



Cities for Citizenship Participant Form

About Cities for Citizenship

Cities for Citizenship (C4C) is a collaboration co-chaired by the mayors of Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York City with support from the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) and the Center for Popular Democracy (CPD). The goal of the campaign is to support mayors and municipal governments to initiate or enhance citizenship programs in their cities and counties.

Over 8.8 million immigrants in the United States are currently eligible to become citizens. Faced with high naturalization fees and a complicated application process, many are choosing to put off citizenship in favor of the simpler and cheaper option of renewing their legal permanent resident (“LPR”) status. This is a missed opportunity both for immigrants and for the cities and counties they call home. The benefits of naturalization include higher earning potential for new citizens, increase voting and political participation, improved connections between communities and local services, and reduced deportation rates.

Cities and counties are uniquely situated to encourage their immigrant constituents to apply for citizenship both by offering material support to existing naturalization programs, and by promoting naturalization in the media and through community outreach.

C4C facilitates collaboration between participating cities to provide:

- Technical support and policy advice
- Assistance with organizing strategies
- Best practices from other cities and counties
- Communications and press strategy support
- Planning and implementing C4C events and activities

Participating Cities and Counties

Cities and counties that join C4C pledge to do the following:

- Create or expand existing naturalization programs in partnership with organizations in their city or county
- Establish a target for annual naturalization numbers
- Track naturalization numbers and share progress
- Participate in at least one coordinated C4C Initiative event per year (i.e. Citizenship Day in September)
- Participate in quarterly planning calls
- Share citizenship initiative materials and plans with the C4C Initiative

If you would like for your city or county to be a part of Cities for Citizenship, please complete the attached form.

Cities for Citizenship Participant Information

Name of participating city or county: _____

Name of C4C staff contact: _____

Email address of C4C contact: _____

Phone number of C4C contact: _____

Estimated fundraising contribution: _____

** **A funding contribution is not mandatory for participating cities or counties.** The fundraising contribution refers to funds that would go towards naturalization efforts in your city or county (i.e. outreach material, funds for the office, CBOs, etc).*

Short description of planned naturalization support work:

Local community based organizations collaborating on naturalization work:

Name of organization

Contact information

Please email your completed form to Cities4Citizenship@populardemocracy.org.