CAUTION: RED FLAGS!

If you have any of the issues below, you should consult with an immigration expert BEFORE applying for citizenship. The problems listed below may or may not disqualify a person from citizenship (depending on the circumstances), but some have potentially serious consequences—including deportation.

☐ You have ever been arrested and fingerprinted by the police (even if it was a minor incident, it happened long ago, or the record was “expunged”).

☐ After you became a permanent resident, you left the U.S. for more than 6 months, or you have spent more than 50% of the time outside of the US.

☐ You got married in order to get a green card or you lied in order to get a green card.

☐ You re-married without legally ending a previous marriage.

☐ You have been involved in certain political movements, such as communism.

☐ The information on your N-400 application doesn’t agree with information you provided on other USCIS documents.

☐ You did not file required income taxes, or you filed as a non-resident, or you owe taxes to the government.

☐ You are a man, you are under 31 years old, and you did not register for the Selective Service.

☐ You lied or committed fraud in order to get public benefits.

☐ You have claimed to be a U.S. citizen (in order to get benefits, for example).

☐ You did not provide financial support to your children.

☐ You have been charged with domestic violence, child abuse, or child neglect.

☐ You have ever been ordered deported.

☐ You have voted in the US (or you have registered to vote).