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The City of Burleson wants to make sure you are counted in the 2010 Census.

All residents of the United States must be counted, as required by the United States Constitution. Your participation, as a citizen, is required by law. A census worker may have been at your door this past spring when the Census was updating address lists. The actual 10-question census form will be mailed to residents, nationwide, in February/March 2010. Census Day is April 1, 2010.

Why should you fill out and return the Census form? Census data determines how many seats each state will have in the United States House of Representatives, and, the data determines the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts. The data affects federal funding to communities. About \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year. The Census is used as the basis for decisions about healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment and more.



Committee members Councilmember Chip Stephens, Dan-O Strong, Sue Sistrunk, Bryron Black and Mayor Ken Shetter

The City has put together a Census Complete Count committee of citizens, business people, and local civic group members to work to achieve a complete head count in Burleson. That committee includes Jerry Allen, Byron Black, Alice Bleeker, Richard Crummel, Luke Harris, Mark Jackson, John Matthews, Sue Sistrunk, Chip Stephens, Jody Stockton, Dan-O Strong, Scott Sharman and Ginny Vann. These members are tasked with

increasing awareness about the Census, answering questions and motivating residents to complete and return the forms.

If you do not fill out the form that is mailed to you it costs time and money (your tax dollars) to hire individuals to seek you out to get the information needed by the Census Bureau to comply with the requirements of the United States Constitution. If you don't return your census form, Census takers will stop by to make sure you are counted. Census workers will be identified by Census badges and bags.

The Census Bureau will deliver those population counts to the president in December 2010. The states will receive the redistricting data in March 2011.

The first Census was taken in 1790. The Census is taken every 10 years.

For more information about the 2010 Census, log on to www.2010.census.gov.