February 13, 2020

Dear Tolland Residents and Business Owners:

I am reaching out as both Tolland’s Town Manager, and as the Co-Chair of the Tolland 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. As you have likely heard by now, 2020 is a very important year, as it is time for the once-in-a-decade Federal Census. The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire in the postal mail between March 12th and March 20th. You will have the option to respond online, by phone, or by mail. Participating in the census is required by law. A complete and accurate count is critical for our community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

When you respond to the 2020 Census, you will tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020. If you do not respond in one of the ways noted above, Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded beginning in May 2020, and may attempt to contact you multiple times to help make sure everyone is counted.

The Town of Tolland is actively advertising that the Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every Census employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. There are still Census jobs available with excellent pay and flexible hours. Check out [https://www.tolland.org/home/pages/2020-census](https://www.tolland.org/home/pages/2020-census) for more information.

I am looking forward to a safe, productive, and complete 2020 Census season. Please see [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov) for more details.

Sincerely,

Michael Rosen

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