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Census Bureau Continues Latino Underrepresentation on their National Advisory Committee

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The U.S. Census Bureau today announced 10 new members of its [National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations](#), bringing the total membership of the committee to 32. However, despite criticisms from Latino community leaders, the Census Bureau has decided to continue the underrepresentation of Latinos on this panel by only appointing two Latinos as new member. Of the 32 members, only three are Latinos (9 percent of the total). The more than 54 million Latinos (including Puerto Rico) currently represent over 16 percent of the US population.

The two new Latino member of the Census national advisory committee are:

- [Pauline Medrano](#), mayor pro tem and city council, Dallas
- [Arturo Vargas](#), executive director, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund

In addition, despite Latino community concerns that the Census Bureau reflect the diversity of the Latino population on this advisory committee, now all three Latino members of the committee are Mexican-American. The other major Latino populations --- Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Salvadorans and Dominicans, for example, --- are not included. This includes the exclusion of Puerto Rico, which has special issues when it comes to the Census.

The two new Latino members are joined by the remaining Latino member, Altagracia Ramos of Ohio (Civil Rights Commissioner, Retired). They replaced two original members of the advisory committee who were term-limited after one year --- Dr. Jacinto Pablo Juarez of Texas (Dean Emeritus, Laredo Community College) and Angelo Falcón of New York (National Institute for Latino Policy), whose terms end in July.

The National Advisory Committee advises the Census Bureau on a wide range of variables that affect the cost, accuracy and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys, including the once-a-decade census. The committee, which is comprised of members from multiple disciplines, advises the Census Bureau on topics such as housing, children, youth, poverty, privacy, race, ethnicity and sexual-orientation issues.

"The expertise of this committee helps the Census Bureau in producing high-quality statistics," said Thomas Mesenbourg, the Census Bureau's acting director. "By helping

us better understand a variety of issues that affect statistical measurement, this committee ensures that the Census Bureau continues to provide relevant and timely statistics used by federal, state and local governments as well as business and industry in an increasingly technologically oriented society."

The other new members are:

- [Randall Akee](#), Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Public Policy, University of California, Los Angeles
- [Carol Gore](#), president/CEO, Cook Inlet Housing Authority
- [Timothy Harjo](#), member, Fort Sill - Chiricahua Apache Tribe
- [Ann Morning](#), Ph.D., professor of sociology, New York University, New York
- [Mee Moua](#), president and executive director, Advancing Justice - Asian American Justice Center
- [Alisu Schoua-Glusberg](#), principal, Research Support Services Inc.
- [Desi Small-Rodriguez](#), lead advisor of policy and research, Office of the President, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
- [Maile Tualij](#), Ph.D., assistant professor, Office of Public Health Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa

The National Advisory Committee members, who serve at the discretion of the Census Bureau director, are chosen to serve based on their expertise and knowledge of the cultural patterns, issues and/or statistical needs of "hard-to-count" populations. The new members will be seated on Aug. 1.

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