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## **NC Can Count on Me!** **The 2010 Census – Complete Count Committees**

### **A Local Face on a National Census**

Complete Count Committees are volunteer teams consisting of community leaders, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, the media and others who are appointed by elected officials and work together to make sure entire communities are counted.

Complete Count Committees help inform their neighbors — including those historically hard to reach in census counts — of the importance of responding to the census. Because of these efforts, the response rate for Census 2000 increased for the first time in 30 years and the undercount of those historically missed during a decennial census was reduced.

Complete Count Committees can start now to create awareness within their communities about the upcoming 2010 Census. They can donate space for testing and training temporary census workers, publicize recruiting efforts and obtain endorsements from local leaders. They can conduct census rallies or parades, media luncheons, and interfaith breakfasts and weekend events as we get closer to Census Day.

### **Connecting with Your Complete Count Committee**

Complete Count Committee members are appointed by municipal mayors or county commissioners, but many volunteers are needed. Contact your mayor or county commissioner to get involved with your Complete Count Committee.

If your area doesn't have a Complete Count Committee, start one! Visit the Partnership web site of the Charlotte Regional Census Office – <http://www.census.gov/rocha/www/partner.html> - for information and help in starting your committee including training materials, timelines, suggested activities, and a Complete Count Committee handbook to make your committee a success.



2010 CENSUS: **IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

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