



**Interoffice Memorandum**

**AGENDA ITEM**

February 6, 2020.

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
Board of County Commissioners

THRU Lonnie C. Bell, Director *Lonnie C Bell*  
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SUBJECT: **Discussion Agenda Item – February 25, 2020**  
Census 2020 Update

Every 10 years, the United States undergoes a census of the population. Census questionnaires will be released to every household in the United States starting in March 2020. Citizens will be requested to provide information that is accurate for households as of April 1, 2020. The population totals determine each state's Congressional representation. The numbers also affect state and federal community funding formulas and help inform decision makers about how the community is changing.

In preparation for the upcoming Census 2020, Mayor Demings created the Orange County Complete Count Committee. This is an informal grassroots committee that includes several community stakeholders. Over the last several months the committee has strategized on how to solicit census participation from our hard to count areas and populations. In addition, there are several processes that have occurred in preparation for the upcoming census. Staff will discuss with the Board the census process, the structure, and timeline.

This presentation is for information purposes only. No action is being requested.

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- c: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator
- Randy Singh, Deputy County Administrator
- Jeff Williamson, Manager, Communications Division
- Jon V. Weiss, Director, Planning, Environment and Development Services
- Dean Salmons, GIS Coord., Planning, Environment and Development Services
- Jason Reynolds, Manager, Neighborhood Services Division