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Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at <http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=255>. Click on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links to download. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Donna Budnick, Chair
Preparatory Discussion for Public Hearing:
Civil Rights Impact of Civil Forfeiture Practices in Michigan
Future Plans and Actions
Open Comment
Adjournment

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. EDT Public Call Information:

Dial: 888-587-0615

Conference ID: 9524760

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov or 312-353-8311.

Dated March 30, 2016.

David Mussatt,

Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of monthly planning meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules

and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that the Maryland Advisory Committee (MD Advisory Committee) will convene meetings by conference call at 12:30 p.m. (EDT) on each of the following Fridays: April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, 2016. The purpose of each meeting is to discuss project planning and eventually select topic(s) for the Committee's civil rights review. In addition, at the May 20, 2016, meeting, the members will nominate and select additional Committee officers.

Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call number: 1-888-437-9445 and conference call ID: 2956454. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number herein.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-888-364-3109 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call number: 1-888-437-9445 and conference call ID: 2956454.

Members of the public are also invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376-7548, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at ero@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376-7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=253>. Click the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links to download documents. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become

available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Rollcall

Planning Meeting

Discuss and Eventually Select

Topic(s) for Civil Rights Project Review

Discuss and Eventually Appoint Working Group(s)

Other Business

Open Comment

Adjournment

DATES: The meetings will be held on the following Fridays: April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15 and August 19, 2016.

Time: Each meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. (EDT).

Public Call-In Information:

Conference call number: 1-888-437-9445 and conference call ID: 2956454.

TDD: Dial Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and give the operator the above toll-free conference call number and conference call ID.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivy L. Davis, at ero@usccr.gov or by phone at 202-376-7533.

Dated: March 30, 2016.

David Mussatt,

Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 160322272-6272-01]

2017 Census of Governments

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) publishes this notice to request public comment on the content of the 2017 Census of Governments. The Census of Governments is conducted at 5-year intervals (years ending in 2 and 7) and is the most comprehensive compilation of statistics about state and local governments available. The Census Bureau is seeking input on the content of the 2017 Census of Governments to ensure that the Census of Governments continues to be the most comprehensive

measure of state and local governments by adapting to growing areas of interest, accounting and policy changes. The granting of specific authority to conduct the program is Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 161, which authorizes and requires the Census of Governments.

DATES: The Census Bureau will begin mailing the 2017 Census of Governments Employment component in the Spring of 2017 and the Finance component in the Fall of 2017. Responses will be due by April 2017 (for the Employment component) and by December 2017 (for the finance component). Therefore, written comments on proposed content changes must be submitted on or before June 6, 2016 to ensure consideration of your comments on the 2017 Census of Governments content.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments regarding the 2017 Census of Governments to Kevin Deardorff, Chief, Economy Wide Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8K154, Washington, DC 20233; or by email kevin.e.deardorff@census.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Economy-Wide Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, C/O Kevin Deardorff, Chief, Economy Wide Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8K154, Washington, DC 20233; or by email kevin.e.deardorff@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Section 161 of Title 13 U.S.C. directs the Secretary of Commerce to “take, compile, and publish for the year 1957 and for every fifth year thereafter a census of governments. Each such census shall include, but shall not be limited to, data on taxes and tax valuations, governmental receipts, expenditures, indebtedness, and employees of States, counties, cities, and other governmental units.” Because of this, the Census of Governments is the most comprehensive, comparable, and precise measure of government economic activity. It identifies the scope and nature of the nation’s public sector and provides authoritative benchmark figures of public finance, pensions, and employment. This helps us identify and classify the complex and diverse state and local government organizations, powers, and activities, and measures federal, state, and local fiscal relationships.

This notice requests public comments on the 2017 Census of Governments content as discussed further in Section B of this **Federal Register** notice.

Regular content reviews help keep the Census of Governments valuable to policy analysts, researchers, the general public and other federal agencies.

Two federal statistical agencies, the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Federal Reserve Board, use the Census of Governments data to measure the nation’s economic and financial performance. State and local governments use the data to develop programs and budgets, assess financial conditions, and perform comparative analyses. In addition, analysts, economists, market specialists, and researchers need these data to measure the changing characteristics of the government sector of the economy and to conduct public policy research. Journalists report on, and teachers and students learn about, their governments’ activities using our data. Internally, the Census Bureau uses these data as a benchmark for all our non-census year samples.

B. Census of Governments Content

For the 2017 Census of Governments, finance and employment data are the same as in comparable annual surveys and include revenues, expenditures, debt, assets, number of employees (by full-time and part-time status), payroll, and benefits. The Census Bureau posted copies of the 2012 Census of Governments forms on its Web site at: http://www.census.gov/govs/cog/get_forms.html. Please take a moment to review the forms relevant to your interests and provide us with your comments for us to consider as we prepare content for the 2017 questionnaires. In particular, Forms F–11 and F–12 may be of interest, given recent changes to the accounting standards concerning actuarial data for Public Pensions instituted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). We are especially interested in comments on the usefulness of existing inquiries for continued inclusion and in suggestions for new measures that would be appropriate to include in the Census of Governments.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Census Bureau, through the proper established procedures, will be obtaining OMB control numbers under

the PRA as we get closer to launching the program in 2017.

Dated: *March 29, 2016.*

John H. Thompson,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–16–2016]

Foreign-Trade Zone 17—Kansas City, Kansas, Application for Reorganization, (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Greater Kansas City Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 17, requesting authority to reorganize the zone to expand its service area under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the FTZ Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on March 31, 2016.

FTZ 17 was approved by the FTZ Board on December 20, 1973 (Board Order 97, 39 FR 26, January 2, 1974) and reorganized under the ASF on July 8, 2010 (Board Order 1696, 75 FR 41819, July 19, 2010). The zone currently has a service area that includes Wyandotte, Johnson, Douglas, Shawnee, Leavenworth and Miami Counties, Kansas.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the service area of the zone to include Atchison, Jefferson and Franklin Counties, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the expanded service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The application indicates that the proposed expanded service area is adjacent to the Kansas City Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry.

In accordance with the FTZ Board’s regulations, Camille Evans of the FTZ