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Press Release

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IT'S NOT GOOD TO BE A PRIVATE 'I' Clerk issues reminder to return 2009 Annual Town Census Forms

Natick, MA April 27, 2009:

Natick Interim Town Clerk, Onorina Maloney wishes to remind all residents to return the 2009 Annual Town Census forms to the Office of the Town Clerk that was mailed to all Natick households in January. In the event a household did not receive such form, it can be obtained by visiting the www.natickma.gov site, click on Town Clerk and download the 2009 Census Form. All information must be completed for all household members. Residents can also appear in person at the Office of the Town Clerk and complete the form. The Clerk also states that a person may not register to vote or change his/her voter status through the census form. All individuals wishing to register to vote or change their voter status are encouraged to contact the office. All voters are reminded that if the Office of the Town Clerk does not have a current year census form, they will be receiving a 'census non respondent card' in the mail by mid May. **Failure to respond to this card will result in the voter becoming an 'Inactive Voter'. This will result in that voter's name having an 'I' next to his/her name on the voter list. The voter will be required to present identification at the polls and complete paperwork.** Maloney says "It is a costly process to the town to mail out the cards and of course the voter will be inconvenienced at the polls." All new residents to Natick must also complete the Annual Town Census form along with registering to vote. "Many individuals believe that their voter status follows as they move within the state, however, that is not the case." Responding to the annual census is important for many reasons such as to maintain accurate population information, the allocation of State and Federal Funds and grants to the Town. Also many individuals need to provide proof of residency for numerous personal and/or legal requirements such as: in-state tuition at state colleges or universities, housing benefits for the elderly or other eligible persons, veterans' benefits, insurance benefits and school enrollment. Maloney encourages all residents to contact the office for any additional information.

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