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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Census Advisory Committee on the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, Pub. L. 96-523, and Pub. L. 97-375), the Census Bureau invites and requests nominations of individuals for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to the Census Advisory Committee on the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations. The terms of some of the members of the Committee will soon expire. The Census Bureau will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee in addition to nominations already received. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for this notice provides information about the objectives and duties of the Advisory Committee and membership criteria.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before September 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Nampeo R. McKenney, Senior Research and Technical Advisor, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 3631, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-457-2070. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-457-2642 or

by e-mail to Nampeo.R.McKenney@cmail.census.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nampeo R. McKenney, Senior Research and Technical Advisor, at the above address or via e-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.), Appendix 2) in 1995. The following provides information about the Committee, membership, and the nomination process.

Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee provides an organized and continuing channel of communication between the Asian and Pacific Islander communities and the Bureau of the Census on efforts to reduce the differentials in totals for all population groups during Census 2000 and on ways census data can be disseminated for maximum usefulness of the Asian and Pacific Islander populations and other users.

2. The Committee draws on the experience of its members with the 1990 census process and procedures, results of evaluation and research studies, test censuses, and the expertise and insight of its members to provide advice and recommendations on data collection, processing, promotional, and evaluation activities during the implementation phase of Census 2000. The Committee provides advice regarding the tabulation plans for race and ethnic data.

3. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

4. The Committee reports to the Director of the Bureau of the Census.

Membership

The Committee consists of thirteen members who are appointed for three-year terms by, and serve at the discretion of, the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee is divided into two Subcommittees—the "Asian" Population with eight members and the "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations" with five members. Committee members are selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines. The Committee aims to have a balanced representation, considering factors such as geography, gender, and ethnic diversity of Committee membership and the expertise and knowledge of census procedures and activities. The Committee aims to include members

from academic, media, research, community-based, and religious organizations, the business community, and local governments. No employee of the Federal Government can serve as a member of the Committee.

Consideration for reappointment of membership after a term is contingent upon the individual's satisfactory attendance and participation in the activities of the advisory committee as well as criteria established for input and advice from the advisory committee.

Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Committee serve without compensation, but the Census Bureau will, upon request, reimburse travel expenses as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.*

2. The Committee meets at least once a year, but additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Director or Designated Federal Official. Meetings are one to two days in duration.

3. Committee meetings are open to the public.

Nomination Information

1. Nominations are sought as described above.

2. Nominees should have expertise and knowledge of the cultural patterns and issues and/or data needs of their communities to provide advice and recommendations to the Census Bureau on the best ways to use census operations and procedures to obtain complete and accurate data on their population. The experience that qualifies the candidate for membership should be outlined in the nomination letter. Nominations may come from individuals or organizations. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination. Nominees should be able to actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Committee. Besides participation in the Committee meetings, active participation may include review of materials and participation in conference calls, working groups, and observation trips.

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