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## Building Integrated Communities will partner with the Town of Carrboro, NC and the Refugee Community Partnership

**Chapel Hill, NC, August 9, 2023:** The Building Integrated Communities (BIC) initiative at the Institute for the Study of the Americas, the Town of Carrboro, NC, and the Refugee Community Partnership signed a memorandum of agreement to create a language access plan for the Town. Over the next year, Carrboro BIC will bring stakeholders together to draft the plan, which will improve accessibility of Town services and resources for residents who speak languages other than English.

The Building Integrated Communities program is an initiative of the Institute for the Study of the Americas at UNC Chapel Hill, in collaboration with local governments, community residents and organization leaders. Since 2010, the statewide BIC initiative has partnered with the local governments of Chapel Hill, Siler City, Greenville, High Point, Winston-Salem, Sanford, and Washington and has gained national recognition for its work from the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

For more information about the BIC program, visit the BIC website (<u>https://migration.unc.edu/building-integrated-communities/</u>) or contact Hannah Gill, Associate Director of the Institute for the Study of the Americas at <u>hgill@email.unc.edu</u>.

