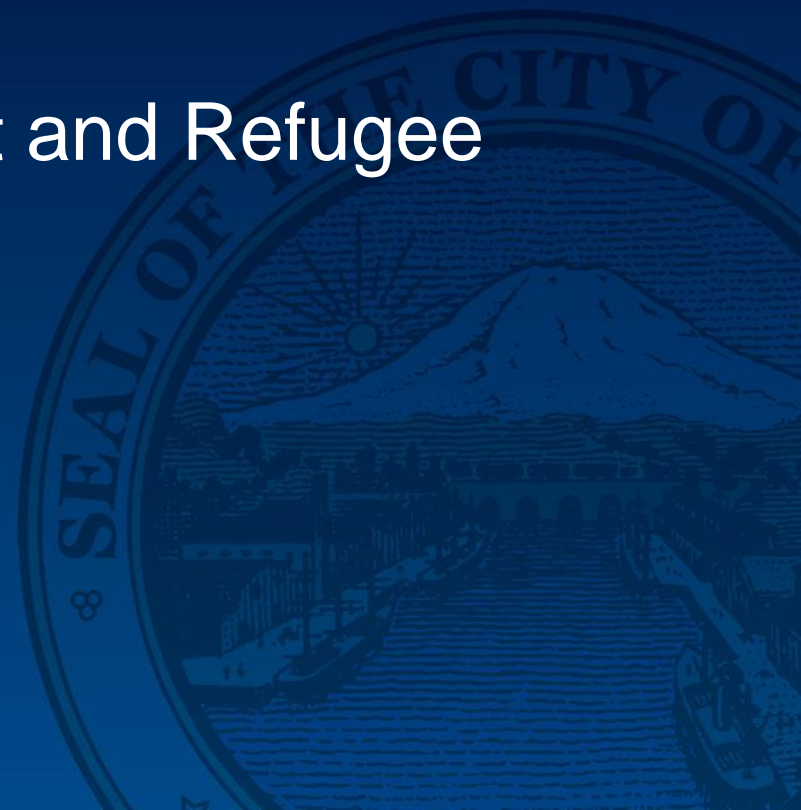
Language Access

- 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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