



## **12th Annual Citizenship Now! Immigration Hotline Free, Confidential**

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NEW YORK -- The 12th Annual Citizenship NOW! hotline is open! The hotline provides free and confidential citizenship and immigration information to thousands of callers. This year's hotline is particularly timely, as immigrants eagerly wait for immigration reform. To date, nearly 124,000 callers have sought information from this resource, as they travel the complex road to citizenship. This year's call-in is expected to be one of the busiest ever.

Citizenship NOW!, the largest program of its kind in the nation, was co-launched by the Daily News and CUNY in April 2004 to address the lack of access to free and confidential immigration information for the people who need it most. This year's weeklong hotline began operating on Monday, April 28th, and will run through Friday, May 2nd. It's available between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., with more than 400 trained volunteers available by telephone over the course of the week. Calls will be answered in English and Spanish, as well as numerous other languages, including; Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian, Korean, Italian, Haitian Creole, Bengali, Polish, French, Yiddish, and Arabic.

**The Citizenship NOW! hotline is led by attorney Allan Wernick who is also a professor of Law at Baruch College and writes the twice-weekly "Immigration" column for the Daily News.** Additionally, Wernick writes the nationally syndicated column, "Immigration and Citizenship" and is the director of the CUNY Citizenship Now! project.

The numbers to call are:  
English Speaking ? 646 746-9636  
Spanish Speaking ? 646 746-9634  
TTY Phone Number: 212.221.2419

More information about the Citizenship NOW! Immigration hotline is available at [www.cuny.edu/citizenshipnow/call-in](http://www.cuny.edu/citizenshipnow/call-in).