



# New Mexico Geospatial Advisory Committee



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## NM LUCA and the 2020 Census

Dear Highest Elected Official:

Recently you received an invitation from the US Census Bureau for the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program. LUCA allows all jurisdictions the ability to validate and improve the Census Bureau’s address list prior to the 2020 Census. This program is critical for ensuring that all your constituents are counted and that your jurisdiction receives its fair share of federal and state funding. The implications of an undercount are documented in the following “NM Fact Sheet”.

- Fact Sheet: [http://www.gac.state.nm.us/docs/census/NM\\_LUCA\\_Facts.pdf](http://www.gac.state.nm.us/docs/census/NM_LUCA_Facts.pdf)

You are strongly encouraged to participate in this program. LUCA is our only opportunity to ensure that the Census Bureau is aware of all residential units in your jurisdiction. Guidance and technical assistance for LUCA are available. The Census Bureau will offer training and support during the process and assistance within the state will be available. Co-chairs of the [New Mexico Decennial Census Focus Group](#) listed below will offer guidance. In addition, Governor Martinez will appoint a state-level reviewer who may validate and update addresses on your behalf. We will provide you with that name once appointed.

If you have questions regarding the LUCA program or preparations for the 2020 Census, please don’t hesitate to ask those listed below.

Sincerely, The NM Decennial Census Focus Group

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