

National Advisory Committee (NAC) Special Session

Director's Remarks as Prepared for Delivery

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- Good afternoon, and thank you for joining us for this special session of the National Advisory Committee.
- I just want to say a few words before we really get down to business.
- First, I want to you to know how much we appreciate your efforts to help us as members of our National Advisory Committee.
- We are so grateful and recognize that you are doing this out of civic duty and because you care.
- So every meeting I'm in with you I'm going to tell you how much I appreciate the time and the brain power you give to us.
- Since we last met, we've had several new members appointed to this committee. I want to take a moment to recognize and acknowledge them:
 - Filiz Garip, professor of sociology and public affairs, Princeton University
 - Miguel Marino, associate professor, Oregon Health and Science University
 - Jeanine Abrams McLean, president, Fair Count
 - Zhenchao Qian, associate director, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
 - Alexis Santos, assistant professor of human development and family studies, Pennsylvania State University
 - Arloc Sherman, senior researcher, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
 - Suzanne Thornton, assistant professor of statistics, Swarthmore College
 - Dana Watters, program director, Local Democracy Initiative, National League of Cities
- I also want to thank Carla Kelly, whose term recently ended, for her service her on the NAC.
- As you know, today we are convened to provide recommendations on the privacy-loss budget and parameter settings for the 2020 Demographic and Housing Characteristics File (DHC). I thank you for sharing your time and expertise with us today.
- I know we have a lot to discuss today, so let me just remind everyone about the Federal Register notice that the Census Bureau published in August asking for public feedback on the design and planning for the 2030 Census.
- This is the first time that we have formally invited public input into the planning and design stage of a census.
- It's a new avenue, we're trying to solicit ideas from communities and organizations across the country in hopes that their suggestions will help us to reach historically undercounted people and encourage response, and to reimagine what a 2030 Census can be.
- Please spread the word about this opportunity—and submit your own ideas. The deadline to respond is November 15, 2022, and you can learn more and submit a response at www.census.gov/2030census.
- Thanks again, and I look forward to today's discussion.