

Agenda Item #:

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	March 23, 2010	[] Con	sent	÷ [X] Regular
] W	orkshop	[] Public Hearing
Department:	Administration	or	1			
Submitted By:	Administratio	or	<u>1</u>			
Submitted For:	Administratio	or	<u>1</u>			
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: The 2010 Census Executive Steering Committee Update.

Summary: The Census, mandated by the U.S. Constitution, is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years and the 2010 Census is in progress. The County's Executive Steering Committee, comprised of Palm Beach County staff, and representatives of the League of Cities, School District, United Way, Glades Liaison, Urban League (also a member of the Statewide Complete Count Committee) and U.S. Census Bureau have been working collectively to impact the awareness of the 2010 Census for Palm Beach County residents. Census awareness is being coordinated with the Faith-Based community, media, business, municipalities, hard to count residential areas and community service providers. Additionally, the School District has launched an intensive Census awareness program which includes colleges and universities.

Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in mid-March 2010. Ten (10) questions ask residents to provide information that is accurate for their household as of April 1, 2010. Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

Countywide (SF)

Background and Policy Issues: Federal monies are set based on the population of Palm Beach County. It is a benefit to County government to assure that everyone is counted. These numbers also give insight into the profile of this large and diverse county.

The CCC identified by the Executive Steering Committee will work together to promote the 2010 Census in their communities by incorporating local knowledge, influence and resources to educate residents on the importance of getting a complete count in the 2010 Census.

Attachments:		
Power	Point Presentation – 2010 Census Update	

Recommended By:

Approved By:

Department Director

Date 3/16/10

Deputy County Administrator Date

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0				
Is Item Included in Current Budget Account No.:	Budget? Fund Object	Yes Depart: Program:	No Unit		

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

Contract Development and Control

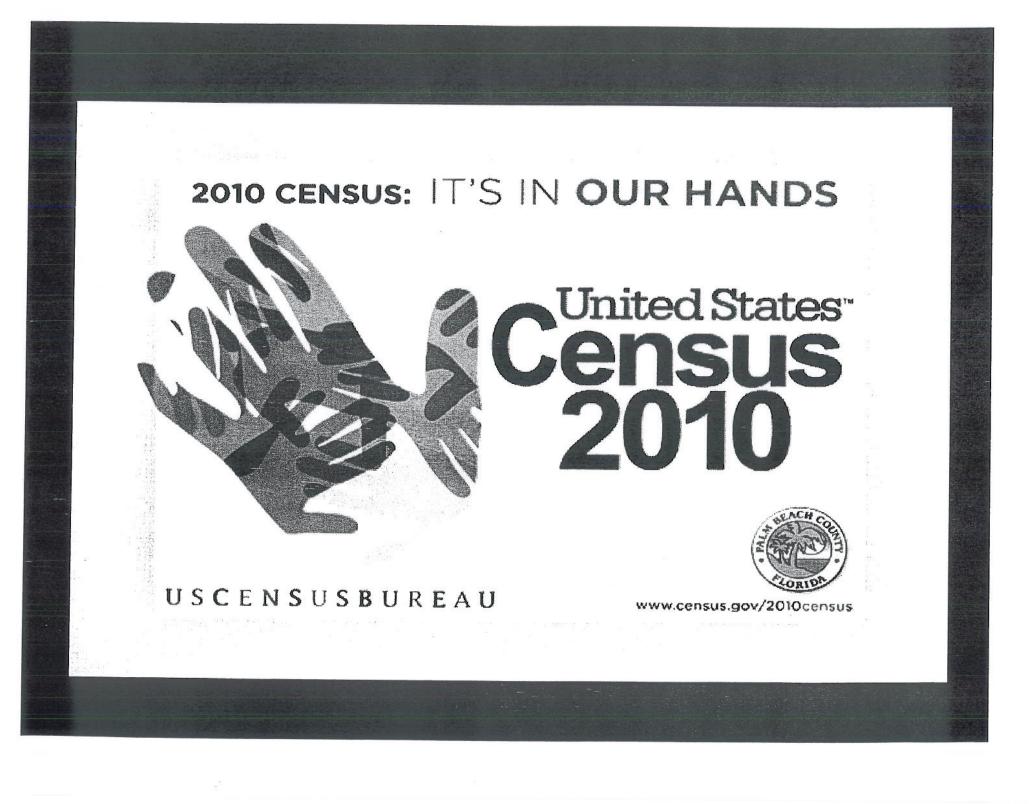
B. Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney 3-17-10

