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HOUSEHOLDS URGED TO STEP UP CENSUS RESPONSE

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (4/29/10) – Temple Terrace residents and those living in surrounding areas are urged to make sure they complete and return their 2010 U.S. Census forms.

Temple Terrace's response rate stands at 69 percent, officials say, compared to 72 percent for Hillsborough County and the state of Florida. The national response rate also is 72 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

All households should have received their U.S. Census forms and returned them by now, officials say. Census workers have begun visiting households that did not return completed forms.

Anyone who did not receive a form, or who has questions, should contact the Telephone Assistance Center at 1-866-872-6868. A replacement questionnaire will be sent to those who need it.

If a U.S. Census worker comes to your home, you may verify the worker's employment by calling the Temple Terrace Police Department at (813) 989-7110.

Florida is among five states in jeopardy of losing a congressional seat if households fail to return their U.S. Census forms, officials say. Seats in the U.S. House of Representatives seats will be redistributed next year, based on population figures. And \$400-billion in federal funding for schools, infrastructure and emergency services will be dispersed based on information collected by the census.

Make sure you are counted. It helps your city, and helps your family.

For more information, visit www.2010census.gov.

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