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## Volunteers Needed to Serve as Parent Ambassadors

Are you a parent whose child has attended Metro Schools? Do you speak Arabic, Burmese, Congolese, Kurdish, Nepali, Somali or Spanish? Do you want to help students from your home country succeed in school? If you're nodding your head, we need you to volunteer as a Parent Ambassador!

Parent Ambassadors is a new program that will pair experienced Metro Schools parents with New American families who are new to Nashville schools. Parent Ambassadors will provide families with information and guidance on navigating the school system. They will also serve as advisors to Metro Schools, assisting school leaders on policies and practices that ease the transition into schools for new families and their students.

Parent Ambassadors will be paired with New American families who are from their same home country and/or speak the same language. Parent Ambassadors will receive free training from several departments within Metro Schools, and they will begin working with New American families in September. **Applications are due August 20 at 5pm and [are available here.](#)**

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## Early Voting at Casa Azafran

Election Day is nearly here! But why wait until August 7 to cast your vote? Davidson County voters have [ten early vote locations](#) to choose from, including—for the first time—[Casa Azafran](#). Early voting will be available at all locations through August 2.



The [ballot](#) for the upcoming State Primary and Davidson County General Election includes races for U.S. Congress, Governor, Tennessee State Senate and House of Representatives, Metro Nashville Public School Board, various judgeships, county offices and state executive committee members.

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## Mayor Dean Speaks at the White House's National Convening on Immigration and Refugee Integration

Earlier this month, Mayor Dean joined community leaders from around the country at the White House for the first-ever National Convening on Immigration and Refugee Integration. The Mayor spoke on a panel designed to highlight cities and states that are excelling at welcoming and integrating immigrants and refugees.

Mayor Dean described Nashville's rapidly growing New American population, calling immigrants' decision to move to Nashville "the best compliment a city can get." He also outlined some of the city's successful integration programs, from [Pathway for New Americans](#), which supports immigrants in Nashville who aspire to become U.S. citizens, to [MyCity Academy](#), a free leadership training program that empowers New Americans to understand and participate in Nashville's government.

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U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

## USCIS to Host a Free Two-Day Seminar about Adult Citizenship Education

Adult educators and program administrators who want to learn more about preparing adult students for the naturalization process are invited to attend a free seminar sponsored by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The seminar will take place in the conference center of the Nashville Public Library (615 Church Street) on August 20 (10am-5pm) and August 21 (10am-12:30pm).

Participants will learn about developing a comprehensive adult citizenship curriculum, preparing students for the naturalization interview and more. To register for the event, [click here](#).

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## Spotlight: New Americans Appointed to Metro Boards & Commissions

Mayor Dean is committed to ensuring that Nashville's rich diversity is reflected in his appointments to Metro [boards and commissions](#).

The mayor recently appointed Abdishakur Mohamed to the Metro Human Relations Commission. A native of Somalia who arrived in the United States as a refugee in 2004, Mr. Mohamed works as an employment coordinator for Catholic Charities of Tennessee's Refugee Services Department.

Mayor Dean's appointment of Francisca Guzman to the Metro Board of Health will go before Metro Council next week. Ms. Guzman, an executive assistant and media coordinator at the Disability Law & Advocacy Center of Tennessee, immigrated from El Salvador in 1990.

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