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Houston's Census Challenge Pays off

HOUSTON, December 3 – Houston's wins its protest of the 2010 Census population count. The U.S. Census Bureau's release of the City of Houston population showed 2,099,451 as of April 1, 2010. The Bureau inadvertently left out some of the geographic areas that are within the City of Houston jurisdiction.

After reviewing the City's documentation, the Census agreed and revised the final count for April 1, 2010 to be 2,100,263.

"We were quite surprised by the numbers released in 2011 because all indications were that we had already reached population of 2.1 million residents," said Mayor Parker. "I am pleased to see that our earlier position has been affirmed by the Census Bureau. It is confirmation that we made the right decision in proceeding with redistricting and the addition of two new council seats. Of course, having an accurate count will also mean Houston will not be short-changed when it comes to receiving federal grants and other funding that is based on population."

The U.S. Census Bureau will post updated tract and block counts at www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/notes/errata.pdf and to <http://factfind2.census.gov>.

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