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## **Mayor Dellums Urges Oakland Residents to Complete 2010 Census Forms**

**OAKLAND** - Mayor Dellums participated in the “2010 Census Portrait of America Road Tour”. The mayor urged Oakland residents to complete their census forms, because they will be used to determine how \$400 billion of federal funding is spent each year on infrastructure and potential services.

“Over the next ten years, trillions of dollars are going to be spent on many, many services and much of that money is going to be spent based on formulas. We need to have an accurate count so that Oakland and California gets its fair share based on those formulas and that is vitally important. At the extent to which we as a community reach out and embrace each other and embrace this rich tapestry of differences, therein lies our empowerment, therein lies our strength, therein lies, ultimately, the quality of all of our lives,” said Mayor Dellums.

The Road Tour attempts to motivate America’s growing and increasingly diverse population to complete and mail back the 10-question census form when it arrives in mailboxes in March. The Road Tour is part of the largest civic outreach and awareness campaign in U.S. history, stopping at more than 800 events nationwide.

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