City, County establish Complete Count Committee for 2020 Census

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The City of Dayton and Montgomery County are collaborating to support a full count of local residents by the 2020 census.

Mayor Nan Whaley and Montgomery County Administrator Joe Tuss today announced the formation of a Complete Count Committee comprised of local leaders, community partners, and grassroots groups.

The committee will work to motivate residents to complete and submit mailed or online census forms by informing them of the importance of the census. A multi-faceted outreach campaign will utilize the expertise and resources of community groups to overcome cultural, economic, linguistic or technology barriers to census participation.

The census determines the number of Congressional districts in each state and helps guide the allocation of nearly $700 billion per year in federal and state funding to states and communities. An accurate census count is vital to well-being of the community and residents by helping planners determine where to direct funding and other resources for housing, health care, education, transportation and other essential needs.

"We are taking steps now to support a full and accurate count of Dayton and Montgomery County because of its extraordinary importance to our community," Mayor Whaley said. "We want Dayton to be the best-counted city in Ohio, and we encourage our residents to join in the effort."