

LANGUAGE ACCESS IN THE DISTRICT: 5 YEARS IN THE MAKING

First Language Access Policy Forum

July 15, 2009

True Reformer Building

1200 U Street, NW

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Introductory Session

Welcome

- Gustavo F. Velasquez, Director, D.C. Office of Human Rights

Opening Remarks

- Victor Reinoso, Deputy Mayor of Education for the District of Columbia

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Panel I: Then and Now – Five Year Journey for the District of Columbia

Moderator: Soohyun Koo, Director, Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Panelists: Audrey Singer, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution

Gustavo F. Velasquez, D.C. Office of Human Rights

Jennifer Deng-Pickett, Director, D.C. Language Access Coalition

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Panel II: Nuts & Bolts – Implementation at the Municipal Level

Moderator: Mercedes Lemp, Director, Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs

Panelists: Steven Baron, Director, Department of Mental Health

Dr. Clarence Brown, Director, D.C. Office on Aging

Johanna Shreve, Director, Office of the Tenant Advocate

Dr. Ximena Hartsock, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

Elba Garcia, Director, Office of Bilingual Education, D.C. Public Schools

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

***Keynote Speaker**

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Panel III: What Works – Regional and National Best Practices

Moderator: Nebiat Solomon, Director, Mayor's Office on African Affairs

Panelists: Karen Plucinski, Office of Human Resources, Montgomery County Government

Angie Carrera, Office for Public Private Partnerships, Fairfax County Government

D'Alizza Mercedes, Workforce Diversity and Compliance Specialist, WMATA

James Plunkett, Director, Office of Interpreter Programs, D.C. Superior Court

Laureen D. Laglagaron, Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closing: "Next Steps"

Aryan Rodriguez, Language Access Director, D.C. Office of Human Rights