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County, City Announce Complete Count Committee for 2020 Census

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto announced today the formation of a joint County-City Complete Count Committee in advance of the 2020 Census. The group will provide oversight for our county’s participation in the Census, act as trusted census ambassadors, help identify and secure funding to carry out the goals of the committee and develop and implement a plan designed to target the unique characteristics of the county.

“We know from past experience that there is a mistrust about the Census and, because of that, there has been specific groups that have been historically undercounted – particularly African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, children under the age of five, and the poor,” said Fitzgerald. “For many of the services that the county provides with federal funding, these groups are some of the most important to be counted. This effort is about reaching everyone to ensure that they’re counted as part of the 2020 Census and we are grateful to these community members for being willing to help us reach that goal.”

The County-City Complete Count Committee includes trusted voices from a variety of sectors and industries, and is diverse in representation, influential in their reach and are trusted leaders within their respective communities – all important characteristics to ensure that the committee has the greatest impact in ensuring that every person in our region is counted.

“Pittsburghers – and I mean all Pittsburghers, whether they are new to our country or have been here for generations – need to stand together and demand that their numbers are fully counted,” Peduto said.

The County-City Complete Count Committee is co-chaired by Gregg Behr, Executive Director of the Grable Foundation; Betty Cruz, Founder and All for All Project Director of the Change Agency; and Stefani Pashman, CEO of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

Additional members of the committee are expected to be added in the coming weeks, but the current group includes:

- Emma Alaquiva – Founder and CEO, Ya Momz House
- Chuck Albrecht – Executive Director, PERSAD Center

- Susan Baida – Director of Community Engagement, UPMC
- Samantha Balbier – Executive Director, Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership
- Dr. Quintin Bullock – President, Community College of Allegheny County
- Brian Burley – Founder, #YNGBLKPGH
- Cara Ciminillo – Executive Director, Trying Together
- Pat Clark – Co-Founder, Jackson/Clark Partners
- Jamaal Craig – Executive Director, Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network
- Rosamaria Cristello – Executive Director, Latino Community Center
- Kelci Denigan – Communication & Connections Coordinator, Allegheny County Library Association
- Stuart Fisk – Director of Center for Inclusion Health, AHN
- Bob Gradeck – Project Manager, Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center
- Dr. Anthony Hamlet – Superintendent of Schools, Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Traci Jackson – Co-Founder, Jackson/Clark Partners
- Benedict Killang – Immigrants & Internationals Initiative Specialist, Allegheny County
- Krysia Kubiak – Director of State Regulatory Strategy & Government Affairs, Duquesne Light
- Brian Magee – CEO, Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project
- Holly McCullough – Assistant Director of Programs & Partnerships, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
- Marian Mei-Ling Lien – Executive Director, Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition
- Wasi Mohamed – Executive Director, Islamic Center of Pittsburgh
- Dan Onorato – Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Highmark Health
- Audrey Russo – President & CEO, Pittsburgh Technology Council
- Brian Schrieber – CEO, Jewish Community Center
- Ben Stahl – CEO, Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania
- Ty Williams – EarthTime Liaison of the CREATE Lab, Carnegie Mellon University

The County-City Complete Count Committee will be announcing future steps as the start of the 2020 Census nears including launch of a website, outreach events and activities, and general information from the Census Bureau regarding important dates and steps in the process.

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