

INDIA ASSOCIATION OF TALLAHASSEE

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Greetings,

Beginning this month, census takers will be visiting residences that **did not fill out a census form**. If you would like more information regarding the 2010 Census, please visit the following website: www.sunshinecensus2010.com.

It is also our sincere hope that you will reach out to family and friends to ask them to spread the word about the visits from census takers. Even if your family and friends are not U.S. citizens, it is important they participate in the census to help gain a more accurate picture of Florida's Asian-American community. All answers remain confidential and any personal data provided is protected under federal law.

Why being counted is important:

Although a simple survey, the data collected from the census will have a monumental impact on our population for years to come. For instance, the federal government distributes \$400 billion to state and local governments based on census data, each year. Local decision makers also draw on this data to determine how this funding is utilized, whether for roads, hospitals, schools, child-care centers or other important community needs. Participating in the census makes certain we have the funding needed to ensure a successful future for our families. It is important to note that regardless of citizenship, your participation in the 2010 Census is required by law.

Information about Census Takers:

Census takers will visit your residence to collect the data manually, during the months of May, June and July. All census workers will carry official government badges marked with just their name; they may also have a "U.S. Census Bureau" shoulder bag. The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form. If you're still not certain about their identity, please contact your Regional Census Center number, which can be found at www.2010census.gov, to confirm that they are employed by the Census Bureau.

As a member of India Association of Tallahassee join with me and say, "Count me in because it will ensure a brighter tomorrow for our community's families, businesses and future generations!"

Thank you,

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