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### **South Fulton Plans Count-to-80: A Virtual Town Hall on the U.S. Census** *City Announces Weekly Prize Drawings for Those Who Send Proof of Census Completion*

(City of South Fulton, GA – June 9, 2020) – Healthcare, education, emergency response, transportation and housing assistance. These are a few of many programs supported by federal tax dollars. They could be at risk if you don't complete the 2020 Census.

The City of South Fulton will hold a virtual town hall to discuss the importance of the 2020 Census on Tuesday, June 16 at 6 p.m. The event will be moderated by Donna Lowry, award-winning journalist and host of Georgia Public Broadcasting's *Lawmakers*.

Councilwoman Carmalitha Gumbs, Councilwoman Helen Z. Willis, Fulton County Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Fran Calhoun, Regional Census Partnership Specialist Floyd Holland, South Fulton Chamber President and CEO Dyan Matthews and Fulton County District 6 Board Member Kimberly Dove will speak about several aspects of census including hard-to-count areas, Fulton County's perspective, economic development, small businesses, education and more.

"Because census data determines how much funding we receive from the federal government, it's important now more than ever to participate in the census," said Mayor William "Bill" Edwards. "I encourage residents to join us virtually to learn more about the 2020 Census."

Residents can submit questions in advance by emailing Deloris Baskin at [Deloris.Baskin@cityofsouthfultonga.gov](mailto:Deloris.Baskin@cityofsouthfultonga.gov).

To encourage participation in the census, the city is hosting the Count to 80 Sweepstakes between June 22 and August 18. Each week, one lucky winner will take home a prize, including Apple AirPods or a combination of an Amazon Echo and an Amazon Firestick. To participate, send your address as proof of residency and a screenshot of your census completion code to [info@cityofsouthfultonga.gov](mailto:info@cityofsouthfultonga.gov). For more information, visit [www.cityofsouthfultonga.gov](http://www.cityofsouthfultonga.gov).

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