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The Outcome of the Count Question Resolution Process

Sunday, April 1, 2012 -- The Census Bureau has determined that [New York City's Count Question Resolution \(CQR\) challenge](#) of August 2011 will not result in a change in the City's 2010 population. The Census Bureau's examination of the addresses City Planning submitted did not reveal errors admissible under CQR. Admissible errors are only those concerning geographic boundaries and the processing of data already collected in the census enumeration; the Census Bureau does not change numbers produced from an enumeration, unless the error falls into those categories. The CQR process does not consider other types of errors in the 2010 Census that may have affected the city's population count.

We identified clear anomalies in the census count in portions of Brooklyn and Queens that revealed significant shortcomings in the Census Bureau's procedures, resulting in neighborhoods of high growth being undercounted.

The Census Bureau showed a real willingness to work with the City and carefully examined our appeal, but it is unfortunate no mechanism exists to rectify the errors we identified. City Planning's demographers and technical specialists will continue to engage with their counterparts at the Census Bureau to examine what occurred and to improve census procedures for the future to ensure that New York is more accurately counted in the 2020 Census.

Attachments:

 [Mayor Bloomberg's letter to Dr. Robert Groves, Director of the U.S. Census Bureau](#)

 [Response letter from the U.S. Census Bureau](#)

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