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Statement on Court Ruling Concerning Census Deadline

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The City of DeSoto has been committed to having every one of our residents counted for the 2020 US Census, so we were very concerned when the Census Bureau cut short the Census deadline by a month. Thursday's decision by a federal judge ordering 2020 Census counting nationwide to continue through October 31st was welcome news to DeSoto but we understand that the administration is planning to appeal it.

DeSoto's current self-response rate of 73.1 percent is better than the Texas state average of 62.0 percent, but anything short of a complete count will shortchange our residents for decades to come.



Census counts help determine where new schools, hospitals, fire stations, and even traffic safety projects are needed. It also impacts Congressional boundaries which determine who represents us in Washington. Without a complete count, we won't receive the project funding or representation that we deserve in the future.

Regardless of what happens in the courts, DeSoto needs to control our own destiny. If every household that has not yet completed their forms submits them today, it won't make a difference when the deadline is.

Thank you to all who have already submitted their forms, and to those who haven't, please step up and do the right thing for DeSoto's future and our children's future!

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