

City of Gainesville Agenda Report

File #: 2022-739

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Department: City Clerk

Title: 2022-739 Immigrant Support Services (B)

Description: Presentation on resources and support services municipalities may offer to immigrant communities.

Explanation: This research seeks to outline practices adopted by municipalities looking to provide a holistic variety of services to local immigrant populations. These services typically fall under one of five categories: language access, citizenship assistance, employment assistance, legal assistance, and education assistance. Some case studies, typically in larger cities or cities near the United States – Mexico border, have offices or departments specifically dedicated to providing immigrant services. However, other municipalities provide immigrant services under general departments such as Human Services. Additionally, almost all of the cities surveyed relied on partnerships with local community groups to provide effective services.

Strategic Connection:

Fiscal Note:

Recommendation:

The City Commission hear a presentation from staff and discuss.