

# CITIES FOR CITIZENSHIP

2016 IMPACT REPORT



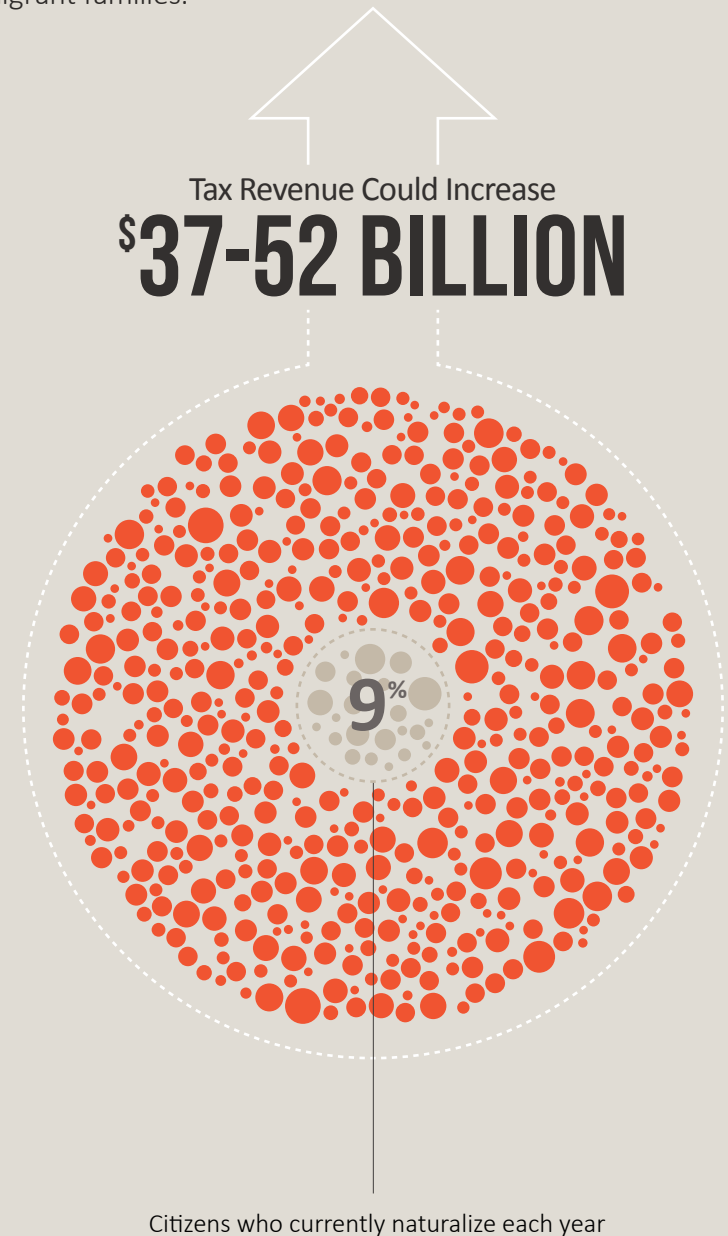
Cities for Citizenship (C4C) is a major bipartisan national initiative to increase citizenship among eligible U.S. permanent residents and encourage cities across the country to invest in citizenship programs. C4C is premised on the idea that when municipal leaders develop and fund naturalization efforts to encourage and support eligible residents in applying for US citizenship, it produces substantial economic and civic benefits for all of their constituents.

Founded in 2014, 38 cities and counties have joined C4C, which is chaired by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, with support from the Center for Popular Democracy and the National Partnership for New Americans. Citi Community Development is the Founding Corporate Partner.

For more information, visit [CitiesforCitizenship.com](http://CitiesforCitizenship.com)

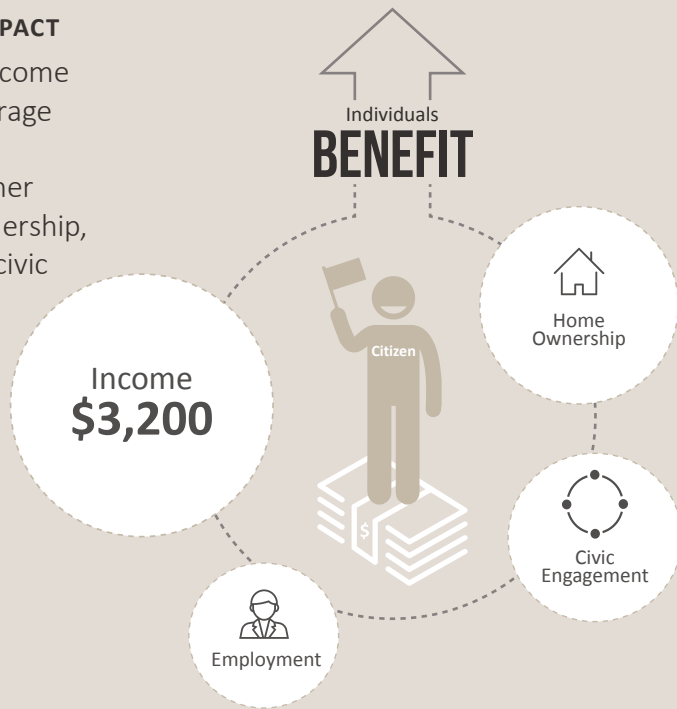
#### THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship has well-documented benefits for those who are eligible, as well as for the cities and counties where they live. When eligible residents become U.S. citizens, it boosts local economies, raises tax revenue and contributes to the financial security and civic engagement of immigrant families.



