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County Officials Urge Residents to Participate in Census 2010

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — Just in time for United States Census Bureau forms to begin arriving in mailboxes on March 15, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and officials county-wide — including the Department of Planning and Economic Development — would like to stress the importance of the Census Bureau’s effort to make sure each Macomb resident is counted.

“By returning our census forms in a timely fashion, we make sure our community gets back a fair share of the tax dollars we send to Washington,” Commission Chair Paul Gielegem said. “Let’s try to repeat the excellent response rate we achieved during the last census.”

According to the Census Bureau, during the last census, Macomb County was noted as one of the nation’s most populous counties that achieved a superior response rate of better than 80 percent.

The U.S. Census, which is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years, assists in apportioning \$300 billion in federal funds each year to communities for things such as infrastructure, schools, senior centers, job training centers and emergency services.

Locally, the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development uses the data to develop promotional packages to attract and retain businesses in the community.

Information collected by the Census also affects the number of seats a state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives and the re-districting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts.

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