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## **Citizenship Information Seminars**

*Second Annual FREE event to Learn How to Become a U.S. Citizen, See If You Qualify, and Take Steps to Address Any Problems BEFORE You File.*

The Immigrant Services Network of Austin is sponsoring a **Citizenship Information Event on October 22, 2011, at the Riverside Campus of Austin Community College** (located at 1020 Grove Blvd., Austin, TX 78741). There will be *two sessions*: a morning session from 9AM-12PM, and an afternoon session from 1PM- 4PM. All information will be provided in English. If you plan to apply for citizenship soon, want information about whether you qualify, want to hear about the documentation that you will need to apply, want to see a mock interview or get the extra help that you might need this is a great opportunity to learn about the process.

### **WHAT: Citizenship Event**

### **WHEN & WHERE: Saturday, October 22, 2011**

Morning session 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon; Afternoon session 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
**Austin Community College Riverside Campus**  
1020 Grove Blvd., Austin, TX 78741

### **Each half day program will include:**

- An overview of the requirements for citizenship
- Information about who is qualified to represent you in the immigration process
- Explanation of your interview with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service
- Information about potential obstacles to obtaining citizenship
- Live swearing-in ceremony
- An Immigrant Services Fair where you can get information on services that help you in your application process

Potential applicants with tax, legal or literacy issues will be referred directly to the three leading Travis County nonprofit organizations that can help.

**WHO:** In light of the importance and complexity of obtaining American Citizenship, the Immigrant Services Network of Austin is bringing together the following agencies to answer questions about citizenship and to guide people to solutions:

- Citizenship Examiners from The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (U.S.C.I.S)
- American Gateways (local immigration service provider)
- Immigration Counseling Outreach Services (local immigration service provider)
- Travis County Lawyer Referral Service-for related legal matters relevant to Citizenship, including child support, separation, divorce, legitimation, and criminal history
- Community Tax Center-for related tax matters relevant to Citizenship

- Literacy Coalition of Central Texas-for polishing up on English and citizenship skill at school or in the workplace
- attorneys from the American Immigration Lawyers' Association
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This event is **free and open to the public**. No childcare is provided.

**SPONSORS:** Immigrant Services Network of Austin (ISNA); Austin Community College (ACC); United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (U.S.C.I.S.).

**OTHER PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:** American Gateways, Austin Public Library, Foundation Communities, Immigration Counseling and Outreach Services (ICOS), Lawyer Referral Service, Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, SafePlace, Saheli, and more.

**ABOUT ISNA:** ISNA is a working group of diverse community stakeholders and immigrant service providers operating together to coordinate efforts, increase public awareness and inform policy to better serve the immigrant community. ISNA is a neutral, non-political arena where stakeholders can convene in order to work towards local solutions. Members share information with each other, and educate/outreach to the community at large. ISNA respects the dignity and humanity of all immigrants, regardless of status.

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