

# DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE 2000 CENSUS, THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WERE “UNDER-COUNTED?”

## WHAT DOES THAT MEAN AND WHY DOES IT MATTER TO YOU?

\*“Under-count” means the federal government did not get an accurate count of the number of people living in Los Angeles County

\*The federal government uses the Census to make decisions about how to spend **YOUR tax dollars** for important programs and services

\*Without accurate information, our county did not get its **fair share** of funding for programs and services, including child care

\*If the 2010 Census has an “under-count,” our county could get as much as **\$600 million less than our fair share** over the next ten years

## WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

\*Become informed about what the Census does and why it matters

\*Tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about how important it is to participate so we will all get our **fair share**

\*The Census will start on April 1, 2010. The law requires everyone to participate, so make sure you do when you get a letter or a visit from the Census

## WHAT CAN CRYSTAL STAIRS DO?

\*We will join other community groups and organizations in **The 2010 Project**, Los Angeles County’s effort **to outreach**, especially in low-income and minority communities that were under-counted in 2000

\*We will help you become and stay informed by providing Census information and resources by mail, through our website and “News You Can Use” e-newsletters

