

Those **opposed** to expanding noncitizen rights say Those **in favor** of expanding noncitizen rights say

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Noncitizens will have to self-identify which could put them at risk for immigration action against them.(2) The county clerk becomes a keeper of immigration information which could make it difficult for the clerk if the Federal Government were to ask for the information and that information resulted in deportations.(3) Citizenship is a privilege and it comes with the opportunities of voting which shouldn't be given to noncitizens.(4) Voting is a right for citizens and many noncitizens who are eligible for citizenship are motivated to apply for citizenship in order to vote.(5) Issues faced by noncitizens are different from those of citizens and those issues are more appropriately addressed by individuals who are citizens.(6) Individuals who are not here legally might be eligible to apply. We should not reward behavior that is not in line with current regulations and law. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Noncitizens own property, pay taxes, and contribute to our local economy in many ways, and thus should have a voice in local government.(2) Noncitizen residents are as affected by policies and actions of municipal and county governments as citizens are.(3) Our local economies depend on immigrant and refugee labor, workers should have a say, regardless of citizenship.(4) Noncitizen school children as well citizen children of noncitizen parents are affected by policies and actions of the school districts.(5) Participation by noncitizens can help win mutual benefits for all community members.(6) Noncitizen voting was common at the local, state, and even federal levels in the US's first 150 years.(7) In some countries today, residency, not citizenship, is seen as the measure of being a legitimate stakeholder in a community.(8) Voting rights are embodied in the social contract, where a just government rests on the consent of the governed.(9) The vote helps guard against discrimination and bias, which is often a consequence of being politically excluded.(10) An estimated 4 to 7 percent of Boulder County residents are not U.S. citizens. In Boulder, an estimated 2,100 residents of legal voting age cannot vote because of their immigration status. |
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