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CEO ELLIS AND COMMISSIONER STOKES KICK OFF COUNTY'S EFFORTS FOR THE 2010 CENSUS

Decatur - DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis, Super District 7 Commissioner Connie Stokes, and District 2 Commissioner Jeff Rader were joined today by Doug Stephenson, Darryl Matthews and Edward Davis from the U.S. Census Bureau to announce the formation of the **DeKalb County Complete Count Committee** for the 2010 Census. The committee, which is headed by Commissioner Stokes, will oversee the county's efforts to ensure all residents are counted during the Census period, which starts April 1, 2010.

"Each community has a special responsibility to ensure that every man, woman and child of every age, race and ethnic group is counted," said CEO Ellis. "DeKalb is ready to meet this responsibility. We will take all necessary steps to achieve the maximum count of people in our county."

The DeKalb County Complete Count Committee is comprised of seven subcommittees whose members were drawn from a cross section of the community, including business, educational institutions, faith-based and community organizations, and social service providers. The groups will work together to ensure that all of the county's residents—citizens and non-citizens—are counted.

The Census data collected is used by the federal government to allocate congressional seats, decide what services will be provided to DeKalb County, and how more than \$400 billion in federal funds will be distributed each year to communities across the country.

"The more people, the more money for our county; it's that simple. We have to count everyone because that is how the money is allocated," Commissioner Stokes said. "We need every person in every community within DeKalb to be counted."

Attendees were also given a preview of the county's first Census 2010 Public Service Announcement, which will begin airing today on DCTV, Channel 23.

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CEO Ellis along with Sheriff Tom Brown, Commissioners Connie Stokes and Jeff Rader during press conference announcing DeKalb County Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census.



CEO Ellis along with Commissioners Connie Stokes and Jeff Rader, Sheriff Tom Brown, U.S. Census Bureau officials and DeKalb County Complete Count Committee members following press conference announcing county's efforts for the 2010 Census.

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