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# Advisory

**USCIS DIRECTOR EDUARDO AGUIRRE TO SPEAK AT BOSTON  
NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES FOR 35 NEW AMERICANS  
*Charles River Esplanade and USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") to Host Ceremonies***

Washington, D.C. - Eduardo Aguirre, Director, U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), will be the keynote speaker at a naturalization ceremony for 26 new Americans representing 24 countries, 5 p.m., July 3, 2004, at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade, Boston, Massachusetts. Director Aguirre will also speak at another naturalization ceremony for 10 new Americans representing 9 countries, 10 a.m., July 4<sup>th</sup>, aboard the U.S.S. Constitution, Boston Harbor. The Boston naturalization ceremonies are part of the USCIS' weeklong celebration of citizenship around the country, to honor the nation's 228<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's USCIS naturalization theme is "Citizenship: The American Dream in Action".

Prior to the Esplanade naturalization ceremony, Director Aguirre will hold a media availability on immigration issues at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade, 4 p.m., Saturday, July 3. Director Aguirre will also hold another media availability on board the USS Constitution, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

On March 1, 2003, USCIS became one of three legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security. During the past year, USCIS has helped more than 640,000 men, women and children fulfill their dreams by becoming United States citizens, including more than 8,000 military service personnel.

**Media Availability with USCIS Director Eduardo Aguirre**

**Esplanade:**

**Time/Date:** Saturday, July 3, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. Press should arrive by 3:45 p.m. for security screening and processing.

**Location:** Hatch Shell at the Charles River Esplanade, Boston, Mass.

**Judicial Naturalization Ceremonies**

**Esplanade:**

**Time/Date:** Saturday, July 3, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Press should arrive by 6:30 p.m. for security screening and processing

**Location:** Hatch Shell at the Charles River Esplanade, Boston, Mass.

**USS Constitution Naturalization Ceremony:**

**Date:** Sunday, July 4, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Press should arrive by 9:30 a.m. for pre-boarding screening. Boarding is at 10 a.m. and the last boarding is at 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** U.S.S. Constitution, Charlestown Naval Yard, Boston, Mass. Ceremony will be underway in Boston Harbor.

**Logistics:** U.S.S. CONSTITUTION (“Old Ironsides”) is the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. At 206 years old, she is a symbol of American freedom and pride. The ship will get underway promptly at 11:00 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m. Exclusive coverage will be given to those who board the ship for the cruise in Boston Harbor.

**Media Availability: Soon after sailing and prior to the naturalization ceremony, there will be media availability with Director Aguirre.**

**Contact:** MEDIA ONLY: Dan Kane, (202) 353-8472, Lt. William Marks, U.S. Navy, Public Affairs, (617) 242-5617 or email: [constitution.xo@navy.mil](mailto:constitution.xo@navy.mil). National broadcast media are asked to contact Lt. Marks regarding their attendance at the USS Constitution naturalization ceremony.

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