

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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A keystone of our American democracy is fair and equitable representation in Congress based upon population. Population counts determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress and also determine the amounts of Federal funding communities receive. To achieve an accurate assessment of the population living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States, estimated to be approximately 310 million people by 2010. Counting each person is one of the largest operations the Federal government undertakes and requires the active assistance of all local agencies.

The 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$3 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health and safety, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more. We have a deep and abiding interest in ensuring the County receives its fair allocation of resources to meet our critical public service needs and priorities.

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The County of Los Angeles, the U.S. Census Bureau, and numerous cities in the County have a longstanding partnership in improving the accuracy of the census count, and it is vital that we build on this partnership to ensure the most accurate count possible in 2010.

The Chief Executive Office has initiated a County of Los Angeles Complete Count Committee to coordinate the County's Census efforts. The committee includes representatives from Board offices and several County departments and is working in partnership with Federal and State governments, as well as local jurisdictions and community organizations to insure Census goals are achieved.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions as further preparation for the April 1, 2010 Census Day:

- 1) Instruct each County department to participate in the County's Complete Count efforts wherever appropriate and as requested by the Chief Executive Officer; and
- 2) Instruct the Chief Executive Office to work with this Board and County departments to coordinate a County of Los Angeles Census 2010 kick-off event before fall 2009.

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