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To Local News Media:

The Fall River Board of Election Commissioners is requesting all Fall River residents respond to the annual City Census listing which was delayed because of COVID-19. The forms have been mailed out today. The laws of this state require this office to contact all city residents annually.

An accurate census would be of tremendous benefit to the City of Fall River because a significant part of our local government budget is based on revenues received from the State and Federal Government. Many of these aid programs use census statistics as a fair way to distribute funds for health, education, senior citizen needs, veterans’ benefits, highways, job training and school lunch programs.

Proof of residency is required for many reasons so it is important that everyone be listed. Anyone temporarily away from home, such as students, servicemen, federal personnel who wish to retain permanent addresses in Fall River should be listed with parents or other relatives.

Please be sure to make any corrections such as occupation, apartment number, new family members, dates of birth, deaths, etc. on the forms and return to this office as soon as possible.

If anyone is not contacted by mail for census or has any questions, please telephone our office at (508)324-2630. The Board of Elections office is located on the sixth floor of Government Center, Room 636. We will also have a blank form which can be filled out, signed, and return by email. We ask the cooperation of every resident.

**For the convenience of the public we have “DROP OFF BOXES” located in each of the following locations:

Chaves Market
Government Center Lobby
Seabra Supermarket
Shaws Supermarket
Stop & Shop Supermarket

49 Columbia Street
One Government Center
440 Stafford Road
4171 North Main Street
213 Mariano S. Bishop Boulevard
501 Rodman Street