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NEWS RELEASE

Legislative Commission's Committee to Study Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting (Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 19, File No. 76, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*)

Date: Friday, February 12, 2010
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Grant Sawyer State Office Building
Room 4412
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Las Vegas, Nevada
Videoconference:
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Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting (A.C.R. 19)

Assemblyman Tick Segerblom (D-Las Vegas) announced today that the Legislative Commission's Committee to Study the Requirements for Reapportionment and Redistricting will hold its first meeting on Friday, February 12, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas. The meeting will be videoconferenced to room 4100 of the Legislative Building in Carson City.

The Committee will hear testimony from Secretary of State Ross Miller concerning Nevada's efforts to promote participation in the Census. It is estimated that every person in the State who is not counted in the Census will cost the State \$917 per year in federal funds. An undercount of just 1,000 people would cost the State more than \$9 million over the next decade.

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The Committee will also receive a presentation concerning the Census from David L. Byerman, Chief Government Liaison for Nevada, U.S. Census Bureau. In addition to providing an overview of the process, Mr. Byerman will discuss job opportunities and economic stimulus from the Census, the timeline for delivering reapportionment numbers to the President, the cost of an undercount and the importance of early organization, and a status report on statewide and local "complete count" campaigns.

Also on the agenda is an update on the State's participation in the Phase II Voting District/Block Boundary Suggestion Project. The Phase II Project allows the State to submit to the Census Bureau its precinct boundaries for inclusion in the 2010 Census tabulations. This means that the Legislature will be receiving population totals in 2011, by precincts, in addition to county, city and the smaller Census block totals. The information accompanying precinct population totals will help the Legislature draw new district boundaries during the 2011 Legislative Session. Finally, the Committee will learn the basics of reapportionment -"Reapportionment 101"-and discuss the "Reapportionment and Redistricting Newsletter" that will be produced throughout the process.

The Committee encourages the public to participate both in the 2010 Census and in the Committee's meetings. **"The meetings of the Committee, and the subsequent meetings of legislative committees during session, represent an opportunity for members of the public to express their views concerning reapportionment of the Legislature and the other elected officers and public bodies subject to reapportionment,"** Segerblom explained. **"The Committee plans to hold four additional meetings between now and the start of the 2011 session and we encourage the public's participation."**

The other members of the Committee to Study Reapportionment and Redistricting are Vice Chair, Senator Steven A. Horsford (D-North Las Vegas), Senator John J. Lee (D-North Las Vegas), Senator Mike McGinness (R-Fallon), Senator William J. Raggio (R-Reno), Senator Joyce Woodhouse (D-Henderson), Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert (R-Reno), Assemblyman John Ocegüera (D-Las Vegas), and Assemblywoman Debbie Smith (D-Sparks).

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