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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



Office of Community Affairs: County Seeks to be Certified Welcoming County



Immigrant Inclusion Strategic Plan Update

PURPOSE: Identify ways in which the immigrant community can be more effectively and strategically served for the next 3-5 years.

- Currently writing DRAFT plan based upon survey results
- Survey results presented to Steering Committee & 5 Subcommittees in August; feedback from proposed recommendations taken
- Final document expected December 2022
- Board of Supervisors presentation early 2023
- Stay informed: <https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/immigrant-inclusion-strategic-plan>

Certified Welcoming

- **Formal designation** for cities and counties that have created policies and programs reflecting their values and commitment to immigrant inclusion.
- Program assesses efforts to include and welcome immigrants in all areas of **civic, social, and economic life** in their communities.
- With a **Certified Welcoming** designation, communities distinguish their local efforts, build a competitive advantage, and gain access to opportunities to share their welcoming practices on a regional, national, and global stage.



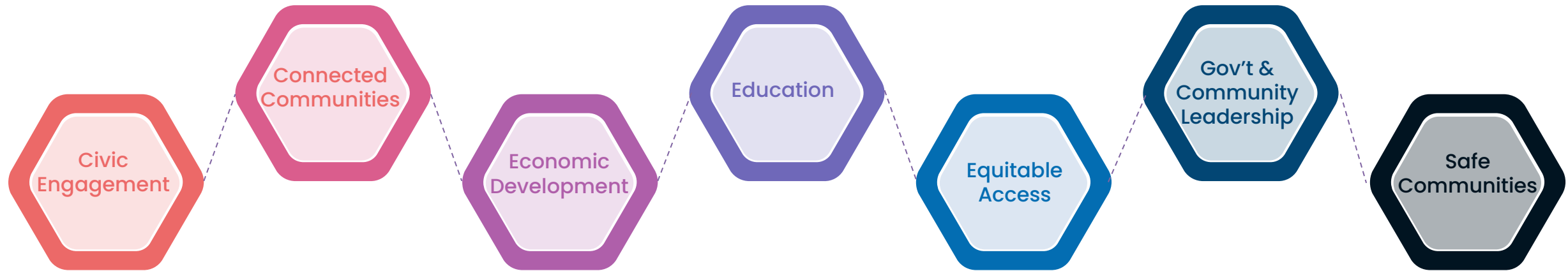
Certified Welcoming: Places



Certified Welcoming: Categories

Welcoming Standard

- 7 categories which are comprehensive and intentional by creating opportunities to build upon work for accomplishing systemic change



Certified Welcoming: Tiers

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
Civic Engagement	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Connected Communities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Economic Development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Equitable Access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Government & Community Leadership	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Safe Communities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Certified Welcoming: Evidence

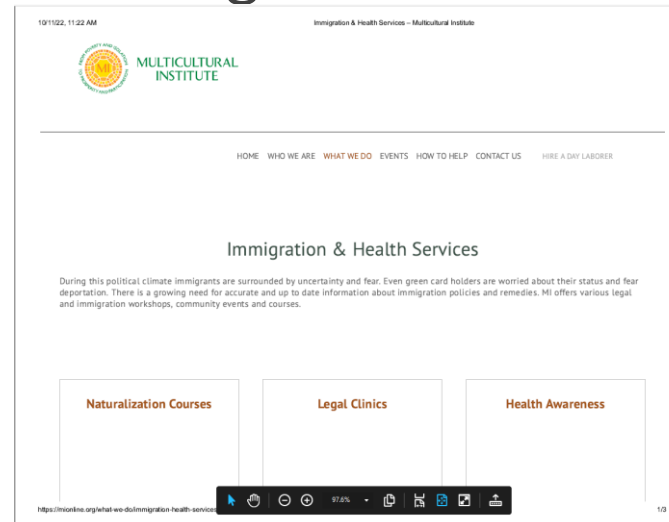
Evidence Gathering:

- Each tier must have corresponding evidence provided
- Proof of existing programs can be from county departments, city departments, and community-based partners/nonprofits
- Proof of existing programs can have existed within the past 4 years
- Programs can be paused, or in process of restructuring – however, if the program isn't expected to come back, it may not count as evidence

