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Citizenship Workshop on February 11, 2023

An important free citizenship workshop will be held at the **Sockwell Center in Plano at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 11, 2023**. Non-citizens can learn vital information on applying for citizenship, including who can apply, how to apply, when to apply and the benefits of citizenship.

Speakers will discuss an array of important topics. The Immigration and Naturalization Service will describe their policies and there will be a presentation on Background checks. Attendees will be given information on English as a second language providers in the area and citizenship courses offered by nonprofit organizations. Other participants include immigration attorneys who speak many languages such as Spanish, Chinese and Arabic. Attendees can receive assistance from Citizenship and Immigration Services and attorneys for filing citizenship applications.

Dr. Basheer Ahmed, a prominent psychiatrist, community leader, founder of the nonprofit organization Muslim Community Center for Human services, as well as the author of many books, will talk about his journey as a newly arrived student to the United States and his achieving the citizenship status.

Refreshments will be served courtesy of Jimmy's Grill Plano, Crescent Moon Chinese Restaurant and the Baha'i Center, all located in Plano.

The Plano Multicultural Outreach Roundtable (MCOR) organized the workshop and sponsors include the City of Plano, Plano ISD, Plano Rotary Clubs and the Plano International Festival.

All the attorneys involved in the workshop donated their time and expertise pro bono for the benefit of the community.

The Sockwell Center is located at 6301 Chapel Hill Blvd in Plano. The phone number at Sockwell Center is 469-752-4752.

Editor's Note: For more information on Plano's MCOR, go to PlanoMCOR.org.

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About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 281,390 as of January 2018. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Niche and AreaVibes recently named Plano as one of the Best Cities to Live in America. Forbes designated Plano one of America's safest cities. The City offers a high quality of life that includes nationally recognized schools, award-winning parks, and sustainability initiatives and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home to the headquarters or regional operations of major corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase Boeing Global Services, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Keurig Dr Pepper, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. Our dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at plano.gov.