

CITIZENSHIP IS AN ASSET FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

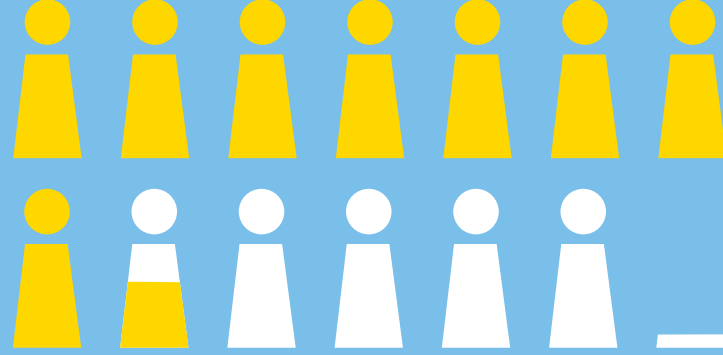
Gaining U.S. citizenship would benefit the lives of legal permanent residents (LPRs) -- and boost the national economy by billions of dollars.

But 8.5 million people are lost in the maze.



LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Legal permanent residents are documented immigrants who pay taxes and work lawfully.



8.5M FROM **13.1M** LPRs are estimated to be eligible for citizenship

52% of eligible LPRs are low-income

= one million

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and U.S. Census Bureau.

BENEFITS OF CITIZENSHIP

8% to **11%** Increase in individual earnings



Better paying jobs



Right to vote



School scholarships



Government programs

\$37 to **\$52** billion Increase to the U.S. economy over 10 years if eligible LPRs naturalize

Source: Pastor, Manuel, and Justin Scoggins. *Citizen Gain: The Economic Benefits of Naturalization for Immigrants and the Economy*. Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, 2012.

LOST IN the maze

APPLICATION PROCESS COMPLEXITY

LACK OF ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE

NOT ENOUGH SAVINGS OR FINANCIAL RESOURCES

\$680 TOTAL FEES FOR CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION

LACK OF ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE & TRUSTED **LEGAL SUPPORT**

SOLUTIONS FOR A SIMPLER PATH WITH NONPROFITS AND MUNICIPAL SUPPORT

Professional & legal assistance



Naturalization preparation classes



Financial counseling



Fee solutions

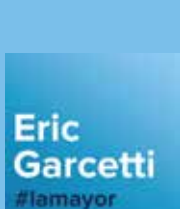


LEADS TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

CITIES FOR CITIZENSHIP PARTNERS



City of Chicago



City of Los Angeles



City of New York



The Center for Popular Democracy



Citi



The National Partnership for New Americans