

MyCITY ACADEMY

Coming Soon to Your City?

What's happening in Nashville?



MAYOR'S
OFFICE OF
NEW
AMERICANS

English-only fails

As the nation watches, Nashville voters spurn a measure to restrict government business to English.



Supporters of the English-only proposal celebrate Thursday at the Nashville for All of Us gathering at Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville. JAE S. LEE / THE TENNESSEAN

MyCity Academy

by the numbers



- **Founded in 2012**
- **1st of its kind in the nation**
- **175 graduates**
- **39 countries**
- **7-month program**
- **1 day per month**
- **Lasted through 2 mayors**
- **Curriculum shared with dozens of cities**

Empowering participants to understand and interact with Metro Government



- **An Overview of Nashville:**
Mayor's role + city's founding + civil rights history
- **Infrastructure:**
Codes + Public Works + Water + Planning
- **Healthy Living:**
Parks + Health Department + Transit + Social Services
- **Courts & Civic Engagement:**
Council + Election Commission + DA + PD + Boards & Commissions + Juvenile Court + Metro Legal
- **Education:**
Metro Schools + Student Opportunities
- **Public Safety:**
Police + Fire + Sheriff + Emergency Management
- **Economic Development:**
Tourism + Budget + Taxes + ECD Efforts

How do WE get one of those?

You need these FOUR things...

#1: BUY-IN FROM THE TOP

#2: LUNCH MONEY

#3: ONE MOTIVATED STAFFER

#4: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Got any advice?

Four pro tips...

PRO TIPS

- #1: Don't forget the receiving community
- #2: Make it feel special
- #3: Build leadership pipelines
- #4: Consider MyCity Social