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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Combined Efforts of our Executive Steering Committee & Complete Count Committee

Regarding Census Awareness and Outreach

Municipalities

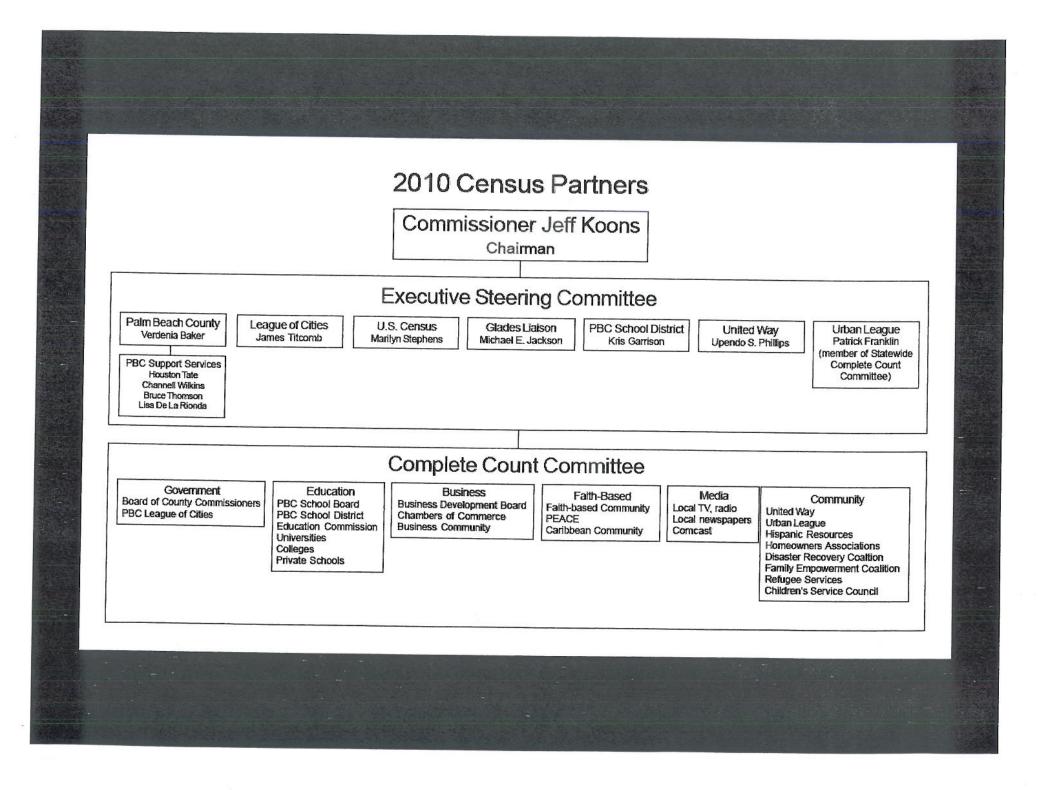
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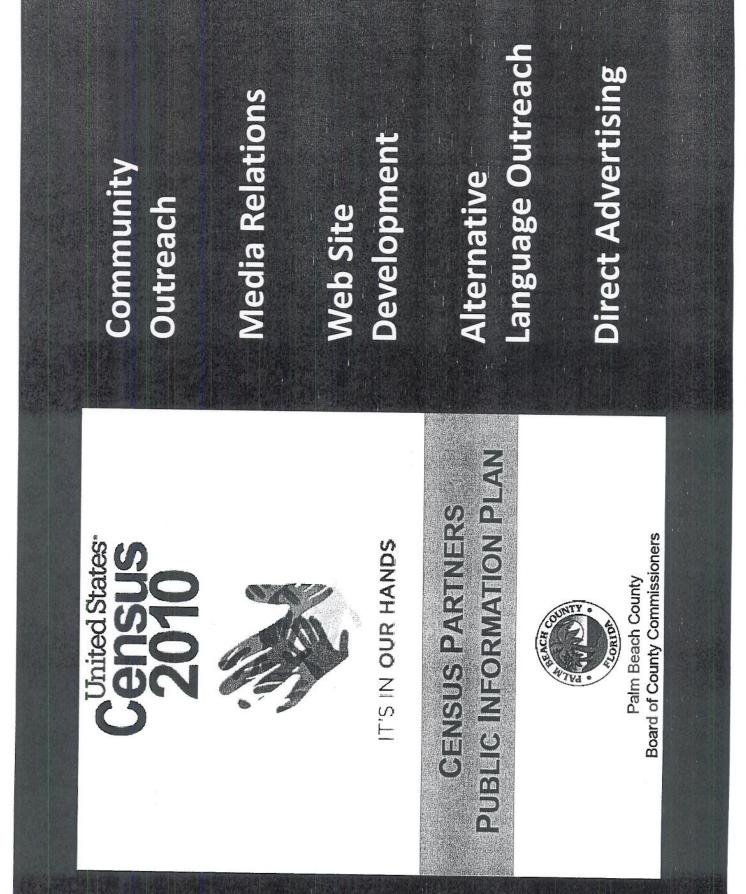
Community/Glades Area

