

# East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) Civic Engagement Subcommittee Meeting

January 16, 2018

Meeting began at 6:30pm.

Purpose:	To organize cultural + language specific civic engagement workshops, share curriculum, advocate for ongoing funding, and advise on East Portland cultural + language specific issues and projects.
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**Attendees:** lore wintergreen, Zinha Mudhafar, Layla Assem, Galina Nekrasova, and Suad Elmi.

**1. Introductions:** Layla welcomed everyone and each attendee introduced themselves. Fiona, Humberto, Victor, Adriana, and Frieda apologized for their absence.

**2. Next month's (February 20th) meeting:**

Facilitator: Zinah

Notes: Layla

Food: ?

General EPAP Report: Layla

**3. Priority E: Engage ethnic communities in neighborhood activities; provide overhead funding for translation/language services and childcare services to remove barriers and improve messaging and invitations:** (CB.1.2) (45 min)

- a. Develop Advocacy Plan: talking points for testimony, possible post cards and on-line petitions, and ?????

**ACTION:** Petition preferred. We support; we recommend language. Name and zip code (address and contact information can make people feel unsafe). Lore was given the authority to draft an English-language petition and circulate it. This will be translated into Arabic, Russian, and Spanish

languages. Copies will be made to take to each Commissioner and the Mayor.

Zinah offered to design postcards for her community members if they are uncomfortable signing a petition where others may see their names.

**4. Dinámica:** Zinah lead us in movement.

**5. Discussion of the needs of caregivers and any opportunity for advocacy:**

Caregivers need training and support services. A full day conference with workshops, messages, and acupuncture was mentioned, as was the circumstance of caregivers not having paid leave to attend such a conference.

**ACTION:** Each person here will explore what resources and supports are available through existing networks and report back.

**6. Update on Arabic-language Community Health Worker training:**  
Zinah shared that this is progressing.

**7. Next Meeting:**

February 22, 2018

6:30 – 8:30 PM

East Portland Action Plan office

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**East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) Strategic priorities**  
*Fiscal Year 2016-18*

**Municipality Specific references in bold**  
*EPAP lead advocates in italics*

- E. City of Portland All Bureaus:** Engage ethnic communities in neighborhood activities; provide overhead funding for translation/language services to remove barriers and improve messaging and invitations. (CB.1.2) *Civic Engagement Subcommittee*
- F. Multnomah County Health Department and State of Oregon Health Division:** Increase funding and technical assistance for organizations that desire to establish (two new ethnicity/languages every two years) or to strengthen existing ethnically-based Community Health Worker programs. Establish racially and ethnically representative community oversight of Community Health Worker programming. (EC.4.4 and SN.6.2) *Civic Engagement Subcommittee*

**Involuntary Displacement Prevention  
Recommendations for East Portland**

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Предупреждение вынужденного переселения граждан Рекомендации для Восточного района Портленда\_Recommendations in Russian.pdf: <http://tinyurl.com/Recommendations-in-Russian> - See more at: <http://eastportlandactionplan.org/#sthash.jJFuUPN3.dpuf>

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## **Civic Engagement Process To Be Applied When Implementing All Recommended Tools**

As the East Portland Involuntary Displacement Prevention Tools are being implemented, it is important that the community stay involved to provide leadership and guidance on how to strategically address these community-identified issues and resource allocations.

The following\* process will actively engage the community as partners in seeking responsible and equitable outcomes in the work to prevent involuntary displacement in East Portland.

- 1)** Provide a wide range of opportunities for involvement, with targeted access and inclusion in decision-making for those with the potential to be adversely affected by gentrification/livability improvements.
- 2)** Foster ongoing positive relationships between communities and Municipal Governments by ensuring accountability for improving community well-being and inclusion, and by ensuring adherence to Community Benefit Agreements that should be instituted to support East Portlanders adversely impacted by gentrification/livability improvements whenever possible.
- 3)** Recognize that Municipal Governments have a responsibility to plan for the needs of and engage with disparately under-served, under-resourced, and under-represented communities, and to prioritize policy mandates based on need, so as to achieve greater equity for those most adversely impacted by gentrification/livability improvements.
- 4)** Expand opportunities for meaningful community engagement and require transparent, well designed, and thoughtful culturally and language specific and relevant representative and responsive public processes throughout address of the recommended tools: from issue identification, analysis, and project scoping through implementation, monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and enforcement.
- 5)** Build community capacity to increase the community's meaningful participation, innovation, solution-making and leadership by allocating adequate resources to realistically accomplish this community involvement outcome.

- 6) Utilize public comment as part of an equity-based community impact assessment to promote thoughtful consideration of and mitigation for policies that cause negative disparate impacts, irrespective of intent.

\*These recommendations are a revision of the “Community-Based Anti-Displacement Recommendations” produced by several community organizations and submitted as input to the Portland Comprehensive Plan Update: February 2015.