

RESOLUTION

Complete Count Committee

WHEREAS, the 2020 United States Census is of critical importance to the Town of Bedford; its data affects funds available for our schools, housing, seniors, low and moderate income populations, sales tax revenue, grant awards; business decisions; redistricting; emergency planning; fire departments; hospitals and much more; and

WHEREAS, work on the 2020 United States Census already is underway with the U.S. Census Bureau now working to identify correct addresses and making preparations for the actual count early next year; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau in March 2020 will begin mailing invitations to respond to nearly every household in the country with April 1, 2020 designated as Census Day; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bedford recognizes the critical importance of ensuring that the 2020 United States Census counts *every single individual in the Town of Bedford*; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau and Westchester County strongly recommend that the Town Board of the Town of Bedford consider establishing a citizens committee to raise awareness and help ensure a complete census count.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board hereby resolves as follows:

1. The Bedford 2020 Complete Count Committee shall be comprised of a broad spectrum of Bedford residents working with local government and community leaders and other community partners to promote and encourage response to the 2020 Census in our community.
2. The goal of the Committee: COUNT EVERYONE.
3. The Committee is charged with developing and implementing a 2020 Census awareness campaign based upon their knowledge of the local community to encourage a response. The Committee will also help connect local residents with Census job opportunities currently available.
4. The Committee shall be comprised and organized as follows:
 - a. Between seven and nine residents of the Town of Bedford to include representatives of the faith-based community; schools; seniors; veterans; and historically undercounted populations in the Town of Bedford;
 - b. The Town Board will designate the chairman and vice chairman.
 - c. The chairman is responsible for the following:
 - i. Convening and conducting periodic meetings
 - ii. Ensuring documentation and communication of meeting actions and outcomes.
 - iii. Communicating the recommendations of the Supervisor and Town Board.
 - iv. Providing regular reports to the Town Board on the work of the Committee in achieving its goals. The first report should be no later than November 30, 2019.
 - d. The Committee is to meet no less frequently than monthly and more frequently as needed to carry out its mission.
5. The Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Planning Director collectively will make recommendations to the Town Board for appointing the members of the Committee at the meeting of the Town Board scheduled for October 3, 2019.

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