Faith Based

Business

Media





MUNICIPALITIES OUTREACH

City of Greenacres

Intensive census campaign involving several methods to communicate to over 17,000 residents and businesses

Town of Haverhill

Town Hall is an authorized census questionnaire assistance center. On March 24, the town is hosting a "Neighborhood Blitz Meeting" sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau. At the annual town picnic on March 20, the Census Bureau was featured with a display table.

Town of Hypoluxo

The town is using the presidents of its homeowners' associations as a Complete Count Committee.

MUNICIPALITIES OUTREACH

Town of Juno

Formed a Complete Count Committee consisting of residents and business owners. The census is featured in newsletters and on the website. Presentations have been made to home and condo owner associations. Town Hall has been offered as a job testing site for census jobs and will host census workers to answer questions.

City of Lake Worth

Complete Count Committee has produced promotional material in English, Spanish, Finnish and Creole for display businesses, churches and schools. Extensive outreach to the Haitian, Maya, Canadian and 'snowbird' communities.

City of West Palm Beach

Census awareness meeting for nonprofit organizations and community groups. Weekly radio spots targeting the Hispanic community. Promoted on West Palm TV. Assisting census workers with homeless enumeration. Census Tour Bus featured at Super Clematis event.

EDUCATION EFFORTS

•Superintendent issued a callout to parents and employees

•Principals received talking points for their messaging to parents and employees

Messages posted out on schools marquees

•Outreach includes local colleges and universities, especially those with dormitories

•Sites have been provided for training and "Be Counted" centers

•Created a District Census Web site for lesson plans that includes documents of interest, many in three languages

COMMUNITY EFFORTS

has served as the community central location for the following activities:

•Community meetings for leaders and concerned residents to foster participation in the complete count process

