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Mayor Coleman and Leaders from Trade, Faith, Business, Neighborhood Communities to Kick Off 2010 Census Count

Saint Paul to raise awareness about importance of being counted

What: Mayor Chris Coleman along with other officials and community members will kick off the 2010 U. S. Census at the Cub Foods off University Avenue in Saint Paul on Tuesday, Jan. 26. The kick-off marks Saint Paul's push to have every person in Saint Paul counted in the upcoming Census.

In 2000, it is estimated Saint Paul and Ramsey County lost tens of millions of dollars in federal funds due to an undercount of all residents. To ensure a more accurate count, Mayor Coleman formed the 2010 Census Task Force consisting of members from across the business, faith, trades, and neighborhood communities to help educate and reach all residents.

In addition to establishing levels of funding for communities, the Census also determines the number of representatives for each state. Minnesota is on the cusp of possibly losing a representative because of population shifts.

When: 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 26

Where: Cub Foods, 1440 University Avenue

Who:

- Mayor Chris Coleman
- Rep. Carlos Mariani
- State Demographer Tom Gillaspay
- Saint Paul School Board Member Elona Street-Stewart
- Bao Vang, executive director, Hmong American Partnership
- Bernie Hesse, director of special projects, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 789
- The Rev. Grant Abbott, executive director, Saint Paul Area Council of Churches
- Lester Collins, director, State Council on Black Minnesotans