



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
U.S. Census Bureau  
Regional Census Center  
330 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10001

March 23, 2009

Mayor Richard Goldberg  
445 Lafayette Avenue  
Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Dear Mayor Goldberg:

We are writing to inform you that U.S. Census Bureau workers will be working throughout your jurisdiction to conduct the Address Canvassing Operation in preparation for the 2010 Census. This is an operation where locally hired Census Takers will canvass every block in your jurisdiction to ensure that we have accounted for all addresses for the mail out of Census Questionnaires in March 2010.

The Address Canvassing Operation will begin in early April 2009, and will last through the end of June 2009. Our Census Takers may knock on doors to verify house numbers, the number of units and the unit designations at an address. **However, they will not be asking any personal information about any individual or groups of people living at an address.**

All Census Bureau employees must take an Official Oath of Office, and this is a binding oath for life. Any Census Bureau employee who divulges any confidential information is subject to five years in prison and/or a \$250,000 fine. Therefore, any address information collected will always remain safe, with individuals who have taken the Official Oath of Office.

All Census Takers are identified by their official Federal Government issued Census Identification Card. We have included an example in the attached document. Furthermore, our Census Takers will use a small hand held computer (HHC) to collect address information. This device is encrypted to secure all data collected, and no one can gain access to the information collected except authorized Census Bureau staff. Most important for your constituents to know is that this information can never be used to deport any individual or evict or serve housing code violations as a result of any address information collected by Census Bureau employees.

If at any time someone identifies him/herself as a Census Bureau Employee but fails to display official identification, please instruct your constituents to refrain from giving out any information. At any time, your constituents may call the U.S. Census Bureau's New York Regional Census Center for employment verification of any individual who works for the Census Bureau on 212-971-8810.

We appreciate your support of the upcoming 2010, and we will be communicating with you throughout the year on upcoming 2010 Census operations.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Farthing  
Regional Director

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## CENSUS WORKERS ARE IN THIS AREA

### YOU MAY GET CALLS

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts field operations nationwide on an ongoing basis. Your department or agency may get questions from local residents about strangers in their neighborhoods. The Census Bureau wants to make sure that local law enforcement can identify Census Bureau employees, both temporary decennial employees and permanent field representatives.

### HOW TO VERIFY EMPLOYMENT

Each temporary Census employee will have an official identification card with the employee's signature and an expiration date. Identification cards for temporary employees do not include a photograph. Each regional level employee's identification cards will have the bearer's photograph and expiration date. In addition, Field office managers will have the bearer's photograph and expiration date.

#### TEMPORARY DECENNIAL FIELD/OFFICE EMPLOYEES

To verify an employee's identity:  
**U.S. Census Bureau, Regional Census Center**  
 330 West 34th Street  
 New York, NY 10014-2406  
 1(212) 971-8810

#### PERMANENT/TEMPORARY REGIONAL LEVEL STAFF AND TEMPORARY FIELD OFFICE MANAGERS

To verify an employee's identity:  
**U.S. Census Bureau, Regional Office**  
 395 Hudson Street, Suite 800  
 New York, NY 10014  
 (212) 584-3400

### WHAT TO TELL PEOPLE WHO CALL

Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, United States Code, Sections 9 and 214). The answers you give on the census form cannot be obtained by law enforcement or tax collection agencies. Your answers cannot be used in court. They cannot be obtained with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. As allowed by law, census data becomes public after 72 years (Title 44, United States Code, Section 2108). This information can be used for family history and other types of historical research.