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Congratulations! You're a U.S. citizen. What's next?

The Citizenship Project at Asian Americans Advancing Justice is so happy for your achievement in becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. We are honored to help you along this journey. Thank you for trusting us with your application.

Enclosed you will find important information about next steps you should take after you've obtained your U.S. citizenship. As a U.S. citizen, you now have certain benefits, such as voting, sponsoring family members to come to the U.S., obtaining citizenship for children born abroad, and applying for Federal jobs, to name a few. Please take time to review this important information. If you have any questions, please contact Advancing Justice for assistance.

Thank you again for allowing us to serve you. The Citizenship Project is proud to serve so many diverse communities and help thousands of individuals achieve the dream of U.S. citizenship. If your friends and family could benefit from our services at Advancing Justice, we would be honored for your referral. If you are interested in helping others along their Citizenship journey, please consider paying it forward by donating to our organization or volunteering at our next citizenship event so someone else can achieve their dreams of U.S. citizenship.

*Sincerely,
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Your U.S. Citizenship: Next Steps

If you passed your naturalization interview and your application was approved, **you are almost a U.S. citizen!** You are not a U.S. citizen until you attend your Oath Ceremony and receive your Certificate of Naturalization.

After you've attended your Oath Ceremony and received your Certificate of Naturalization, be sure to take these important next steps:



Apply for a U.S. Passport

After you've become a U.S. citizen, you can apply for a U.S. passport from the U.S. Department of State. You will need to submit your original and a photocopy of your Form N-550, Certificate of Naturalization when applying for a U.S. passport.

For more information about how to apply for a U.S. passport, visit:

<https://travel.state.gov/passports> and click on "How to Apply."

Register to Vote

As a new U.S. citizen, you may register to vote. You can register to vote by applying in person, online, by mail, or when you apply for or renew your driver's license.

To register online, visit www.registertovote.ca.gov.





Update Your Social Security Record

You must visit Social Security so they can update your Social Security record with your new status.

Wait at least 10 days after your ceremony before doing so and bring your Certificate of Naturalization or your U.S. passport as evidence of your citizenship.

It is important your Social Security record is accurate because you will need your Social Security Number (SSN) to get a job, collect Social Security benefits, and receive other government services.

To find your Social Security office, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>.

Obtain Proof of U.S. Citizenship for Your Child

If you have a child who is a lawful permanent resident under the age of 18 on the day you naturalize, he or she may have automatically derived U.S. citizenship.

To obtain evidence of your child's derive U.S. citizenship status, you may apply for a U.S. passport from the U.S. Department of State; or apply for a Certificate of Citizenship using Form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship from USCIS.

For more information about U.S. passports for children, visit <https://travel.state.gov/passports> and click on "Need a Passport," then select age.



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For more information about Form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship, visit www.uscis.gov/n-600.

For assistance with completing Form N-600, you may contact Advancing Justice at 888-349-9695.

Sponsor Family Members to Come to the United States

As a citizen of the United States, you may petition for certain relatives to become lawful permanent residents by obtaining a “Green Card”.

For more information, see www.uscis.gov/howdoi. For in-person assistance, contact Advancing Justice at 888-349-9695 for more information. Legal fees may apply.



Share Your Journey to U.S. Citizenship With Us

Since 1983, Advancing Justice has helped more than 1000 individuals each year make their dream of becoming a U.S. citizen a reality. We pride ourselves in being able to serve the diverse community in Southern California and hope to continue making this impact for many more years to come. Add to our history by telling us about your journey to U.S. citizenship!

Each one of our clients has a unique story to tell about their journey to the U.S. Whether it involves reuniting with family, seeking refuge, or looking for new opportunities—each of these stories adds to what makes America a beautiful and colorful place to call home.

Visit <http://bit.ly/citzstories> to tell us your story.



Be an Ambassador! Encourage a friend or family member with a green card to apply for U.S. Citizenship.

