

Handout #4: Possible Interview Questions

* Why did you (or your parent) decide to leave home and move here? What pushed you away from your home? What pulled you here? Was it a difficult decision?

* Why did you choose the community to move to that you did? How did you get there? What did you bring with you? How much money did you have?

* What kind of hopes and expectations did you have? Did they come true?

* How did you feel the day you arrived? Where did you sleep your first few nights? How did you deal with the anxiety?

* What type of neighborhood did you first settle in? Why?

* What kind of support network did you find here? Friends or relatives from home? A church or synagogue? An ethnic bank, lending institution, or burial society? Social services?

* Was it hard to find a job? What kind of jobs did you first get? How did you find them? What other opportunities opened to you over the years?