



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**COMPLETE COUNT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020 | 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.  
Fort Lauderdale City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue  
08<sup>th</sup> floor Commission Conference room**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Brown, **Chair**

Dana Somerstein, **Vice-chair**

Ann Mihaui

Jeffrey Thompson

Stephanie Rosendorf

Corey Thiel

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Christopher Smith

Luke Harrigan

Attendance : 6

Appointed Members to the Committee: 8

Needed to constitute a quorum: 5

**STAFF**

Junia Robinson, staff liaison

Brigitte Chiappetta, prototype, Inc.

**Communication to City Commission**

The Complete Count Advisory Committee requests the following of the Commission:

The Motion requests the Mayor, or his designee submit the attached correspondence to the Supervisor of Elections. Upon approval from Mr. Antonacci, we request that up to \$1,500 become available in our budget to augment volunteers with paid representatives to accomplish outreach, especially in the precincts contained within the most hard to enumerate areas, envisioned by this request.

**Motion made by Vice – Chair Dana Somerstein, seconded by Stephanie Rosendorf-Diaz . In a voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.**

Dear Supervisor, Antonacci,

The City of Fort Lauderdale 2020 Census Complete Count Advisory Board requests your permission to allow one or two representatives from the City/Board to stand within the designated 150' political free zone during the Presidential Preference Primary Early Voting and on Election Day March 17th to greet only those people leaving the polling location and the facility that houses the polling location to give them, if they wish, information about participating in the 2020 Census which will begin in earnest in mid-March and continue to April 1st just 13 days later. Our request is only for those 69 polling precincts and the Early Voting locations in or nearby the City of Fort Lauderdale, with special emphasis on those polling places located within hard to count communities.

Most polling locations serve additional purposes; schools, libraries, etc. There are, therefore, many people who arrive at those locations to accomplish other purposes than or in addition to voting. The Census is a once in a decade Constitutionally mandated national requirement. Our representatives will only help to educate people leaving the premises about their Constitutional obligation to participate in the Census. While our Fort Lauderdale advisory board has been and will continue to be active in participating in many local events to promote the new "on-line" Census option, we believe that the March 17th Presidential Preference Primary voting is a crucial and timely opportunity to meet Fort Lauderdale residents and advise them how easy it is to participate in the 2020 Census especially on-line.

Our representatives will do no "politicking" and will not wear or place any materials other than Census 2020 items. We request that you advise your precinct staff of your approval of our presence.

We look forward to hearing of your approval by March 10<sup>th</sup> so that we can complete our preparations and train our Census workers.

Thank you for your swift consideration. We are anxious to work with you to enhance our City's count in the important 2020 Census.

Thank you