



**Caribbean American Chamber
Of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)**



Dear Colleague:

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs wants to be sure that every New Yorker knows: "The 2010 Census is Here - Every New Yorker Must Be Counted!" Starting March 15th, Census forms will be mailed to every household in New York City . We are calling on you to assist in this tremendous effort by getting the word out about the importance of every New Yorker participating in the 2010 Census.

The following is some important information about the 2010 Census that you can share with your constituents.

- The United States Constitution requires that the number of people living in the United States be counted every 10 years. People of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens alike, regardless of legal status, are to be counted in the next census in 2010.
- The 2010 Census will find out how many people live in New York City, how many elected representatives we will have in Congress, determine who will represent you in the New York State legislature and the New York City Council, and determine the amount of federal funding the City will receive for important services like education, healthcare, job training, transportation, senior services, and other critical services important to all New Yorkers.
- Every household must fill out a form. The form must include everyone who is living in that household.
- The form should be mailed back immediately to the Census Bureau, but no later than April 15th. After that date, Census takers from the U.S. Census Bureau will knock on the doors of those households that did not mail back a completed census form to count the people staying there.
- Please remind everyone that the form does not ask any questions about citizenship, legal or immigration status or anything about income.

- Please also tell everyone that any personal information provided on the census form is confidential under federal law and remains private for 72 years. It cannot be shared with any federal, state or city agency.
- For the first time the census form will be mailed in English and Spanish. The census form will also be available upon request in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Russian, and can be obtained starting March 15th by calling 311.
- A language guide with 59 additional languages to assist people to fill out the form in English will also be available online at www.nyc.gov/census2010 or by dialing 311.

Let's make sure that every New Yorker is counted, and we get our fair share of federal funding and political representation for the next 10 years. For more information, call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/census2010 or www.2010census.gov