The 2020 Census is our one chance to ensure that Long Island gets its fair share of funding, resources, and elected representation for years to come.

Census data affects much more than we often realize – everything from school funding to class size to resources for road repair, from where businesses choose to locate, to even the number of representatives we have in Congress. Even though the Census influences so many aspects of our day-to-day lives and things we may take for granted, many do not know just how important filling out the Census questionnaire truly is.

The stakes for our region could not be higher. It is up to us to stand together to ensure that Long Island is fairly and fully represented in the 2020 Census. Make sure to fill out the 2020 Census and do everything you can to share the word about this important civic duty!
WHY DOES THE CENSUS MATTER?

When we are short-counted, we are short-changed. Census data is used to decide how much funding our region receives for hospitals, schools, roads, health insurance, public works, and so much more – our quality of life is impacted if we are undercounted.

Our voices matter. Census data is used to decide the number of representatives we have in Congress. New Yorkers deserve to be fully and accurately represented in our government, and an undercount would undermine our voices and representation.

Every single person counts. The Census can be a tool for empowerment and bringing our communities together. It is a bipartisan issue – everyone benefits when everyone is counted. By completing the Census, we can all contribute to a brighter future for our region.

Completing the Census is simple and safe. The Census questionnaire includes just a few simple questions that can be answered in 10 minutes or less, either online, by phone, or by mail. If you choose to answer by phone, you can speak with someone in one of 13 languages. The Census Bureau cannot share your information with anyone – not even other branches of the government. If a Census worker shares your information, they will face severe fines and even jail time.

We will live with the consequences of these questions for the next 10 years. We only have one chance to get this right. The funding levels and Congressional seats that are set in the 2020 Census cannot be changed until 2030. This is our only opportunity to set Long Island on the right course for the decade ahead.