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Volusia County Complete Count Committee

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Countywide census committee to meet Nov. 2

Volusia County's Complete Count Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at the Volusia County Sheriff's Office training center, 3901 Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach.

Subcommittee chairs will give updates, and Jose Martinez, a partner specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, will be available to answer questions.

The volunteer committee is chaired by Joie Alexander, Volusia County Council vice chair and at-large representative. Members represent local governments, colleges and universities, faith-based and community organizations, businesses, housing, farm workers, and marketing and communications professionals.

The group's goal is to increase the number of residents who complete and return their 2010 census questionnaire. In 2000, 67 percent of Volusia County residents returned their questionnaires, compared with 63 percent statewide and nationwide.

In early March, the U.S. Census Bureau will mail census questionnaires to every household in the nation. Residents are required to complete and return them by April 1. Data collected will affect how more than \$400 billion in annual federal funds will be distributed to state, local and tribal governments over the next decade. Data also will be used to draw school district boundaries, establish state legislative districts, and determine the number of seats Florida has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

For more information about the county's Complete Count Committee or to find out about volunteer opportunities, please contact Betty Holness at (386) 736-5920, ext. 2603; or Pat Kuehn at (386) 822-5062, ext. 2934. For more information about Volusia County's census awareness campaign, visit www.volusiacounts.org or www.volusiacuenta.org.

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