### THE INDIVIDUAL IMPACT

Individuals who become citizens see an average income increase of \$3,200, and higher rates of home ownership, employment, and civic engagement.



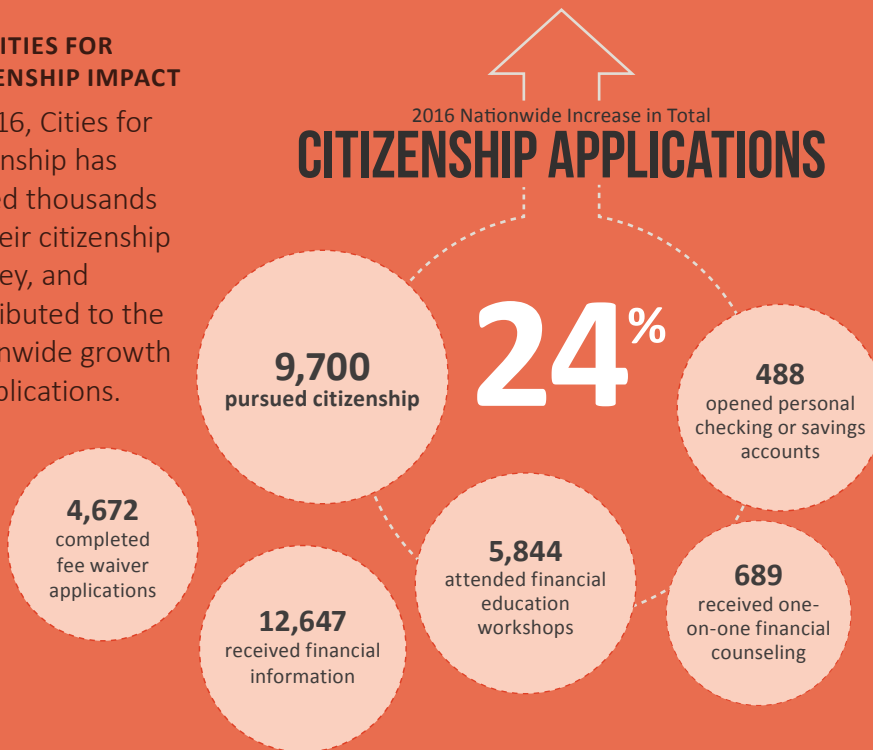
### THE PROCESS

Legal permanent residents need help navigating the complex citizenship process.



### THE CITIES FOR CITIZENSHIP IMPACT

In 2016, Cities for Citizenship has helped thousands on their citizenship journey, and contributed to the nationwide growth in applications.



## JOIN THE COALITION

Cities and counties of all sizes have banded together to commit to increasing citizenship. Visit [CitiesforCitizenship.com](http://CitiesforCitizenship.com) to find out their best practices and how to join.

*"American citizenship—and all of the rights, privileges and responsibilities that come with it—should be within reach for all people who love this country, have built lives here, and are invested in the future we're building together. My Office of Immigrant Affairs has formed incredible partnerships with Cities for Citizenship and local service providers, and we are working hand-in-hand to help Angelenos navigate the naturalization process, become better educated in financial literacy, and more fully understand the resources available to them and their families."*

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

Dallas Mayor Michael S. Rawlings

*"Dallas thrives when all of our residents are included and afforded the opportunity to succeed. In our city, where 1 in 4 of our residents was born in another country, we understand that our strength is our diversity and we stand with our residents striving to become U.S. citizens. We understand there are significant benefits associated with naturalization, such as the opportunity to earn higher wages and fuller civic participation. We look forward to being a part of C4C as we launch our local campaign through the Office of Welcoming Communities & Immigrant Affairs and Dallas Public Libraries to promote U.S. citizenship in collaboration with local community organizations."*

*"America is a nation of immigrants, and families from across the world have helped Chicago grow, thrive, and prosper throughout our history. Chicago would not be the great city we are today without immigration, and we remain deeply committed to opening the pathways toward citizenship for our growing immigrant population. We are proud of Cities for Citizenship's achievements and look forward to growing our partnership as we assist as many Chicagoans as possible in navigating the naturalization process."*

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel

*"Our cities' economic activity, tax bases and civic participation expand every time an immigrant family is empowered through services that support their pathway to citizenship."*

