

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of the Census****Census Advisory Committees on the African American Population, the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and the Hispanic Population**

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463 as amended by Public Law 94-409, Public Law 96-523, and Public Law 97-375), we are giving notice of a joint meeting, followed by separate and concurrently held meetings of the Census Advisory Committees (CACs) on the African American Population, the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and the Hispanic Population.

The CACs on the African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, and Hispanic Populations are comprised of 9 members each, and the Asian and Pacific Islander is comprised of 13 members. The Secretary of Commerce appoints the members. The Committees provide a channel of communication between the representative communities and the Bureau of the Census on its efforts to reduce the differential in the count for Census 2000 and on ways that census data can be disseminated to maximum usefulness to their communities and other users.

The Committees will draw on past experience with the 1990 census process and procedures, results of evaluations and research studies, and the expertise and insight of their members to provide advice and recommendations for the implementation and evaluation phases of Census 2000.

DATES: The joint meeting will convene on November 5-6, 1998. The November 5 meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.; the November 6 meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Last-minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent us from giving advance notice.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the Francis Amasa Walker Conference Center at the Bureau of the Census, Federal Building 3, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room

1647, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the November 5 combined meeting, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., will include discussions on: (1) The Dress Rehearsal procedures and operation and evaluation; (2) Committee members' observations of Dress Rehearsal; and (3) Census 2000, particularly the Language Program.

The four committees will meet separately and concurrently in the morning and in the afternoon. The Joint Committee meeting will break for the concurrent meetings. The following are items that will be included in the November 5 agendas for the four committees.

The agenda for the CAC on the African American Population will include: (1) The review of Committee recommendations and responses; (2) an update on constituency building; (3) the census information centers update; (4) models in excellence update; (5) Committee members' reports from the Regional meetings on advertising; (6) Language Program; and (7) review topics for next day discussions.

The agenda for the CAC on the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations will include: (1) The review of Committee recommendations and responses; (2) "Indian Page" on Census Web site; (3) an update on statistical estimation issues; (4) Committee members' reports from the regional meetings on advertising; (5) Language Program; and (6) a review of topics for next-day discussions.

The agenda for the CAC on the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations will include: (1) Review of Committee recommendations and responses; (2) an update on Hawaiian homelands; (3) the amended charter and subcommittees; (4) Language Program; (5) the census information centers updates; (6) a review of topics for next-day discussions; (7) Committee members' reports from the regional meetings on advertising; and (8) data products.

The agenda for the CAC on the Hispanic Population will include: (1) A review of Committee recommendations and responses; (2) an update on constituency building; (3) Language Program; (4) diversity in the work force; (5) Committee members' reports from the regional meetings on advertising; (6) the census information centers updates; and (7) a review of topics for next-day discussions.

The agenda for the November 6 combined meeting, which will begin at

8:45 a.m. and end at 4 p.m., includes: (1) A discussion of Preliminary Data on Race and Hispanic Origin from Dress Rehearsal; (2) Tabulation Guidelines for Race and Ethnic Data: a discussion with Office of Management and Budget and representatives from other federal agencies; (3) Discussion on Advertising Campaign and Partnership Activities; (4) public comment; (5) Advisory Committee discussion; and (6) Committee recommendations.

On November 6, the four committees will meet separately and concurrently in the afternoon. The Joint Committee will break for these concurrent meetings. Each of the four Committees (African American Population, American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and Hispanic Population) will address draft recommendations.

All meetings are open to the public, and a brief period is set aside on November 6 for public comment and questions. Individuals with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing to the Committee Liaison Officer named above at least three days before the meeting.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer.

Dated: October 8, 1998.

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Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

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AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended by Public Law 94-409, Public Law 96-523, and Public Law 97-375), we are giving notice of a meeting of the Census Advisory Committee on the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations.

The Committee is composed of nine members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee provides a channel of communication between the representative communities and the Bureau of the Census on its efforts to