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County Councilman Tim Crawford Offers Assistance With 2010 Census Forms

With the U.S. 2010 Census Forms soon to be distributed to households throughout the country, Summit County Council Member Tim Crawford (District 7) has volunteered his office as a location where residents can seek help in completing the 10-question census form.

Crawford's office is located at 4109 S. Cleveland Massillon Road in Norton (44203). Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Yesterday, the U.S. Census Bureau began mailing advance letters to about 120 million addresses nationwide, notifying households that 2010 ***Census forms will be arriving March 15-17.*** The one-page letter urges households to complete the form when it arrives and to return it in the accompanying prepaid envelope as soon as possible. ***The form should be mailed back by April 1, 2010.*** For every 1 percent increase in households that respond by mail, taxpayers save about \$85 million in operational costs associated with census takers going door to door to follow up with households that did not mail back the form.

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to apportion congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide. The 2010 Census form will be one of the shortest in U.S. history, consisting of 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict confidentiality laws protect the respondents and the information they provide

“The U.S. Census has a vital impact our communities, and it is important that everyone gets involved and participates. There may be people out there who have questions and may have some concerns about filling it out and sending it back. I am making my office available to help anyone who needs assistance with the process,” said Crawford.

As District 7 Council Member, Tim Crawford represents Barberton, Norton, and New Franklin, the Village of Clinton, part of Coventry Township and part of Akron.

For more information, please contact Councilman Crawford at 330-825-8866.

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