

George Latimer County Executive

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Dear Municipal Leader,

As we all know, getting an accurate count of Westchester's residents during Census 2020 is of critical importance for the County and its communities. In addition to maintaining the strength of our congressional delegation, funding for well over 100 vital federal programs totaling hundreds of billions of dollars are allocated based on Census data.

The best way to achieve an accurate count of residents is to have a grassroots-based, locally focused effort; and, this is best coordinated by a local Complete Count Committee. I am proud to say that Westchester County already has an active, dedicated, diverse and hardworking Complete Count Committee working closely with our County Department of Planning.

I call on every municipality in Westchester to create their own local Complete Count Committee. Several have done so already; and, they are off to a wonderful start planning media and outreach campaigns and identifying trusted partners to work with local government, faith-based, nonprofit and educational organizations.

We have a lot of barriers to participation to overcome, and we can only do that through a combined effort of local governments with community leaders and advocates. A local Complete Count Committee is the best way to educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census.

If you have any questions about Complete Count Committees, feel free to contact Blanca Lopez, Assistant to the County Executive at 914-995-2921 or by email at BPL3@westchestergov.com.

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Very truly yours,

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