

# Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships



Ordinance Revisions

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City Council HSES Committee

# Why HRCP is here today?

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- Ordinance change
- Creating a new commission called the Denver Immigrant & Refugee Commission

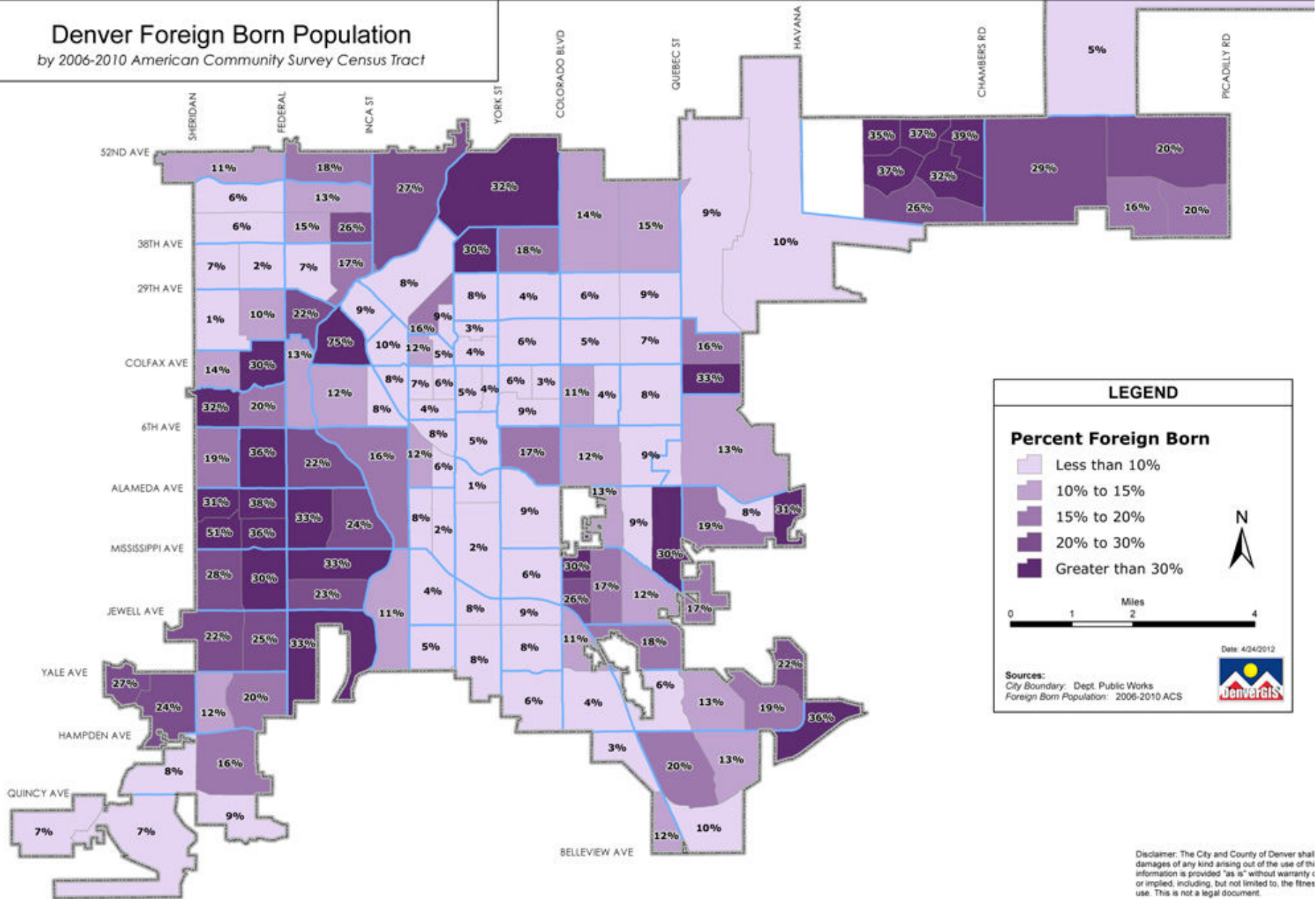
# A Profile on Immigrant and Refugee Community

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- ❑ Denver Population: 604,404 [2010 Census]
- ❑ Foreign Born in Denver: 16% or 98,236 residents
- ❑ Denver Public Schools languages spoken: 145 identified languages and dialects [DPS MultiCultural Outreach Office]  
(Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, Somali, Amharic, Nepali)
- ❑ Refugee Resettlement: 1878 refugees/asylees in 2011  
[Source: Colorado Refugee Services Program 2011]  
(2011: Burma, Bhutan (Nepal), Iraq, Ethiopia)

# Denver Foreign Born Population

by 2006-2010 American Community Survey Census Tract



# What will the Commission focus on?

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- ❑ Creating a bridge of communication and partnership between all immigrant and refugee communities with the City of Denver.
- ❑ Identify issues and find opportunities to partner with the city to address those issues.
- ❑ The Commission will not focus on the plight of any one community or group, but instead will identify universal priorities that impact all the immigrant and refugee communities.

# Who will be on the Commission?

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- ❑ The Commission will have up to 21 appointed and confirmed commissioners.
- ❑ They will represent Denver's diverse immigrant and refugee communities.
- ❑ We will look for Commissioners who will be a bridge between the City of Denver and their immigrant or refugee community
- ❑ Commissioners should live or work in the City of Denver to apply to sit on the Commission.

# How will Commissioners be appointed?

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- Applicants will be subject to the same recruitment, appointment and confirmation process that our other nine Commissions adhere to.
- For the first round of appointments, the applicants will be screened by Anthony Aragon, Jamie Torres and a small panel of key stakeholders.
- Recommendations will be made to Mayor Hancock for his consideration.



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Questions?

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