

You Will Never Vote Until You Are Naturalized!

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Another voting season is coming up in November. The USCIS is now processing applications for Naturalization in under three months. File in May so you can register to vote in the Fall. You can access the application form, N-400, at www.uscis.gov. However, you may need some legal assistance if you:

- Have been outside the U.S. for significant periods of time after becoming a permanent resident, not just in the last five years.
- Have been married before or have changed your name.
- Have been arrested, detained, or cited by the police or any other law enforcement officer.
- Have not registered for the Selective Service when you were supposed to do so.
- Have failed to file U.S. Income Tax Returns for the last five years.
- Have lost your permanent residency card.
- Have a medical disability that prevents you from taking the test.
- Have citizenship in another country and wonder if you can have dual citizenship.
- Have questions regarding taking the oath of allegiance.
- Have other questions regarding the application.

If any of the above points are hindering you from filing for naturalization, please call my legal assistant, Kathryn Heacock, at 206-654-2257, to set up a reduced fee consultation.