Evidence Gathering Example

Civic Engagement:

- Programs support immigrants in obtaining U.S. Citizenship (CE 1.0)
 - The Multicultural Institute has naturalization courses, where applicants receive exam preparation assistance, individual guidance, interview practice, and application assistance.
- <https://mionline.org/what-we-do/immigration-health-services/>



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Immigration & Health Services - Multicultural Institute

MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE

HOME WHO WE ARE WHAT WE DO EVENTS HOW TO HELP CONTACT US HIRE A DAY LABORER

Immigration & Health Services

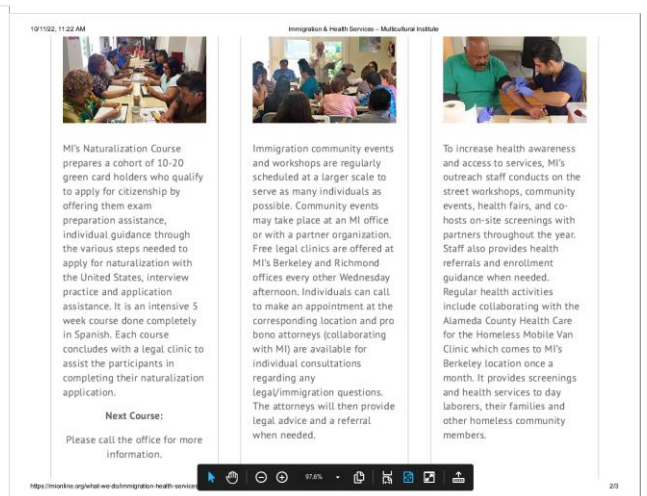
During this political climate immigrants are surrounded by uncertainty and fear. Even green card holders are worried about their status and fear deportation. There is a growing need for accurate and up to date information about immigration policies and remedies. MI offers various legal and immigration workshops, community events and courses.

Naturalization Courses

Legal Clinics


Health Awareness

<https://mionline.org/what-we-do/immigration-health-services/>



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Immigration & Health Services - Multicultural Institute




MI's Naturalization Course prepares a cohort of 10-20 green card holders who qualify to apply for citizenship by offering them exam preparation assistance, individual guidance through the various steps needed to apply for naturalization with the United States, interview practice and application assistance. It is an intensive 5 week course done completely in Spanish. Each course concludes with a legal clinic to assist the participants in completing their naturalization application.

Next Course:

Please call the office for more information.



Immigration community events and workshops are regularly scheduled at a larger scale to serve as many individuals as possible. Community events may take place at an MI office or with a partner organization. Free legal clinics are offered at MI's Berkeley and Richmond offices every other Wednesday afternoon. Individuals can call to make an appointment at the corresponding location and pro bono attorneys (collaborating with MI) are available for individual consultations regarding any legal/immigration questions. The attorneys will then provide legal advice and a referral when needed.



