



News from the City of Compton

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Census 2010: Making Sure Compton Counts

Compton, CA, July 6, 2009—Once a decade, the Federal government conducts a census throughout the U.S. Beginning next spring, the 2010 census takers will begin surveying the entire population in the country.

The 2010 census results are used to calculate many things critical to maintaining a fair and equitable government. The results are important to Compton, as they are to every city and state, because they are used to determine how much Federal aid will be allocated to each. Compton's fair share of the \$300 billion dollars of Federal aid that will be distributed will allow the city to continue existing, or to develop new, services for Compton's youth, elderly, immigrant and poor members of the population. The state and county use these same numbers to allocate funds for schools, libraries and other public buildings. When you fill out the census questionnaire, which is a short, easily understood survey, you are helping to strengthen your community. The City's representation in government is based on the numbers collected during the census, as are job and other beneficial programs.

The questionnaires will be mailed to households from April through July 2010 and must be received by the Census Bureau by September 2010 for delivery to the president by the end of the year. Everyone in Compton counts. It does not matter

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whether you a citizen or not, whether you and in the country legal or not, whether you are in school or not, working or not, with or without a regular street address, or on parole. Be sure that you are counted. It is against the law for information provided to the census bureau to be used for any other use and the information gather cannot be shared with law enforcement, immigration or other agencies.

In addition to the mailings next year, the Census Bureau is generating jobs. The bureau estimates that it will hire some 60,000 individuals in Southern California and Hawaii to help complete the count. They local office plans to begin hiring again in the fall. For information about clerical jobs or field worker positions, contact the local census office in Norwalk at 562.916.4040.

To make Compton count, you must be counted. Fill out your questionnaire when it arrives and return it to the Census Bureau. Remember to make Compton count.

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