

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

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TO: Human Services Commission Members

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SUBJECT: Panel Conversation: Services to Hispanic/Latinx Communities, Trends and Program Information

Background

Hispanic/Latinx communities are Bellevue's third largest population group comprising about seven percent of Bellevue's population. The City's growing diversity urges us to better understand the Human Services needs and trends within these communities, and the various nonprofits providing critical and culturally relevant services. Human Services staff have put together a panel of organizations that provide programming focused on supporting Hispanic/Latinx communities.

Representatives from the following agencies will be joining the panel:

[4 Tomorrow](#): *4 Tomorrow is a Latino and Youth focused organization based in Bellevue that serves East King County. Our mission is to ensure our community's overall well-being by providing culturally sensitive support and coordination.*

[Centro Cultural Mexicano](#): *Centro Cultural Mexicano strives to inspire inclusive participation by the community in all aspects of education, culture, and society by providing opportunities to create a positive future.*

[Youth Eastside Services](#): *YES supports diverse communities and provides them with resources for individual and group mental health support, education and prevention. Latinx Youth programming, including Latino H.E.A.T., serves to create cultural and inclusive spaces for well-being, leadership, college readiness, and cultural expression for Latinx youth.*

Panel members will be asked round-robin style to answer the following questions:

1. Provide a brief (2-3mins) overview of your program and the services provided.
2. What are misconceptions or misunderstandings about the Hispanic/Latinx communities?
3. What are the most significant human services needs impacting Hispanic/Latinx Communities?
4. What unique barriers do Hispanic/Latinx communities face in Bellevue and the region?
5. How is your agency addressing these needs and barriers?
6. What challenges is your agency experiencing that the Commission should be aware of?

Commissioners will be invited to ask questions after the panel has completed answering all questions.

In preparation for this meeting, please explore the linked information.