

# Denver Latino Commission Presentation to Council

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# 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