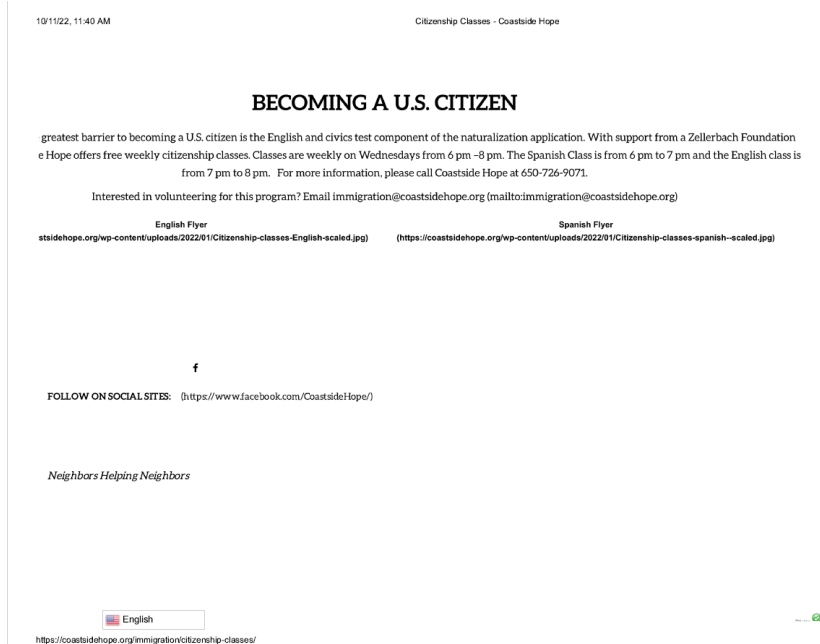
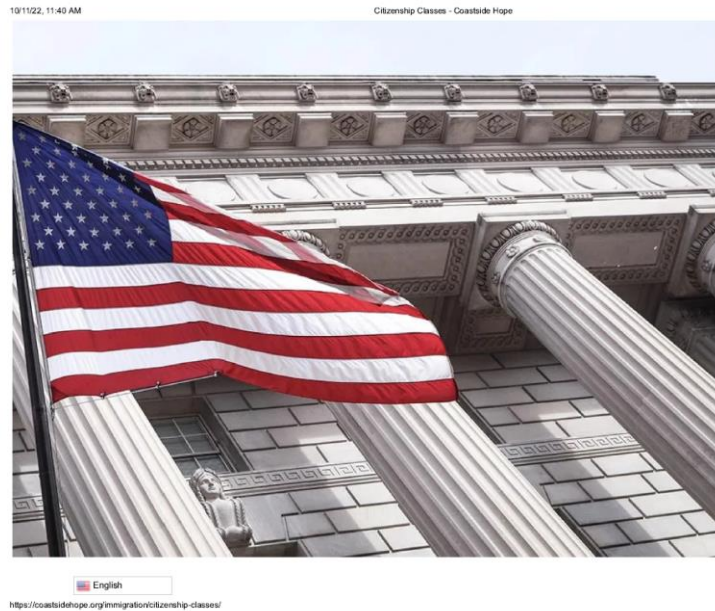
To increase health awareness and access to services, MI's outreach staff conducts on the street workshops, community events, health fairs, and co-hosts on-site screenings with partners throughout the year. Staff also provides health referrals and enrollment guidance when needed. Regular health activities include collaborating with the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Mobile Van Clinic which comes to MI's Berkeley location once a month. It provides screenings and health services to day laborers, their families and other homeless community members.

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Evidence Gathering Example

Civic Engagement:

- Programs support immigrants in obtaining U.S. Citizenship (CE 1.0)
 - Coastside Hope offers free weekly citizenship classes.
 - <https://coastsidehope.org/immigration/citizenship-classes/>



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Citizenship Classes - Coastside Hope

BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN

greatest barrier to becoming a U.S. citizen is the English and civics test component of the naturalization application. With support from a Zellerbach Foundation e Hope offers free weekly citizenship classes. Classes are weekly on Wednesdays from 6 pm -8 pm. The Spanish Class is from 6 pm to 7 pm and the English class is from 7 pm to 8 pm. For more information, please call Coastside Hope at 650-726-9071.

Interested in volunteering for this program? Email immigration@coastsidehope.org (<mailto:immigration@coastsidehope.org>)

English Flyer
coastsidehope.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Citizenship-classes-English-scaled.jpg

Spanish Flyer
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FOLLOW ON SOCIAL SITES: (<https://www.facebook.com/CoastsideHope/>)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

English

<https://coastsidehope.org/immigration/citizenship-classes/>

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Evidence Gathering

Examples of Evidence Needed:

Economic Development:

- Programs work with employers to identify and address barriers to hiring immigrant job seekers (EC 5.2)

Equitable Access:

- Programs address barriers to rental housing for immigrants (EA 4.1)
- Programs address barriers in access to transportation for immigrants (EA 4.2)

Connected Communities:

- Programs work to address biases about others held by non-immigrant residents (CC 4.0)

Certified Welcoming: Timeline

Currently



Next Steps

- Follow-up emails will be sent requesting assistance (if applicable)
- Your organization may be selected for audit in March; if so, we will coordinate with you