NEW YORK—June 7, 2018

The City University of New York and the New York Daily News will hold a Citizenship Application Assistance and Immigration Fair on Saturday, June 30, at John Jay College. At the event, lawful permanent residents will receive personal, hands-on assistance with their U.S. citizen applications while immigrants, regardless of their status, can connect with health, financial and educational officials regarding services they may be eligible to receive.

At this year’s event, which continues the 16-year partnership between CUNY and the Daily News, staff and volunteers will be available for one-on-one consultations to confirm if green card holders are eligible for citizenship or if they qualify for a fee waiver. Permanent residents, who want to become citizens in time to vote in the 2020 election, will be encouraged to process naturalization applications now.

Last year, Rosa Campos, a Nicaraguan-born immigrant, came to the event and walked out with her application complete and ready to send to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). This year, the event aims to help 600 participants, such as Rosa, who is to be sworn in as a U.S. citizen this spring. “I am going to have the right to vote, and above all, to choose our leaders and to give my opinion on politics and immigration issues,” she said.

“CUNY has been educating New York’s immigrants since its founding in 1847. As part of the University’s historic mission to open the doors of opportunity to all, we are proud to provide valuable legal services to help New Yorkers on the path to U.S. citizenship,” said William C. Thompson Jr., chairperson of the CUNY Board of Trustees.

“CUNY has established itself as a national leader in providing legal assistance and other support and services to immigrants, and the University takes great pride in those efforts,” said CUNY Interim Chancellor Vita Rabinowitz. “CUNY Citizenship Now! is the largest university-based legal assistance service in the nation, and through our initiatives – co-sponsored with the Daily News – we have provided assistance to many thousands of immigrants pursuing educational, economic and other opportunities in this country.”
Jim Rich, editor-in-chief of the Daily News, said: “We are pleased to partner again with CUNY to ensure that those seeking U.S. citizenship have the legal help they need. Immigrants remain the lifeblood of New York, and New York’s hometown paper remains their advocate.”

Rafael Toro, director of public relations of Goya Foods, said: “We are always proud to support the positive contributions of immigrants and all those who have come to the United States for a better life, just like Goya’s founder did more than 80 years ago. We take great pride in our history and will continue to support programs like CUNY Citizenship Now, that help our immigrant communities thrive and achieve the American Dream.”

“Green card holders are seeking U.S. citizenship at an increasing rate. CUNY and the Daily News are here to help with free, high-quality legal assistance,” said Allan Wernick, the director or CUNY Citizenship Now! and a Daily News immigration law columnist.

To register for the citizenship application portion of the event, permanent residents should call 646-664-9400 to find out about the documents to bring. Registration is not needed to participate in the immigration resource fair.

The Citizenship Application Assistance and Immigration Fair on Saturday, June 30 at John Jay College from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Green card holders can register, beginning June 7. Registration is not required to attend the immigration resource fair.

WXTV Univision 41, our Spanish-language media partner, will provide extensive outreach to the Hispanic community. Univision 41 has been a partner of the program since its inception. WABC-TV will once again serve as our English-language media partner. Both stations’ coverage will include live coverage, on-air promotional announcements and special news segments.

This year’s generous sponsors include: the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), N.Y. Chapter; Bloomberg Philanthropies; Capalino+Company; Casa Puebla, Consulate General of Mexico in N.Y.; CUNY Service Corps; the CUNY School of Professional Studies; CUNY TV, Dominicanos USA; Fragomen Worldwide; Goya Foods; I Am An Immigrant; Immigrant Heritage Month; Immigrant Justice Corps; John Jay College for Criminal Justice; MIRA USA; NALCIO Educational Fund; NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA); the New York State Office for New Americans (ONA); New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC), The Legal Aid Society; The New Americans Campaign; The YMCA; Qué Buena 92.7 FM; Unimás Nueva York; WADO 1280 AM and X96.3.

English/Spanish: 646-664-9400

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The Daily News has won 10 Pulitzer Prize Awards for excellence in journalism. In 2015, it was awarded seven New York State Associated Press Association awards and took the Associated Press Sports Editors awards’ “Triple Crown,” as well as first place in the Investigative category across all circulation categories. In addition to its news operations, the Daily News runs Daily News Digital Solutions and the Innovation Lab.

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**WABC-TV:**
WABC-TV, Channel 7, is the Disney owned ABC television station in New York City and the most watched television station in the United States. The station has always valued the strength of New York’s diversity, especially the importance of its various ethnic communities. The station’s staff reflects that diversity and their mission is to keep viewers informed. That’s why the station produces more than 45 hours of local, community focused content under the Eyewitness News umbrella, including Tiempo – the city’s most watched English language program focused solely on issues important to the Hispanic communities. The station also co-hosts several annual campaigns including immigration information forums and voter registration drives.

**El Diario:**
Founded in 1913, El Diario/La Prensa is the longest publishing Spanish-language daily newspaper in the United States. Since its inception as a small publication in Lower Manhattan named La Prensa, the newspaper has grown into one of the largest and most influential Latino media outlets in the nation. In 1963, it merged with El Diario de Nueva York, forming El Diario/La Prensa, as it is known now. Keeping up with the new century, the newspaper is now a state-of-the-art multimedia operation that includes print, digital, and other platforms.

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