



## Section 13: Unity

Provo City is home to a growing and highly diversified population. Various racial, ethnic, and nationality groups merging within the neighborhoods and outlying areas of the city include Latin American, Polynesian, African-American, Haitian, Asian, and others. Through the support and energy of the Provo City government, and the vision of volunteer groups providing leadership, the cultural heritage of all ethnic citizens continues to merge with greater appreciation and acceptance for one another. Effective educational programs heighten citizen awareness of community strengths and weaknesses, thus providing ongoing opportunities of service exchange programs, etc. Multi-culturalism in Provo City is enhanced, making way for stronger multi-cultural leadership and involvement on area committees, councils, and service agencies.

Goal 13.1 - Respond to the demographic shifts by educating the community on current ethnic, religious, and cultural groups residing in Provo City.

Objective 13.1.1 Develop a multifaceted, educational process by which all citizens can learn of the diverse cultures living in Provo City and those who may yet seek a home within the city. Education is essential to broadening views and appreciating diverse cultures and customs.

Objective 13.1.2 Work together to ensure that statistics reporting does not perpetuate stereotypes and misperceptions.

Objective 13.1.3 Expand facilities and venues, through various individual organizations, for teaching and learning a variety of languages.

Goal 13.2 - Bridge gaps of misunderstanding by effective communication.

Objective 13.2.1 Acknowledge that gaps in cultural understanding exist and take positive steps to reduce the gaps and to keep them from widening.

Objective 13.2.2 Identify and enlist community leaders of all cultural backgrounds to aid in communication and understanding between the various cultural groups.

Goal 13.3 - Give greater attention to meeting the needs of the less advantaged through non-governmental as well as governmental organizations.

Goal 13.4 - Provide growth opportunities for the senior population of all cultural groups.

Objective 13.4.1 Provide classes for seniors to develop talents, skills, and knowledge.

Objective 13.4.2 Allow for ample service and volunteer opportunities.

Goal 13.5 - Embrace opportunities to learn more about, and thereby appreciate, the diversity of our world's people and cultures. Work toward educating and influencing individuals who lack knowledge about the growth of multi-cultural residents in our city. Encourage dialogue and interaction between all citizens to unify and solidify our city.

Objective 13.5.1 Promote volunteerism and interaction of various faiths, ethnicities, and organizations.

Objective 13.5.2 Bring together multi-cultural groups and organizations from Brigham Young University and Utah Valley University to work together to promote greater awareness of the various groups living in the neighborhoods of Provo City.

Objective 13.5.3 Join together existing organizations to form public awareness and cultural education programs celebrating diversity.

