

## **Census Bureau Names 13 New Members to its Race and Ethnic Advisory Committees May 2004**

The Census Bureau will welcome 13 new members to five advisory committees on race and ethnicity at the committees' spring meeting in Washington, D.C., May 5-7.

"The Race and Ethnic Advisory Committees play a vital role in ensuring that we make the best effort possible to reach all race and ethnic groups as we fully implement the American Community Survey and test our plans for the 2010 Census," Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon said.

The committees advise the Census Bureau on issues affecting the African-American, the American Indian and Alaska native, the Asian, the Hispanic, and the native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander populations. They are made up of members of the public at large, including representatives of tribal entities, academia and the private sector. Committee members serve three-year terms.

The newly appointed members are:

### **Hispanic Advisory Committee**

Anthony "Tony" P. Ibarra (Denver, Colo.)

Mr. Ibarra is the Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Digatron, Inc., a leader in digital video recording and networking appliances integration. He has overseen the design of digital surveillance systems for the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Capitol, the U.S. Department of Justice and other Federal and State agencies.

Mr. Ibarra, a leader in commercial research and development, has won numerous awards relating to his firm's business successes including the 2002 Businessman of the Year Award from the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Coloradobiz Top 250 Private Companies and selected nationally as one of the Top Five Fastest Growing Minority Firms in the Nation.

Mr. Ibarra has served on the Denver Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Denver Cable Board, and State of Colorado Disparity Study. Mr. Ibarra is presently serving on the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Committee and the YMCA.

Altagracia “Grace” Ramos (Beavercreek, Ohio)

Altagracia “Grace” Ramos is a commissioner on the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. Ramos has worked in local, state and national government. As an Ohio Civil Rights commissioner, she is responsible for enforcing the Ohio Revised Code on Discrimination. Ramos was a presidential appointee to the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She also was a special assistant to for the associate director for public liaison in the White House’s Office of Public Liaison.

### **African-American Advisory Committee**

Rev. Kenneth Bernard Miller (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

Rev. Kenneth Bernard Miller is pastor of New Covenant Fellowship, a multicultural ministry. Miller serves on several boards in the Chattanooga metropolitan area, including the Chattanooga Housing Authority, the Hamilton County Regional Health Council and other community-based entities. He has a background in radio broadcasting and media relations.

Winsome Earle Sears (Norfolk, Va.)

Winsome Earle Sears is a former delegate to the Virginia House of Delegates. She has participated actively on several boards and commissions in Virginia’s Tidewater region, including the Virginia War Memorial Board, the Interdenominational Children’s Foundation and the Advisory Commission for Intergovernmental Relations for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

James Edward Whitehead Jr. (Washington, D.C.)

James Edward Whitehead Jr. is founder of EXHALE<sup>®</sup> Cosmetics and Millenium Technologies. He has held executive government positions with a focus on domestic and international business development.

Marinna Lucretia Wright, J.D. (Normal, Ill.)

Marinna Lucretia Wright, a lawyer, has held several state-level positions in Illinois, most recently as the assistant state attorney in Bloomington and as a legislative assistant in the Illinois House of Representatives.

### **American Indian and Alaska Native Advisory Committee**

Juliet King (Davis, Calif.)

Juliet King is a community and economic development researcher for the Department of Human and Community Development at the University of California at Davis. King has written

reports, papers and publications on American Indian and rural housing. She also served on the steering committee of the Census Bureau's Census Information Center program.

Jana McKeag (Washington, D.C.)

Jana McKeag is vice president and a board member of Venture Catalyst, a tribal gaming operations consulting company. In 1991, McKeag was appointed commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission. The commission was created by the U.S. Congress to regulate, set standards and monitor gaming activities on American Indian lands. She has a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University.

#### **Asian Advisory Committee**

Xuan-Nhi Van Ho (Cypress, Calif.)

Xuan-Nhi Van Ho is director of business development for Western Union Financial Services. Ho is a long-time community activist for the Vietnamese-American population in Orange County, Calif. He has worked in California conducting outreach to the Vietnamese community, and was a community partnership specialist for the Census Bureau during Census 2000.

Christine Takada (Chicago, Ill.)

Christine Takada is executive director of the Asian American Alliance, the first pan-Asian Small Business Development Center in the country. Takada held several statewide positions in Illinois, including governor's liaison to the Asian American community. She has been an active board member of the Asian American Institute, the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Illinois Council of Minority Business Organizations and the United Way of Chicago. She currently serves as chairperson for the Illinois governor's Asian American Advisory Council.

#### **Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Advisory Committee**

Stanton Enomoto (Honolulu, Hawaii)

Stanton Enomoto is acting executive director of Hawaii's Kaho!olawe Island Reserve Commission, where he is responsible for implementing policy directives to preserve native Hawaiian cultural practices, environmental restoration, natural and cultural resource protection and education.

State Rep. Guy P. Ontai (Mililani, Hawaii)

Hawaii Rep. Guy P. Ontai represents the state's 37th legislative district. Ontai also serves as director of the Pacific American Research Center and vice president of the Pacific American Foundation. During a 16-year military career, he served as an Army major and an assistant

professor of physics at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He also taught physics at Hawaii's prestigious Kamehameha School. Ontai earned a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy and a master's in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mona Porotesano (Carson, Calif.)

Mona Porotesano is a commissioner on the International Samoan Language Board. As commissioner, Porotesano works to promote and preserve the Samoan language. She also is a consultant on Samoan arts, language, customs, protocol and ceremonies in the greater Los Angeles area. During Census 2000, Porotesano participated in a local census committee and did outreach with Los Angeles' Pacific islander community.

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