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MAYOR BLOOMBERG ANNOUNCES CITY'S SUCCESSFUL CENSUS BUREAU CHALLENGE

*Census Challenges Produce \$77 Million for New York in Federal Funds;
 New York City Achieves New Population Record of 8.25 Million People*

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg today announced that the City's population has reached an all-time high of 8,250,567. As a result of the City's fourth consecutive successful challenge of the U.S. Census Bureau's annual population estimates, the Bureau upwardly revised New York City's July 2006 population by more than 36,100 persons, and combined with previous challenges the population has been raised by nearly 200,000 persons over the past four years. The challenges were based on [data analysis](#) by the Department of City Planning (DCP). The City receives federal funds in proportion to its population, meaning that New York State will receive an additional estimated \$77 million in federal funding by 2010 as a result of these Census challenges. The City's continued ability to attract new residents, both native-born Americans and new immigrants, is a testament to the City's successful economic development strategy, dramatic lowering of crime, and much improved education system.

"This population increase is the dividend the City receives for our ongoing investment in public safety, schools, and other government services," said Mayor Bloomberg. "New York City sends far more money to Washington than we get back, but now we will at least not be shortchanged as a result of inaccuracies in Census Bureau population estimates. By analyzing and challenging the Census Bureau's findings, we are able to ensure that vital City programs receive the appropriate level of federal funding."

The Census Bureau reported earlier this year that the City's population had increased to 8,214,426, but the City challenged the Census Bureau's estimates for all five boroughs. The Bureau today accepted the City's higher population estimates for each borough with the highest percent difference in the Bronx, where DCP accounted for nearly 10,000 more people.

Much of the estimated \$77 million in additional federal aid to New York State comes to the City to fund affordable housing being developed under the Administration's New Housing Marketplace Program to create and preserve affordable homes and apartments for a half million New Yorkers.

The challenges are prepared using a housing unit-based method that shows the link between the City's booming housing market and increased population. The housing-unit method is the same approach that was used in previous successful challenges. This methodology tends to be more accurate for New York City than the Census Bureau's method, which tries to estimate certain components of the population, such as in- and out-migration, that are difficult to measure.

In previous years, the Census Bureau has accepted the City's calculations, which added 28,500 persons to the July 2003 estimate; 64,300 persons to the July 2004 estimate; 70,600 persons to the July 2005 estimate; and 36,100 persons for the July 2006 estimate - which was officially confirmed today.

**Change in Population – Census Bureau and DCP Estimates
 April 2000 to July 2006**

Borough	2000 Census	Change: Census 2000 and Census Bureau 2006			Change: Census 2000 and DCP 2006		
		2006 Census Bureau Estimates*	Number	Percent	2006 DCP Estimates	Number	Percent
New York City	8,008,278	8,214,426	206,148	2.6	8,250,567	242,289	3.0
Bronx	1,332,650	1,361,473	28,823	2.2	1,371,353	38,703	2.9

Brooklyn	2,465,326	2,508,820	43,494	1.8	2,523,047	57,721	2.3
Manhattan	1,537,195	1,611,581	74,386	4.8	1,612,630	75,435	4.9
Queens	2,229,379	2,255,175	25,796	1.2	2,264,661	35,282	1.6
Staten Island	443,728	477,377	33,649	7.6	478,876	35,148	7.9
Source: 2000 Census; Census Bureau Current Estimates Program; DCP Estimates of Population							
*Census Bureau 2006 estimates reflect additions as a result of previous successful challenges							

**Difference Between Census Bureau and DCP Population Estimates
July 2006**

Borough	Census Bureau Estimates	DCP Estimates	Difference: Census Bureau 2006 - DCP 2006	
			Number	Percent
New York City	8,214,426	8,250,567	36,141	0.4
Bronx	1,361,473	1,371,353	9,880	0.7
Brooklyn	2,508,820	2,523,047	14,227	0.6
Manhattan	1,611,581	1,612,630	1,049	0.1
Queens	2,255,175	2,264,661	9,486	0.4
Staten Island	477,377	478,876	1,499	0.3
Source: Census Bureau Current Estimates Program; Department of City Planning (DCP) Estimates				

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