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Comment #	Commenter ID	Comment	USCIS Response
1.		<b>Commenter: jean poublee</b>	
	<a href="#">0028</a>	no reduced fees for foreigners. the usa is constantly beseiged by foreigners wanting to be coddled by us citizens, and paid for as well. they dont want to pay for anything. they just want to keep sucking it all out of usa. enough is enough. we are sending trillinos of dollars to ukraine. and trillions to elvery other country on earth. shut this down. usa citizens are sick of this giveaway program to foreigners who will spit in our faces. it doesnt buy us any good will at all ever. shut it down. defund any waiers. say no. waiver and shut down the fat cat bureaucracy of waivesrs. just shut it down. defund it	<b>Response:</b> This comment is out of scope for the proposed revision.
2.		<b>Commenter: jean publiee</b>	
	<a href="#">0029</a>	there should be zero foreigners admitted to permanent status at this time. zero. they are all lawbreakers who have sneaked unlawfully into the usa in teh numbers of twenty million people. they all should be thrown out and deported as tghe sneaking linyinj lawbreakers that they are. they are here for giveaways and to rob america. this policy is balkaniziing america where america is all differnet groups, none of whom is workign together anymore. it is a hodge podge of nobody who likes anybody else. this country has been changed drastically and the people dont like it and they are ignored our govt is non responsive to the american people. we have govt hating the american people, biden among them. there shoudl be zero temps to permanent citizens right now. none shoudl be admitted. this chaos ishappening under demented biden who	<b>Response:</b> This comment is out of scope for the proposed revision.

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<b>3.</b>		<b>Commenter: Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)</b>	
	<a href="#">0030</a>	Please find attached the Immigrant Legal Resource Center's Comment for Docket No. USCIS-2018-0002; OMB Control Number 1615-0133	<b>Response:</b> See Comment Response below labeled with Commenter ID: 0030. The information in the attachment from the public comment (0030) was separated into a different section in this comment matrix to address the portion of information individually.  <b>See Comment # 4.</b>
<b>4.</b>		<b>Commenter: Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)</b>	
	<a href="#">0030</a>	Finally, we again renew our request to make both this form and Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, available for online filing. Currently, low-income naturalization applicants who require a fee waiver or a reduced fee are barred from applying for naturalization online as associated applications must be filed in the same manner. It is our understanding that USCIS seeks to encourage the online filing of naturalization applications as a matter of efficiency and to reduce processing times and administrative burdens associated with paper applications. While the ability to file paper applications must be maintained, insofar as an online filing is available as an efficiency measure, low income applicants should not be shut out of this measure based on their need for a fee waiver or fee reduction.	<b>Response:</b> USCIS appreciates that providing an online filing option for Form I-942 would create efficiencies. USCIS continues to add new form options for electronic filing based on an internal schedule and agency priorities. USCIS hopes to provide an online filing option for Form I-942 in the future.

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5.		<b>Commenter: Naturalization Working Group (NWG)</b>	
	<a href="#">0031</a>	See attached file(s)	<p><b>Response:</b> See Comment Responses below labeled with Commenter ID: 0031. The information in the attachment from the public comment (0031) was separated into different sections in this comment matrix to address each portion of information individually.</p> <p><b>See Comment # 6. – 8.</b></p>
6.		<b>Commenter: Naturalization Working Group (NWG)</b>	
	<a href="#">0031</a>	<p><b>A.</b> Clarifying the Instructions for Part 2, Item 1, <i>Information About Family Members Filing This Request With You</i> and Part 3, Item 3, <i>Your Household Size</i></p> <p>NWG Members report applicants having difficulty understanding which family members need to be included in the tables in Part 2, Item 1 and Part 3, Item 3. USCIS proposes no revisions to the Instructions and the Form for either of these items. NWG recommends USCIS clarify the Instructions and accompanying text on the Form for both of these items, because they could confuse and possibly mislead applicants.</p> <p>USCIS should change the language in the Instructions and on the Form for Part 2, Item 1 to make it clear that it is requesting the names of all other family members who are both filing Form N-400 and requesting the reduced fee.</p> <p>For Part 3, Item 3, USCIS seeks to elicit from the applicant: 1) whether the applicant provides primary financial</p>	<p><b>Response:</b> The revisions proposed through this action were limited to updating the Certification section and minor grammar changes. USCIS may consider these recommendations in a separate comprehensive revision action of the I-942 form and instructions.</p>

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		<p>support for the household as the head of the household, 2) if not the applicant, who the head of household is, and 3) who the other members of the household are. If the applicant is not the head of the household, to collect the name of the family member who is, USCIS must rely on the applicant selecting “no” in response to Part 3, Item 3 and then listing the name of the head of the household on the second line of the accompanying table. As for the other members of the household, Part 3, Item 3 of the Form only mentions listing the applicant’s name or the applicant’s name and the head of household’s name—making no mention of other members of the household. The Form language should be changed, along with conforming changes to the Instructions, to ensure the three categories of information USCIS wishes to collect are clearer to applicants.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>		<p><b>Commenter: Naturalization Working Group (NWG)</b></p>	
	<p><a href="#">0031</a></p>	<p><b>B. Need for Online Filing of Form I-942</b></p> <p>Providing an online filing option for Form I-942 would minimize the burden of the collection of information. Currently, applicants can file Form N-400 online or on paper, but can only file an accompanying Form I-942 on paper. Because an applicant can only file Form I-942 on paper, they must also file Form N-400 on paper (<i>see citation on attachment</i>).</p> <p>While many low-income applicants may not have access to the computer technology or broadband internet access needed to file Form I-942 online, where that access exists, low-income applicants should have the same</p>	<p><b>Response:</b> Please refer to Response in <b>Comment # 4.</b></p>

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		<p>opportunity to file their Form N-400 online as higher-income applicants do. We note that filing the Form N-400 online leads to greater efficiency in adjudication for both applicants and USCIS. Efficiency measures should not be reserved for those of higher financial means. We urge USCIS to move forward with providing online filing for Form I-942 as swiftly as possible.</p>	
<b>8.</b>		<b>Commenter: Naturalization Working Group (NWG)</b>	
	<a href="#">0031</a>	<p><b>C. Increase Threshold for Eligibility for Reduced Fee</b></p> <p>When USCIS solicited comments on changes to its fee schedule in January 2023, it asked for comments on the appropriate level of income that USCIS should use to determine eligibility for the reduced fee. We would like to reiterate comments made at that time that the requirement that household income be less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines still prevents a significant number of lower- and moderate-income LPRs from qualifying for the reduced cost, making naturalization unaffordable. Thus, we recommend that the agency adopt an income threshold of 250% or less for applicants to qualify for the reduced fee (<i>see citation on attachment</i>).</p>	<p><b>Response:</b> USCIS cannot adjust the income eligibility threshold for a reduced Form N-400 fee in a form revision action under the PRA because that FPG percentage is codified at 8 CFR 103.7(b)(1)(i)(BBB)(1)(Oct. 1, 2020). USCIS is reviewing the FPG threshold as part of the USCIS fee rule. However, we are unable to make a change for this version of the form.</p>