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## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor & Council  
**From:** Dave Reynolds  
**Re:** Agenda Item: Discussion of Recent Migrant Influx in Western Colorado  
**Date:** 1/02/24

### Purpose:

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to discuss the recent influx of immigrants to the Western Slope area and begin to better understand the policies, procedures, resources, and partnerships that might be useful when addressing this topic either directly or as a partner agency to a neighboring community.

The need for emergency preparedness and the ability to anticipate a crisis may come in many forms. Whether a natural disaster, manmade disaster, or humanitarian crises, the need to look ahead and anticipate future needs and policies is critical. While most Towns and Counties have suitable emergency operation plans that are designed to address wildfires, floods, pandemics, biohazards, etc., specific plans and policies that address large influxes of displaced peoples are rare.

The goal of this agenda discussion is to formulate a plan for studying this issue and developing a pathway to understanding the Town's role in addressing large scale immigration challenges.