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CENSUS 2010 WORKSHOP SET FOR JUNE 25

The countdown to Census 2010 has begun, and the City of Twentynine Palms is looking to community leaders, businesses, and organizations to help ensure an accurate count for the desert area.

As part of its census awareness campaign, a workshop will be held at City Hall on Thursday, June 25, from 4 to 6 p.m., to discuss formation of a Complete Count Committee for the city. Mayor Joel Klink will host the event at City Hall and encourages all interested residents and representatives from local businesses, organizations, schools, faith-based groups, and media outlets to attend.

Ana Hernandez, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau for San Bernardino County, will lead the workshop and will explain how community residents can help create awareness of the upcoming census and encourage every household to fill out and mail back a completed census form.

Having an accurate census count can translate to money and representation for local communities. Census totals are used to allocate seats in the state legislature and in the U.S. House of Representatives, and to determine how more than \$300 billion in federal funds will be distributed to state, local, and tribal governments for community programs and services, education, housing, roads, public health and safety.

The Complete Count Committee for Twentynine Palms will need volunteers to help design a promotional campaign and outreach efforts to make sure that the entire community is counted, to raise awareness of the importance of the census, and to help dispel fears associated with participating in the census-taking process.

For more information about the committee or the workshop on June 25, contact Census 2010 liaison Vickie Waite at City Hall, (760)367-6799.

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