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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHARTER OF

CENSUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND  
ALASKA NATIVE POPULATIONS FOR THE 1990 CENSUS

Establishment:

The Secretary of Commerce, having determined that it is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Commerce by law, hereby establishes the Census Advisory Committee on the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations for the 1990 Census, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Objectives and Duties:

The Committee will provide an organized and continuing channel of communication between the American Indian and Alaska Native communities and the Bureau of the Census on the problems and opportunities of the 1990 Decennial Census as they relate to the American Indian and Alaska Native populations of the United States. The special need for this interchange arises because properly enumerating this population requires certain insight not resident in the Bureau. Major efforts to improve this situation are necessary because decennial census data are widely used for such critical matters as legislative apportionment, allocation of government funds, and public and private program planning. Having an established channel of communication will be helpful to the Bureau in its efforts to develop the techniques and approaches that will yield the necessary improvements. To the extent that these efforts are successful, there will be direct and substantial gain to both the Bureau and the American Indian and Alaska Native populations.

The Committee will draw on the knowledge and insight of its members to provide advice during the planning of the 1990 Census of Population and Housing on such elements as improving the accuracy of the population count, developing definitions and terminology for improved identification and classification of the American Indian and Alaska Native populations, suggesting areas of research, recommending subject content and tabulations of particular use to the American Indian and Alaska Native populations, expanding the dissemination of census results among present and potential users of census data in the American Indian and Alaska Native communities, and generally improving the usefulness of the census product.

The Committee will function solely as an advisory body and will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Members and Chairperson:

The Committee will consist of nine members who will be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee will include community leaders, academicians, and other appropriate persons. Persons who have served on a Census Advisory Committee may not serve on any other Census Advisory Committee until 3 years have passed.

The Committee will elect a Chairperson and Chairperson-elect for a 1-year term.

Administrative Provisions:

The Committee shall report to the Director, Bureau of the Census.

The Committee shall usually meet twice each year. The Director is responsible for approving the date, location, and agenda for each meeting. A Bureau official shall be present throughout each meeting.

The Bureau will provide the supporting services for the Committee.

The annual cost of operating the Committee is estimated at \$40,000 including 1 person-year of staff support.

Members of the Committee, upon request, will be paid travel expenses incurred in the performance of committee duties as authorized by Department of Commerce travel regulations. Committee members will receive no other compensation for their services.

Duration:

The Committee will terminate 2 years from the date of this Charter, unless it is earlier terminated or renewed by proper authority by appropriate action.

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Date

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Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Administration

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE  
CENSUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND  
ALASKA NATIVE POPULATIONS FOR THE 1990 CENSUS

Members and Chairperson is revised to read:

The Committee will consist of twelve members who will be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee will include community leaders, academicians, and other appropriate persons. Persons who have served on a Census Advisory Committee may not serve on any other Census Advisory Committee until three years have passed.

The Committee will elect a Chairperson and Chairperson-elect for a one-year term.

Katherine M Bulow  
Assistant Secretary for Administration

SEP 8 1986  
Date

Pursuant to subsection 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this amendment was filed with the Assistant Secretary for Administration on September 8, 1986. On September 25, 1986 a copy was filed with the following committees of Congress, and a copy furnished to the Library of Congress:

- o Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,
- o House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- o Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
- o House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

September 25, 1986  
Date

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