



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Secretary of the Commonwealth
State House, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Dear Community Leader,

I am writing as the designated liaison for Massachusetts for the 2030 U.S. Census to invite you to attend a meeting of state and local officials representing communities in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties to discuss plans for the region to most effectively respond and participate in the upcoming census count.

The U.S. Census Bureau is beginning its preliminary activity to identify residential addresses and populations for the upcoming census. I believe this is a critical moment of opportunity for the Cape and Islands and the future of its residents and communities.

I was the Massachusetts liaison for the 2020 Census, which, despite the challenges and delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, revealed a state population of over 7 million persons - far exceeding federal estimates. The Cape and Islands present unique challenges including high seasonal vacancy rates and surges in temporary workforces due to the region's robust tourism economy.

I am determined to overcome these challenges and count every resident in the 2030 Census and am grateful that the Governor and legislature have already approved resources to help in this intensive effort.

The meeting will occur on **Monday, November 10, 2025 at the Tilden Arts Center on the Cape Cod Community College campus (2240 Lyannough Rd., West Barnstable, MA 02668)**. I hope you will be able to join us to share information and ideas. Please RSVP and send any questions to census@sec.state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Francis Galvin".

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth