

# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

**Offered by Councillor Charles C. Yancey**

## **ORDER REGARDING ACCURACY OF U.S. CENSUS 2010**

- WHEREAS: The United States Census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years; and
- WHEREAS: Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year; and
- WHEREAS: Census data are used to determine districting in the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS: Census data, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, indicate that populations are undercounted at different rates. In general, Blacks, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Asians and Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics are missed at higher rates than Whites; and
- WHEREAS: The Bureau of the Census estimates that it missed 5.2 percent of the Hispanic population, 4.8 percent of the Black population, 3.1 percent of the Asian-Pacific Islander population and 5 percent of the American Indian population in 1990; Be It Therefore
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convenes a hearing to review the status of the United States Census 2010 in the Boston Area to discuss its present and future goals and implementation plan, and to determine what measures are taken by the U.S. Census to guarantee the accuracy of Census 2010; And Be It Further
- ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council convenes a hearing to review what measures are being taken by the United States Census Bureau to employ Boston residents in numbers that reflect diversity in the City of Boston.

**In City Council  
February 3, 2010**