Global Detroit

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GLOBAL DETROIT

July 9, 2015
February 2009 - Study Commenced
June 2010 - Study Completed
January 2011 - Global Michigan Announced
July 2012 - Global Detroit Incorporated
January 2015 - 5 Fully-Launched Initiatives; a Dozen Initiatives in Development or Prototyping; Over $7 Million Committed; Nationally Recognized (Migration Policy Institute; National League of Cities; Governing Magazine; Washington Post; Wall Street Journal; Money; The Financial Times; etc.)
1. Attract and retain international talent in the region.
2. Make the region welcoming to the international community and immigrants.
3. Attract international investment and businesses that create jobs.
4. Cultivate immigrant/ethnic revitalization of neighborhoods in the city of Detroit and the region’s core communities.
Global Detroit Launched Partner Initiatives

- Welcome Mat Detroit
- ProsperUS Detroit
- GTRI Global Talent Retention Initiative of Southeast Michigan
- Hello, Neighbor!
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Creating a Dynamic Inner City Business Model

Northside Urban Partnership
November 5, 2014

Services include:

- Record keeping
- Marketing & graphic design
- Energy audits
- Growth planning
- Restaurant & food consultation
- General management

Most services provided at no cost

Services funded by multiple public and philanthropic sources

PROSPERUS DETROIT

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NATURALIZATION CONNECTIONS

FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

APPLY FOR NATURALIZATION

Saturday, February 28
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Robert A. VerKuilen Building
21885 Dunham Road
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Use Door C. All other entrances will be locked

Volunteer attorneys, accredited representatives, and law students will be available to answer your questions, assist you in applying, and provide study materials so you can become a U.S. citizen.

WHY APPLY NOW?

• Help is here. Free preparation assistance for the application, ESL, and the exam is available, regardless of income.
• So you can vote in the next election
• Protection from deportation for yourself (and your children)
• To petition for more family members to join you in the United States before immigration reform limits categories of kinship
• You may qualify for a fee waiver!

Languages
English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Chaldean, and more

You will need to bring the following documents to the workshop:
• Your Permanent Resident Card (green card)
• Two passport photos (2x3") of yourself
• Your Alien's Certificate of Alien Registration
• Your Social Security number
• If you’re married to a U.S. citizen, your birth certificate or marriage certificate of your spouse
• If you’re married to a U.S. citizen, your marriage certificate and records
• Your children’s birth certificates if they are non-permanent residents
• List of residences for the past five years
• List of employer/schools for the past five years
• List of all trips outside the U.S. for the past five years (excluding to Canada and Mexico)
• Check or money order for $595, payable to the Department of Homeland Security
• You may qualify for a fee waiver. Call to inquire.

Advance registration is required.
English: (313) 466-4168
Spanish: (313) 466-4169
Arabic: (313) 466-4170
Or http://goo.gl/K1Q27Y

No walk-ins!
CULTURAL AMBASSADORS: CONNECTING RESIDENTS TO IMMIGRANTS

Become a Citizenship Ambassador with Global Detroit’s Cultural Ambassadors Program

And help candidates navigate the path to becoming citizens. Global Detroit and the New Americans Campaign support increased citizenship for immigrants as an economic development strategy, and we need your help.

More than eight million people live, work, and pay taxes in the U.S. and are eligible for citizenship, yet only about eight percent of them naturalize each year. Through citizenship they contribute more fully to the vitality of our communities and our democracy as a whole. The Cultural Ambassadors Program wants to help remove the barriers these people face and help them gain the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of citizenship.

Benefits of Naturalization

Naturalized citizens:
- Earnings are well above those of non-citizen immigrants, a rise of 8-11% after naturalization
- Family incomes are 15% higher than noncitizens
- Stay in the U.S. longer
- Have better English language abilities
- Have more education
- Have lower unemployment rates
- Are half as likely to live below the poverty line
- Weathered the recent economic crisis more successfully than noncitizens

There are 4 ways you can participate:

1. Promote citizenship in the community by helping spread the word about the benefits of citizenship and the resources available to help.
2. Volunteer at workshops or other events; sign up to assist with registration, logistics, intake, or interpretation.
3. Assist candidate teams in completing application forms; complete our training and sign up to help candidates complete their applications at workshops or DNAC offices.
4. Test prepare model candidates with studying, English skills, and mock interviews.

If the Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) in the U.S. become citizens, it would bolster the economy, with ripple effects for generations forward — naturalized citizens put money back into the economy, provide strength to communities, and make our regional economy more productive.

Detroit New Americans Campaign (DNAC) is a collaborative project of five immigrant-based organizations whose purposes are to mobilize and leverage local and national resources, civic and community partners, immigrant communities, and volunteers in an effort to promote and assist naturalization for eligible Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. The project encourages naturalization and its benefits through media-based advocacy, informational sessions, and one-on-one meetings with immigration attorneys in individual appointments, clinics, and group workshops.

DNAC is the largest regional collaborative project and with its programs acknowledged as the “Gateway” to Naturalization in Southeast Michigan. Last year alone DNAC’s partners assisted over 1,000 U.S. with Naturalization applications.

Contact: International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit at 313-877-8660 x 241

Global Detroit seeks to revitalize Metro Detroit’s economy by better connecting with and welcoming immigrants and internationals. To date, Global Detroit has helped raise $7 million in partner initiatives to execute a broad strategic plan.

Global Detroit is partnering with DNAC to create the Citizenship Ambassadors Program as part of the Global Detroit Cultural Ambassadors Program, which seeks to connect, support, and utilize Michigan’s many global assets and emerging talent in efforts to attract international businesses, foster International trade, welcome and retain global talent, and foster economic growth.

Contact: globalambassadors@globaldet.com globaldetroit.com/cultural-ambassadors
OUTREACH

• On the ground in SW Detroit

• Multiple listening methods and information gathering Methods

• Integrated Model that surveys for multiple resources
OUTREACH

• Connecting immigrants to resources such as NEIdeas grants, Motor City Match building rehab grants, Detroit Land Bank Authority and County auctions in Spanish
• Connect with resources to translate and modify documents
• Connect immigrants to home buyer education classes in other languages
• Replicate outreach in Banglatown
REHABBED HOMES IN SW DETROIT
Thank you!