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Submitted via e-mail to: dmd.cqr@census.gov.

To Whom it May Concern:

As you know, the 2010 Decennial Census count of the City of Atlanta's population was 420,003. This population estimate represented an increase of less than one percent compared to the 2000 Census and was unexpectedly low in light of the City's rapid housing growth over the prior decade. The City's 2010 population was in fact more than 100,000 below any pre-Census estimate prepared by local, state, federal or independent private sources, including the U.S. Census Bureau 2009 estimate of 540,932.

Given the importance of the Decennial Census, in early 2012 I authorized the City's Department of Planning and Community Development to undertake an analysis of the City's housing units and group quarters under the guidelines of the Census Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program. The evaluation was undertaken with the assistance of a consultant team, who found reasons to challenge the 2010 Census based upon the Coverage definition and/or category. Based on this research, an estimated 3,244 housing units and 11 group quarters with 406 residents were not included in the 2010 Census. The documentation for the challenge, including required maps and address lists, are submitted with this correspondence.

Following an analysis and review of this information by our consultant team and City staff, as Atlanta's highest elected official (HEO), I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the addresses identified through the evaluation process existed and could have been occupied as of April 1, 2010. I respectfully request that the CQR Program Office undertake a review of the attached submission and investigate the City's challenge in accordance with established procedure.

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We welcome the opportunity to assist your office as needed to complete this investigation in a timely manner. Should you have any questions or require additional documentation, please contact the following individual:

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I look forward to your review and request that you keep me informed on your progress as appropriate.

Sincerely,



Kasim Reed
Mayor

Attachment

cc: Duriya Farooqui, Chief Operating Officer
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