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Dear Resident:

In a few days your household will receive a questionnaire in the mail for a very important national survey, the American Community Survey. When your questionnaire arrives, please fill it out and mail it back promptly. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this survey and chose your address, not you personally, as part of a randomly selected sample.

The American Community Survey is a separate part of the 2010 Census program. Some households, including yours, will receive both the American Community Survey and the 2010 Census this year. Your response to **both** is required by U.S. law.

In their own way, the American Community Survey and the 2010 Census provide an important picture of America. They show not only the number of people who live here, but *how* we live as a nation — our education, housing, jobs, and more. The information you provide helps community leaders decide where schools, highways, hospitals, and other services are needed.

If you have access to the Internet and want to learn more about the American Community Survey, please visit the Census Bureau's Web site:
<http://www.census.gov/acs>.

Thank you in advance for your help, and for responding to both the American Community Survey and the 2010 Census.

Sincerely,

Steve H. Murdock
Director, U.S. Census Bureau