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Naturalization/Citizenship Information Session

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will be hosting a Naturalization Information Session on Tuesday, September 30th, 2014 at 5:30PM in City Hall's Council Chambers. The session will be a bilingual information session, conducted by a USCIS representative in both English and Spanish. This session will assist permanent residents, as well as others interested in naturalization, learn more about the naturalization process.

Topics that will be discussed at this FREE session include:

- *Naturalization eligibility requirements*
- *How to apply for naturalization*
- *The naturalization exam and interview*
- *The rights and responsibilities of a U.S. citizen*

Study materials to assist the naturalization candidates in preparing for the naturalization exam and interview will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Attendees will also be able to register for a citizenship consultation appointment with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, where we will assist the candidate through the naturalization application process from beginning to end.

To RSVP to this session, please contact the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at (201)-547-4328 or (201)-547-4348.

USCIS ALERT:

USCIS Issues New Policy on Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record

Starting June 1, 2014, USCIS will limit the validity period for all Forms I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record, to one year from the date of submission to USCIS. Applicants must also submit Form I-693 to USCIS within one year of the immigration medical examination.

*USCIS will also provide additional ways to submit Form I-693. As outlined in policy alert **PA-2014-005**, this updated policy applies to any Form I-693 supporting a benefit application that USCIS adjudicates on or after June 1, 2014.*

*USCIS will hold an engagement on June 12, 2014 to address questions about the new policy and provide guidance on filing Form I-693. We have also updated the **Form I-693 Web page** on our website.*

*For more information, please visit our website at **www.uscis.gov**.*

RED CROSS MOBILE APPS: NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

New Spanish-language versions of the American Red Cross emergency apps will have identical features to English versions and will allow users to toggle back and forth.

Five apps, in addition to one covering hurricanes, are available. They cover first aid, tornadoes, eartquakes, wildfires and flooding. However weather alerts, which are issued by the National Weather Service, will be in English.

Altogether Red Cross apps have been downloaded 4.7 million times.

SOURCE: AMERICAN RED CROSS

Download Red Cross apps at
redcross.org/mobileapps

SEPTEMBER
Important Dates

Monday 9/15/2014 — Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

Tuesday 9/30/2014 — Naturalization/Citizenship Information Session - 5:30pm @ City Hall Council Chambers

City Hall
280 Grove Street, Room 106
Jersey City, New Jersey

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Interested In U.S. Citizenship!

- *Understand Rights and Responsibilities*
- *Learn About Naturalization*
- *Download Form N-400*
- *Study for thr Naturalization Test*
- *Find Help in Your Community*

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service

www.USCIS.gov

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SPANISH SPEAKERS LINE

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion would like to introduce our Spanish Speakers Line to the Jersey City Community! Ranked as the second most diverse city in America, Jersey City truly represents a melting pot of nations, ethnicities, and cultural traditions. All of these varying groups combined, have made Jersey City an ethnically and linguistically distinctive city, whose services need to match the diversity of its audience. Over the past several years, the Hispanic community of Jersey City has grown tremendously. We have thousands of Hispanic individuals residing in our City, and due to a language barrier, many amongst this community do not know about all the services and resources that are at their disposal.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion has created the Spanish Speakers Line, is a vital resource to Jersey City's Hispanic Community, opening the doors to all the services and resources this City has to offer. The Hispanic community now has a place that they can call with the assurance that their questions and concerns will be heard and understood and they will be provided with all the assistance and answers they need.

SPANISH SPEAKERS LINE:
OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY FROM 8:00AM-8:00PM
TELEPHONE: 201-547-4348

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The Office of Diversity and Inclusion is one of the five offices of the Resident Response Center, which serves as your "one-stop" office for information or assistance related to City services. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion works to empower, integrate, and celebrate the diverse communities of Jersey City. This office promotes the success of the immigrant community by ensuring and enhancing access to the City services and guiding immigrants through the citizenship application process from beginning to end. We offer free access to immigration information, assistance with filling out forms, provide resources to prepare for the citizenship exam and interview, and educate individuals on how to lead a happy and healthy life in Jersey City.