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Duluth Celebrates One Year Out from Census Day 2020

[Duluth, MN] In one year, the 2020 Census will be in full swing. America is changing fast, and the 2020 Census will determine how more than \$800 billion in federal funding is allocated each year. The census is critical for figuring out what our communities need to be healthier, safer and more successful. We have to make sure everyone is counted, and we have to start preparing now.

The state of Minnesota receives over \$8.4 billion annually from large Federal assistance programs that use Census data to allocate funding. The City of Duluth is committed to the U.S. Census Bureau's count due to its importance on several key issues facing the City, including:

- Duluthians receiving the federal resources, as determined by an accurate count, for health care, education, nutrition, housing, and transportation
- Having an accurate understanding of key social, economic, and demographic conditions to make the choices necessary to address our challenges and improve our community
- Ensuring that political districts are drawn accurately and Duluthians are fairly represented at federal, state, and local levels

The City is celebrating one year out from Census Day 2020 by holding the first meeting of the Duluth Complete Count Committee (CCC) today. CCCs help assure a complete count in the upcoming Census 2020 so our community receives its fair share of congressional and legislative representation as well as our proper share of federal and state funding for programs that serve our area. Comprised of highly regarded representatives and trusted voices from different sectors of our community, the CCC will plan and implement focused projects that help to increase the response rate of our residents.

Questions:

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