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Dear Neighbor,

As part of our United States Constitution after every decade there is a mandatory census that must be completed to account for every resident living inside of the U.S. The Census helps Congress establish the state population and based on that data collected, Congress then provides our state with the funds we require. However, due to residents not completing the Census in both 2000 and 2010, the state of New York has lost billions in federal aid and has given up two congressional seats. Without this funding, the state of New York will not receive the monies necessary to fully fund our federally funded programs such as education, transportation, and housing.

The 2020 Census is only a year away and there have already been concerns. Next year the Federal Government is not only requesting that state residents finish the Census online but, that residents must also answer the new citizenship question that has been added. This new federal government plan would hinder certain communities from participating in the Census. Communities of low socioeconomic standing, communities of color, and the elderly will especially be affected. However, we cannot let these new propositions stop us from completing the Census form.

The participation of the Southeast Queens community in the Census has always been a struggle. In hopes of moving our community and ensuring that New York residents are accounted for during this Census, my colleagues and I have partnered with the Association for a Better New York, to form the Southeast Queens Complete Count Committee. With this group of individuals, we hope to raise our numbers and educate the community about what to expect in the 2020 census. The state of New York cannot afford another Census loss, I urge you to remain engaged in its planning process.

Yours in service,

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*The South East Queens Complete Count Committee.*



# Census 2020

What is the Census and how will it impact our communities?

Be counted to make sure NYS gets billions for:



**OUR SENIORS**



**OUR HOSPITALS**



**OUR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**



**OUR SCHOOLS**

# WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

The Census Bureau provides a complete count of all individuals living in the United States and US territories. The U.S. Constitution mandates that a Census be conducted every 10 years for the purpose of apportioning representation in Congress, the State Legislature and the City Council. The Census count impacts political, economic, and social decisions made by our elected representatives and our government. The information the Census collects determines how more than \$65 billion in federal funding is spent annually on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals and schools
- Job training centers
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other public works projects
- Emergency services
- Housing
- Public transportation

Your local neighborhood will be directly affected by the number of people counted in the Census!

## WHAT QUESTIONS WILL THE 2020 CENSUS ASK?

To learn more about the planned questions, visit: <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2018/dec/planned-questions-2020-acs.html>

## WHO MUST BE COUNTED?

Every person living in the US and US territories must be counted, including children, US military personnel living abroad, homeless people and non-relatives of the householder, such as boarders and employees. For more information about who the Census Bureau counts and where they are counted, visit: <https://www.census.gov/about/what/admin-data.html>

## IF I AM IN PRISON, WHERE AM I COUNTED?

As of 2010, New York State allows prisoners to be counted as residents of their address prior to incarceration.

## IS MY INFORMATION PROTECTED?

Title 13 of the US Constitution restricts the Census Bureau from releasing information about individuals regardless of immigration or citizenship status. The Bureau goes to great lengths to ensure the security and privacy of individual responses and will not share information with immigration officials. For more information about how the Census Bureau protects your privacy, read the Data Protection page on the Census Bureau's Web Site: <https://www.census.gov/privacy/>

## WHAT HAPPENS IF THE POPULATION IS UNDER COUNTED?

Billions of dollars in federal aid is tied to the Census count and are in danger of being lost. Two Congressional seats were lost after the 2010 Decennial Census, leaving New York State with 27 seats. Projection indicates that New York will lose another seat after the 2020 Census. It is estimated that many neighborhoods throughout the State are at risk of being undercounted. These are known as "Hard to Count Areas."

## HOW CAN I ORGANIZE MY COMMUNITY?

The Center for Law and Social Justice and the NYC Black Leadership Action Coalition for the 2020 Census are organizing leadership meetings. The coalition will be working closely with the community to provide the latest information regarding Census 2020 and developing outreach strategies to make sure historically "hard to reach communities" are counted. For more information, you can visit: <http://www.clsj.org/censusjustice/>

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Sign up to become a community partner and you will be among the first to receive communications from the Census Bureau, visit: <https://www.census.gov/regions/new-york/partner-information/become-partner.php>  
For more information, on how to retain employment with the Department of Commerce or the Queens Complete Count Committee, please contact my office for more information, (718) 723-5412.





**All New Yorkers  
Need to Be Counted!  
YOU CAN HELP!**

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## How Can I Work For The 2020 Census?

Contact The Census  
NYS Regional Office  
For More Information or  
to Partner to Help with a  
Complete Count!

For more information about employment opportunities  
with the Census Bureau, visit:  
<https://www.census.gov/about/regions/new-york/jobs/all.html>



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