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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Jersey Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the New Jersey Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 7:00 p.m. on September 11, 1998, at the Bally's Park Place, Park Place and the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Committee's report on employment opportunity for Asian Americans in New Jersey State government employment, and plan future projects. The Committee will reconvene on September 12, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. at yesterday's location, Bally's Park Place. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a briefing session with civil rights and advocacy groups, local government officials, and unscheduled audience comments.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, August 11, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Virginia Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Virginia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on September 28, 1998, at the Temple Rodef Shalom,

2100 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, Virginia 22043. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Committee's report on the justice system disparities for African American males, and plan future projects.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census 2000/Puerto Rico

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Decennial Communications, Decennial Management Division, Bureau of the Census, Room 2002, Suitland Federal Center #2, Washington, DC 20233-0001. Their telephone number is (301) 457-3947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States Constitution mandates that a census of the Nation's population and housing be taken every 10 years. Title 13 of the U.S. Code specifies that in addition to the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the census also should include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Census Bureau's goal in Census 2000 is to take the most accurate and cost-effective census possible. The importance of an accurate decennial census cannot be overstated. Puerto Rico census data are used to redraw legislative district boundaries to ensure that political representation is distributed accurately and to determine funding allocations for the distribution of Federal and Puerto Rico funds each year. Census data tell us what we know about Puerto Rico; they are the definitive benchmark for virtually all demographic information used by the Federal, Puerto Rico and local governments, policy makers, educators, journalists, and community and nonprofit organizations.

From Census 2000, the Census Bureau will produce population totals by race, Hispanic origin, and age for census blocks and higher geographic levels for legislative redistricting in Puerto Rico. The Census Bureau also will be collecting a wealth of demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics from the population. This information is required to implement programs and enforce Federal laws and, as noted above, plays an important role in the distribution of Federal and Puerto Rico funds each year and serves as a benchmark for many different purposes.

In the process of developing our data collection forms, the Census Bureau has tried to reduce respondent burden in three ways: (1) Including only those questions that are explicitly required in Federal law or whose use is strongly implied by the data requirements in the law—both the short form and the long form have fewer questions than their 1990 counterparts, (2) Working through the decade to develop forms that are easy to understand and fill out, and (3) asking most questions of only a sample of approximately 1 in 6 households in Puerto Rico.

II. Method of Collection

In Census 2000, the Census Bureau will make every effort to account for all people living in the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana