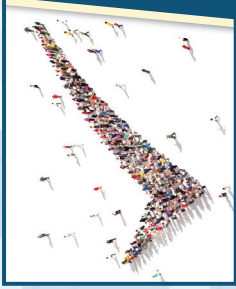




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Year after year, your federal, state, and local elected officials debate how to address the infinite number of issues that impact the lives of our constituents. Whether it is housing, education, public safety, small business, the environment, immigration, individual identity, or any other issue of importance, the problem that faces us is how do we pay for it.

It is our desire to provide for our communities the best way possible, however, the debate for apportionment of public funds is often deflated by the fact that there just isn't enough funding provided to our state in order for us to be successful in our overall goals.

Financing the state is no different than financing one's own household. We have bills, we have priorities, and we also have projects we would like to see benefit the people around us. But even with the list of obligations we are bound to, we are still operating on a fixed income.

Why am I telling you this?

- As the person you entrusted to represent your concerns, it is incumbent upon me to remind my neighbors if you wish for any of these issues to be resolved we need you to complete your Census 2020 forms.
- If you are asking yourself what the Census has to do with any of the problems in our community, then great. Let me tell you...
- Every 10 years, the United States must count the number of people that reside in the country, regardless of status. Once they identify how many people there are, and where they live, they can apportion the proper level of representation and financial resources to adequately serve those areas.

What does that mean?

- If a state records an increase in the number of people who call it home, the more congressional representatives that state receives. The more representatives it receives, the more funding they receive.

What does that funding cover? Well, let's look.

HOUSING

- Completing the Census allows for a greater apportionment of federal dollars for affordable housing programs to help combat homelessness.
- Housing for the aging, Housing for veterans, Housing for economically distressed communities, Housing for immigrant populations. The ability for states and municipalities to invest in first time home buyer programs.

CRIME

- The Census allows for more funding that can be used for better recruitment, training, and education for police departments.
- More funding can also be used for Civilian Complaint Review Boards and Department Inspector Generals to have greater flexibility in reviewing claims of abuse by officers.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- Funding from the Census allows states to attract companies to their state. It can provide aid to small entrepreneurs to start up & hire within their community, and support Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to revitalize economically distressed areas.

EDUCATION

- The Census can help schools in closing the tech divide.
- Schools can hire better teachers, and social workers.
- Funding can return after school programs such as STEM, arts, sports, and college prep.
- It can also expand the number of pre-k programs.

HIGHER EDUCATION

- Census funding can be devoted to city and state universities to aid in tuition assistance.
- It can help cover the cost for specialized programs such as medical and dental training.

IMMIGRATION

- Census funding can provide legal assistance, language learning programs, access to health care, education, and small business opportunities.
- These are just a few of the opportunities presented by the Census.
- The Census is our way of securing what so many before us rightfully fought for. Let us honor their struggle in this New Civil Rights Movement by claiming what is ours.

*Please, go online
and fill out your
Census today and be
counted!!!!*



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