



Dear Fellow American,

Congratulations on earning your United States citizenship! As Ohio's Secretary of State, I serve as the Chief Elections Officer, and I want to encourage you to embrace your new citizenship as an active participant in our democracy. Whether it's a local ballot issue, an election for state representative, or deciding the next President of the United States, voting is one of the most important rights we share as citizens.

Before you get ready to cast a ballot in the upcoming election, I ask that you consider answering these three basic questions so your voting experience is as easy as possible:

- 1) **Have you updated your citizenship status with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)?**
- 2) **Have you registered to vote either at the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles or at VoteOhio.gov?**
- 3) **Have you obtained a [free, compliant photo ID](#) at the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles?**

Ohio law requires the use of a current driver's license, state-issued photo ID, or another approved identification method to vote. Please be aware that your current ID may have a non-citizen notation that may not be used for voting purposes unless you have additional proof of citizenship. If you use an ID that indicates a non-citizen status, you could be asked to vote a provisional ballot, which would require you to provide proof of citizenship at your county board of elections within four days following Election Day. If necessary, you can obtain a free Ohio ID from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. To learn more about Ohio's voter identification requirements, please visit: www.voteohio.gov/ID.

I wish you all the best in your new life as an American citizen. Our nation became the strongest in the world thanks to the contributions of immigrants. We're counting on you to continue that great tradition. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Ohio Secretary of State's office at elections@OhioSoS.gov.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank LaRose".

Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State