

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C Resolution on the DC Census**

WHEREAS, every ten years the United States Census Bureau counts residents across the country; and

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1C supports the U.S. Census Bureau in conducting a complete and accurate count of all U.S. residents as of April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia, including ANC 1C, is one of the most racially and ethnically diverse places in the United States, and this diversity is our strength; and

WHEREAS, The ANC 1C is committed to raising awareness of the importance of Census 2020 by aggressively reaching out to hard-to-count groups and encouraging their participation in the Census; and

WHEREAS, A complete count ensures accurate Census data, which provides critical information for government programs, policies, and decision making that affect ANC 1C residents, including the funding of programs such as supplemental nutrition assistance program, section eight housing choice vouchers, children's health insurance, and low-income home energy assistance; and

WHEREAS, Census data is used to update Ward, ANC, and Single Member District (SMD) boundaries, determine funding for schools in ANC 1C, and plan for resources such as new playgrounds, recreation centers, senior wellness centers, and programming to serve specific populations; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Washington, D.C. was the second most undercounted city in the nation, with the following groups having been historically undercounted: low income residents, foreign-born residents, renters in multi-unit buildings, children ages 0-5, and African-American households; and

WHEREAS, The next three months, from February 12 to May 12, including Census Day 2020 on April 1, 2020, are a critical time to engage with residents to ensure they are informed about why the Census matters to ANC 1C, our ward, and our city; and how to participate;

RESOLVED, that ANC 1C, and each individual commissioner, will work together through May 12, 2020 to support activities that aim to have every resident in ANC 1C and every SMD counted in the 2020 Census regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, language spoken, or citizenship status. ANC 1C commissioners will:

Post regularly on neighborhood listservs, blogs, social media, and other electronic media to encourage residents to complete the census forms (DC Census 2020 digital media toolkit)

Seek out neighborhood and local business volunteers to post and engage on electronic media about the census

Seek out neighborhood and local business volunteers to organize and participate in SMD outreach using door hangers provided by DC Census 2020 officials. (US Census outreach toolkit)

RESOLVED, that ANC 1C will communicate this resolution to all other ANCs in Washington, D.C., to encourage them to adopt this resolution or otherwise pledge to support census efforts, and to likewise take the actions outlined above to increase participation in the 2020 Census.