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Dear Friend,

In 2010, every residence will receive a U.S. Census questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return. Everyone must fill out this form. Not only is it required by law, but it is detrimental to rebuilding and revamping our communities. The upcoming U.S. Census will shape your community's future. Census information helps determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers, and more.

Local communities use census data to gauge the financial health of the community and the future of vital social service programs. This data will help steer a diverse range of local initiatives, such as the need for an after-school program, or designating urban revitalization areas.


Businesses use census data to locate supermarkets, shopping centers, new housing and other facilities. It will also define your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Please be courteous to Census employees who will be going door-to-door this Spring to update address lists. And please take the time to complete your census form when it arrives next year. Help me assist you and the needs of our community, complete your 2010 US Census form.



To learn more visit www.census.gov.

Yours in partnership,


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Timeline:

Spring 2009 - Census employees go door-to-door to update address list nationwide.

Fall 2009 - Recruitment begins for census takers needed for peak workload in 2010.

February - March 2010-Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

April 1, 2010 - Census Day

April - July 2010 - Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

December 2010 - By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment.

March 2011 - By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.