

Denver Latino Commission Presentation to Council

April 26, 2017

DLC Highlights

- Initiated a Denver Latino Commission Facebook Page to raise awareness of the Mayor's Commission and become a liaison between Denver's Latino community and the Mayor
 - Currently over 1000 followers and "likes"
 - Educational posts are most popular
- Initiated community listening sessions
 - Purpose: Hear direct input from Latino community leaders/residents. Info will be used for developing recommendations to the mayor on community issues specific to the Latino community.
 - Full Day of Face to Face Interviews (2016)
 - Individual interviews (2016)
 - Community Survey (2017)

Preliminary Findings - Issues

- Affordable Housing
 - Displacement/Gentrification
 - Cost of Living
- Transportation
- Workforce Training
- Education Success
 - ECE to College Retention
- Mistrust In the Community
 - Immigrant and Refugee Rights
 - Fear of Government (New DC Administration)
 - Perception that community is not included in decisions that impact them
- Perception that Latinos are underrepresented in Denver leadership

Preliminary Findings – Areas Doing Well

- Leveraging Partnerships and Collaboration
 - The City is working to strengthen ties and improve engagement
 - Organizations are partnering with the city to fill gaps and needs
- Efforts to Meet Community Needs has Increased
 - Increase in information sharing utilizing the Spanish language
 - Even though more is needed, resources are reaching the Latino community
 - Denver is focusing on transportation, housing, public safety/community relations
- Latino Pride in Community and Culture
 - Many community Latino leaders – young up and comers
 - Commitment to social justice

Preliminary Findings - Survey

- Surveying Latino Community to Add Information to Listening Sessions
- Focus Areas:
 - Challenges facing the Denver Latino Community
 - Strengths, Successes and Opportunities with the Denver Latino Community
 - Recommendations to better support the Denver Latino Community
 - What respondents want the Mayor/Cabinet to know about the Denver Latino Community
- Survey results are still being received
- Preliminary responses are tracking similarly with interview findings