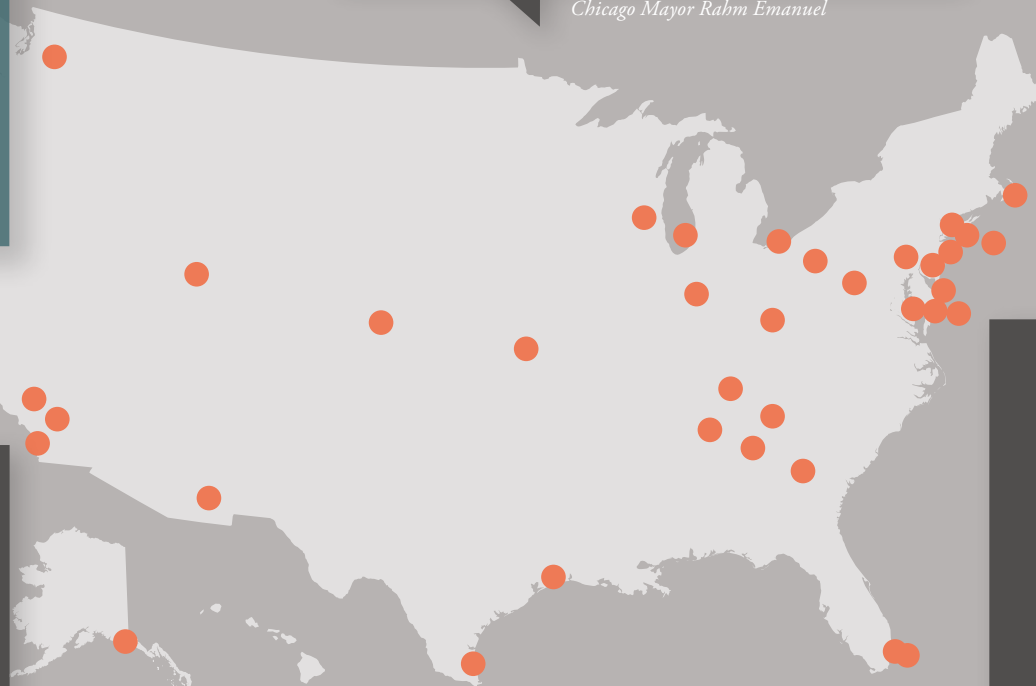
New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio

Bob Annibale, Global Director of Citi Community Development

*"Financial inclusion is a key component to ensuring economic growth is more equitable and inclusive. Yet in the U.S., foreign-born non-residents are four times more likely to be outside of the financial system than immigrants who are U.S. citizens. Citizenship for those who are eligible not only unlocks significant economic benefits and opportunities for low-income immigrants and their communities, but provides a unique and powerful opportunity to build a strong financial identity alongside their new national identity."*

Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado

*"The City of Miami Commission, led by Vice-Chairman Ken Russell and I recently passed a resolution to work with the Office of New Americans of Miami-Dade and Cities for Citizenship to provide citizenship services to the almost 500,000 eligible Miamians seeking naturalization. Studies show that those who gain citizenship are able to access a wider range of jobs, scholarships, attain economic mobility, and improve the livelihood of their families. This initiative will ensure that more proud residents of the City of Miami can realize these opportunities and thrive."*



## C4C CITIES AND COUNTIES

### Anchorage, AK

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz

### Atlanta, GA

Mayor Kasim Reed

### Baltimore, MD

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

### Boston, MA

Mayor Martin J. Walsh

### Chattanooga, TN

Mayor Andy Berke

### Chicago, IL

Mayor Rahm Emanuel

### Cleveland, OH

Mayor Frank Jackson

### Dallas, TX

Mayor Mike Rawlings

### Dayton, OH

Mayor Nan Whaley

### Denver, CO

Mayor Michael Hancock

### Detroit, MI

Mayor Mike Duggan

### Houston, TX

Mayor Sylvester Turner

### Jersey City, NJ

Mayor Steven Fulop

### Kansas City, KS

Mayor Mark Holland

### Knoxville, TN

Mayor Madeline Rogero

### Long Beach, CA

Mayor Robert Garcia

### Los Angeles, CA

Mayor Eric Garcetti

### Louisville, KY

Mayor Greg Fischer

### Madison, WI

Mayor Paul Soglin

### Miami City, FL

Mayor Tomás Pedro Regalado

### Miami-Dade County, FL

Mayor Carlos Gimenez

### Milwaukee, WI

Mayor Tom Barrett

### Montgomery County, MD

County Executive Ike Leggett

### Nashville, TN

Mayor Megan Barry

### New Haven, CT

Mayor Toni Harp

### New York, NY

Mayor Bill de Blasio

### Paterson, NJ

Mayor Joey Torres

### Philadelphia, PA

Mayor Michael Nutter

### Pittsburgh, PA

Mayor William Peduto

### Reading, PA

Mayor Vaughn Spencer

### Salt Lake County, UT

Mayor Ben McAdams

### San Francisco, CA

Mayor Ed Lee

### San Jose, CA

Mayor Sam Liccardo

### Seattle, WA

Mayor Ed Murray

### South Gate, CA

Mayor W.H. "Bill" De Witt

### Suffolk County, NY

County Executive Steven Bellone

### Tucson, AZ

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild

### Washington, DC

Mayor Muriel Bowser

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

MAYOR  
RAHM EMANUEL



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ERIC GARCETTI



MAYOR  
BILL DE BLASIO



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