

# All Are Welcome

In celebration of national Citizenship Day, the City of Hartford, MECCA, and our City Library cordially invites you to join us for a special Naturalization Ceremony from 11:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on September 17 in the Atrium of City Hall, 550 Main Street.

Music and remarks will be part of the agenda as the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services presents 30 candidates for U.S. citizenship. The Honorable Donna F. Martinez, United States Magistrate Judge, will administer the Oath of Allegiance to America's newest citizens, who hail from many countries.

Hartford Public Library Chief Executive Officer Matthew K. Poland will provide the Naturalization Ceremony's opening remarks, while key note remarks will be made by Honorable Mayor Pedro Segarra.

Special elements of the September 17 ceremony also will include a presentation of the nation's colors by the First Company Governor's Foot Guard; students of the Library's citizenship education program leading the Pledge of Allegiance; and performances by Tom Rotchford.

This day will also mark both the establishment of Hartford's new Commission on Immigrant & Refugee Affairs (CIRA) as well as our status as an established affiliate of Welcoming America

All are welcome to attend the Naturalization Ceremony, for further information please e-mail Homa Naficy [naficy@hplct.org](mailto:naficy@hplct.org) or call 860-695-6337.



**NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**  
**Hartford City Hall, Atrium**  
**Tuesday, September 17, 2013, beginning at 11:45 a.m.**

**WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

*Matthew K. Poland*, Chief Executive Officer, Hartford Public Library

**PRESENTATION OF OUR NATION'S COLORS**

First Company Governor's Foot Guard, Connecticut's longest established militia detachment

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**COURT CONVENES**

Deputy Clerk of Court Robert Wood opens this special session of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, the Honorable Donna F. Martinez, United States Magistrate Judge, presiding

**REMARKS FROM U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES  
& APPLICATION TO THE COURT**

The designated Examiner for USCIS, requests that the court grant the name changes and administer the Oath of Allegiance

**CITIZENSHIP OATH OF ALLEGIANCE ~ Clerk of the Court**

**JUDGE'S REMARKS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ~**

*Urania Petit*, Working Families Registrar of Voters and Instructor for the Library's Citizenship Education program will lead the Pledge with her students.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

City of Hartford, Honorable Mayor Pedro Segarra

**AMAZING GRACE**

**DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES**

Judge Martinez

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**12:30 PM COURT ADJOURNS**

**VOTER REGISTRATION and U.S. PASSPORT APPLICATIONS will be accepted at this time.**

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