Help us spread awareness about the importance of U.S. citizenship by being an Ambassador! We recognize individuals who encourage others to take that first step in calling Advancing Justice for help with citizenship. Knowing someone who has gone through the process successfully, can help put others at ease in taking that next step. We make it easy by offering attorney review, study materials, and free legal consultation on your eligibility for citizenship.

STAY INVOLVED WITH US

Chinese: [800-520-2356](tel:800-520-2356)

Khmer: [800-867-3126](tel:800-867-3126)

Korean: [800-867-3640](tel:800-867-3640)

Tagalog: [855-300-2552](tel:855-300-2552)

Thai: [880-914-9583](tel:880-914-9583)

Vietnamese: [714-587-2050 ext 6](tel:714-587-2050)

English/Other: [888-349-9695](tel:888-349-9695)



CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

OUR DEDICATED TEAM OF NATURALIZATION EXPERTS CAN PROVIDE YOU FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE WITH:

- Preparing your application for naturalization (N-400)
- Obtaining a certificate of citizenship (N-600)
- Renewing your green card (I-90)
- Saving money by preparing the fee waiver (I-912) if you qualify
- Representing you at your naturalization interview, if applicable
- Providing mock interviews to practice your English speaking skills before your upcoming interview
- If you have specific questions about our services, text us at (213) 973-6140

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT BY PHONE OR ONLINE:

Chinese: 800-520-2356

Tagalog: 855-300-2552

Korean: 800-867-3640

Thai: 800-914-9583

Vietnamese: 714-587-2050 ext. 6

English/Other: 888-349-9695

ONLINE APPOINTMENT LINK (N-400 ONLY):

<http://bit.ly/citzproject>



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THE
NEW AMERICANS
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Pay it forward and support an aspiring U.S. citizen.



\$10

Mails an application to USCIS on behalf of our client

\$20

Sponsors materials for our workshops (folders, printing, etc.)

\$25

Covers mileage and parking fees for an attorney to accompany a naturalization applicant to their naturalization interview

\$50

Covers a legal consultation fee for a low-income client with a complex immigration history

\$100

Provides interpretation services for a client at a USCIS interview

\$200

Provides in-person legal representation for a client at a USCIS naturalization interview

\$250

Sponsors lunch for volunteers at our monthly citizenship workshop event

\$500

Sponsors lunch for our volunteers at our annual large citizenship event

If you've benefited from our citizenship services at Advancing Justice and would like to help a fellow aspiring resident become a US citizen, consider donating any amount as part of our Pay-It-Forward campaign. Donations, big and small, help us maintain our programming and continue to provide our services for FREE to the community. While our work is primarily funded by state and foundation grants, this doesn't cover all of the costs associated with our services. Private donations help to fill in funding gaps for costs associated with printing, mailing, interpretation, and other administrative fees. Private donations give us the ability to continue our services without interruption.

We welcome you to become a recurring donor to our citizenship program or help us by giving us a one-time donation that can cover an important aspect of our work. As a 501c3 organization, all donations to Advancing Justice are tax deductible. There are two easy ways you can donate:

- Online by visiting <http://bit.ly/ajla-pay-it-forward>.
- Cash or Check can be given to any staff member on the Citizenship Project team or mailed to: Asian Americans Advancing Justice - LA, 1145 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

"I donated because I am so grateful for the amazing work of Advancing Justice and will never forget my attorney who helped me through this process." ~ JM

I gave money because "I just wanted to do something to reciprocate what my Advancing Justice attorney has done for our family. Pro bono work is usually for people who are in great need of legal help but can't afford it. This is why I wanted to give." ~ LT



Asian Americans Advancing Justice is the nation's largest legal and civil rights organization for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NHPI). Through direct services, impact litigation, policy advocacy, leadership development, and capacity building, Advancing Justice focuses on the most vulnerable members of Asian American and NHPI communities while also building a strong voice for civil rights and social justice. To learn more, visit www.advancingjustice-la.org.



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