

March 23, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC)

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SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE MARCH 27, 2007 MAG POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Since transmitting the MAG POPTAC agenda, an addendum to the agenda has been prepared to provide for a discussion of the recent release of July 1, 2006 population estimates by the Census Bureau. If you have any questions, please contact me at 602-452-5014.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

12. Release of Census Bureau July 1, 2006 County Estimates

On March 22, 2007 the Census Bureau released to the public its July 1, 2006 population estimates for all counties in the United States.

(<http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>)

The July 1, 2006 estimates showed that Maricopa County had experienced the greatest net increase in population between 2000 and 2006 of any county in the United States. The Census Bureau will be releasing July 1, 2006 city and town estimates in June.

The population estimates prepared by the Census Bureau are independent of and different from the County estimates prepared by DES and the municipality estimates prepared by MAG. They are also used for different purposes. MAG will discuss the two methods. Please see Attachment Six.

12. For information and discussion.

ATTACHMENT SIX

**Comparison of Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)
July 1, 2006 Maricopa County Resident Population Estimates**

	DES 7-1-06 Estimates	Census 7-1-06 Estimates
Population estimated	3,792,675	3,768,123
Agency preparing estimates	DES Population Statistics Unit	Census Bureau Population Division
Draft reviewed by and input received from	DES Population Technical Advisory Committee	Arizona State Data Center
When prepared	March	February*
Methods used	Housing Unit Method and Composite Method	Housing Unit Method and Component Method
Data requested for Housing Unit Method	Residential permits issued, annexations, group quarters	Residential completions, annexations, group quarters
Data requested for DES Composite Method and for Census Bureau Component Method for Census Bureau	Births, deaths, school enrollment, licensed drivers Medicare enrollment, population in group quarters	Births, deaths, federal income tax returns, Medicare data, military movements, population in group quarters
Base for preparing estimates	2005 Census Survey	2000 Decennial Census

* Normally prepared in November of each year, but delayed for 2006 estimate

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Table 1: Population Estimates for the 10 U.S. Counties with the Largest Numerical Increase from April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006, and Selected Arizona Counties

Rank	Geographic Area		Population Estimates		Change, 2000 to 2006	
			July 1, 2006	April 1, 2000 Estimates Base	Number	Percent
1	Maricopa County	Arizona	3,768,123	3,072,339	695,784	22.6
2	Harris County	Texas	3,886,207	3,400,554	485,653	14.3
3	Riverside County	California	2,026,803	1,545,387	481,416	31.2
4	Los Angeles County	California	9,948,081	9,519,330	428,751	4.5
5	Clark County	Nevada	1,777,539	1,375,738	401,801	29.2
6	San Bernardino County	California	1,999,332	1,709,434	289,898	17.0
7	Tarrant County	Texas	1,671,295	1,446,174	225,121	15.6
8	Collin County	Texas	698,851	491,772	207,079	42.1
9	Gwinnett County	Georgia	757,104	588,448	168,656	28.7
10	Will County	Illinois	668,217	502,267	165,950	33.0
34	Pima County	Arizona	946,362	843,746	102,616	12.2
38	Pinal County	Arizona	271,059	179,537	91,522	51.0