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MEDIA ADVISORY

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin welcomes city and town officials **tomorrow, Thursday, March 23** to a workshop on updating census addresses in anticipation of the **2020 Federal Census**.

The Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) workshop is at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, 366 Main St., Sturbridge. Check-in opens at 8 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. with Secretary Galvin's introduction.

“The goal of this session is to get the most accurate resident list possible for the 2020 Census,” Secretary Galvin said. “This is especially critical in counting our immigrant population which promises to be difficult in light of the prospect of further restrictive federal policies on immigration. That and the current political climate could make immigrants more reluctant to participate in the Census.”

The 2020 population, as determined by the Census, has financial and political implications for Massachusetts for decade that follows. It determines distribution of funds from federal programs, and it forms the basis for setting how many members of Congress the state will have.

The LUCA program is the only opportunity state and municipal governments have to review and comment on the Census Bureau's residential address list prior to the 2020 Census.

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Jeff Behler, director of the New York Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau, and Mike Horgan, Census Bureau Geographer, will present an overview of LUCA and Alexandra Barker of the Census Bureau will discuss ways cities and towns can access and make use of census data.

Participants will get a review of state resources, including support and training, available to city and town officials to assist them in improving address lists and group quarter counts from officials of the Secretary's office and from the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute.

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