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3 Days Left to Mail Back Census Forms

Michigan City, IN –Michigan City Mayor Chuck Oberlie issued a statement today encouraging all citizens to return their completed 2010 Census Forms, if they have not yet done so.

“The U.S. Census website advises that there are still three days left for the public to mail back their census forms,” Mayor Oberlie said.

“While the National Census Participation Rate is currently at 67%, the State of Indiana is in the Top 5 States across the country with a 73% participation rate so far. Locally in Michigan City we are a little behind the National Rate with a current Participation Rate of 66%, and that’s why we need this one final push over the next three days for everyone to return their census forms.

We need all Michigan City residents to return their Census Forms as that will help ensure accurate funding and representation levels for the next ten years.”

According to the U.S. Census website: “An accurate census will reflect changes in our communities and is crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated for projects like new hospitals and schools.”

(<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/index.php>)

The Census tracking map indicates that the Participation Rates of nearby communities are as follows: Town of Long Beach 66%; City of LaPorte 71%; Town of Trail Creek 76%; and Town of Pottawattamie Park 78%.