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**Community Calendar Announcement**

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## **23<sup>rd</sup> Citizenship Day: Your Community, Your Voice**

*Become a citizen and Vote in November 2012*

**WHAT:**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Citizenship Day of Santa Clara County offers legal permanent residents an opportunity in 2012, not only to take advantage of free citizenship application assistance but, to become a citizen and vote by November 2012. It is an opportune time to apply for citizenship because of the speedy processing time in San Jose. This unique event also provides information on the eligibility requirements and benefits of US citizenship.

**WHO:**

**Santa Clara County Citizenship Collaborative**, including: Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN); the Center for Employment Training (CET); the Asian Law Alliance (ALA); Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County (CCSJ); Sacred Heart Community Services (SHCS); and Immigrant Relations and Integration Services (IRIS) of Santa Clara County Office of Human Relations.

**WHEN & WHERE:**

8a.m.-3p.m., March 17, 2012, Center for Employment Training, 701 Vine Street, San Jose, CA 95110 (408) 534-5451;  
10a.m.-1p.m., March 17, 2012, Rebekah Children's Services, 290 IOOF Avenue, Gilroy, CA 95020 (408) 914-8337

**WHY:**

There are still about 193,000 legal residents who are eligible but have not naturalized in Santa Clara County. The mission of the Santa Clara County Citizenship Collaborative is to empower and protect all eligible residents. Since its inception in 1997, more than 127,000 individuals interested in obtaining U.S. citizenship have received information and assistance. In this special election year, we also offer information on how low-income immigrants can make the application process affordable.

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