

## How does it work?

In March, the Census Bureau

- Delivers a short 10-question form to every household in America
- Requires that you fill in the form to account for everyone living at your address as of April 1, 2010
- Includes a prepaid envelope with the form so you can mail it back as soon as possible
- A [census taker](#) must follow-up in person with every address that doesn't mail back the form in order to obtain the responses.

## The Importance of Census Data to the Asian Community

Census data are used in many ways that can improve life for members of the Asian community and their families:

- Help leaders determine where to build new schools, roads, health care facilities, child care and senior centers and more.
- Help fund important community initiatives and programs important to the Asian population including education and English-language learning programs.
- Aid local emergency services responders in reacting efficiently in times of need, thanks to better maps and information.
- Guide implementation and evaluation of programs like the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, the Civil Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act.
- Assist with planning for education, housing, health and other programs that reflect diversity in the community.

## 2010 Census Form: Easy, Important and Safe

- 10 Questions/10 Minutes: One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

## The Census matters to our community

Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. These funds support tangible benefits

in our Asian community, such as health care and education, which can help ensure a better future for you and your family.

**Please send your 2010 Census form back.**