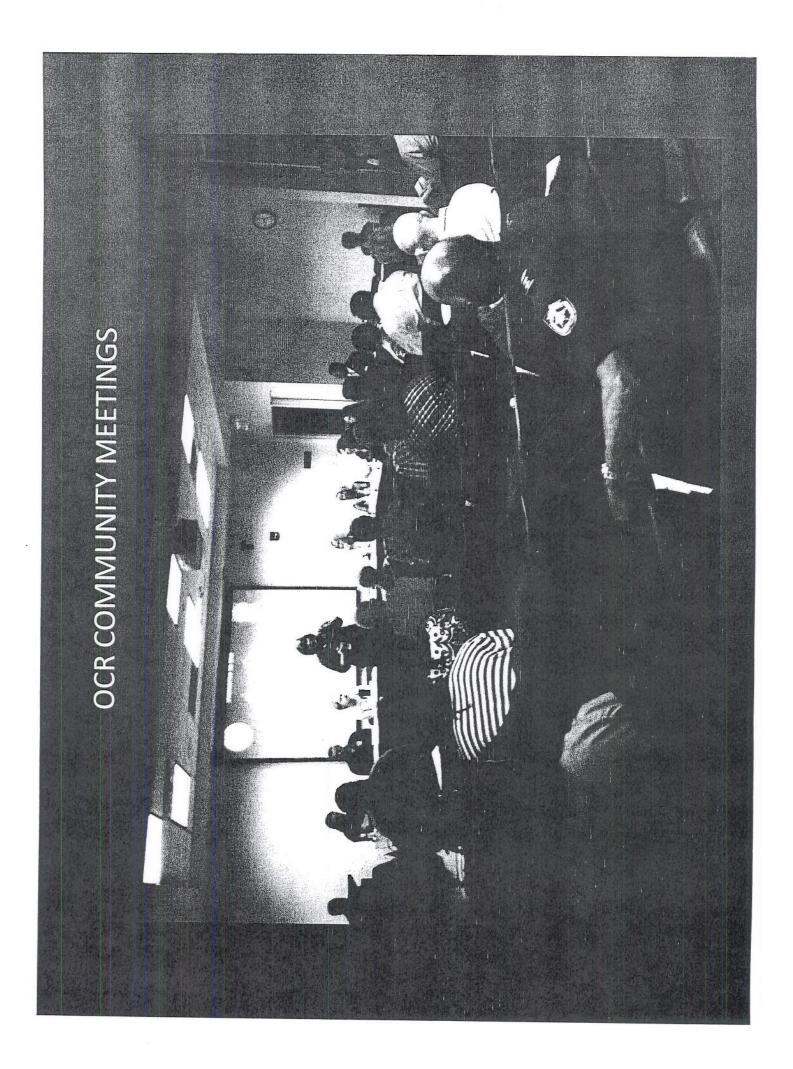
•Several job trainings sessions (pre-test) and job testing sessions attracting hundreds of job seekers

•Formal staff training of new census workers

•Distribution of printed information promoting participation

•Presentations and lead discussions by President & CEO with community organizations and groups

•Email blasts to over 6,000 contacts encouraging participation



GLADES AREA

OCR/City of Pahokee /U.S. Census Bureau hosted a 2010 Census meeting with the following:

•Hispanic Faith Leaders

•Property Owners (also from Belle Glade)

•East Coast Migrant Head Start organizations

•Redlands Christian Migrant Association - New Hope

•RCMA Child Care Center

FAITH BASED

•With our Faith Based Committee Chair, we communicated with over 350 houses of worship regarding the importance of the Census

•Attended Pastor's Association of PBC meeting

HAITIAN/CREOLE OUTREACH

•Partnered with Disaster Recovery Coalition to reach out to the Haitian community following the Haiti earthquake

HOMELESS COUNT

•PBC Human Services Homeless Outreach Team is assisting U.S. Census workers for a successful count of homeless individuals

BUSINESS

•Partnering with Local BDB, chambers, business organizations to get the word out to their employees and customers

MEDIA

•Taped County Connection on 2010 Census: 30 minute show/46 broadcasts

•Created PSAs for census jobs and form completion in English, Spanish and Creole

•Monitored the national census advertising efforts. Comcast has a census tutorial guide in multiple languages available On Demand

•Reinforced the census message during the monthly media meetings in Palm Beach County

•Leverage has been our greatest benefit – "Census on Palm Tran" (60 second video)

CONTINUING EFFORTS

•Monitor Real Time Census Participation Rate --Hard to Count and Under counted areas

•Insert reminders in County Water Utilities bills

•Posters for public buildings and libraries

•Continue to transmit messages electronically to all types of industry and to our residents

•Continue to collaborate with our community partners