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## Hartford Public Library to Host Discussion on What the 2020 U.S. Census Means for Immigrants

**(HARTFORD, CT: April 25, 2018)** Hartford Public Library (HPL) will host a discussion on “The Future of the American Dream: Perspectives on the 2020 Census for Immigrants,” on Wednesday, May 1, at 6 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) in the Downtown Library, 500 Main Street. This program will explain the critical importance of a complete and accurate census in the day-to-day lives of all Americans.

“The numbers compiled,” said HPL CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey, “will affect everything from the levels of political representation to the amount of government funding. It is crucial that everyone is accurately represented in the 2020 Census for their own benefit as well as that of our city and our country.” CEO Quinn-Carey is a member of both the state and city 2020 Census committees.

[Dr. Claire Nelson, Ph.D.](#), will lead the program. Dr. Nelson was recognized by the Obama White House as a “Champion of Change” in 2012. The panel will discuss how the U.S. Census will be conducted, how data is used, and how this census differs from the 2010 census. For example, new this year is the ability to complete the census in 12 foreign languages, rather than six. Additionally, respondents will have the option of completing the census online. The panel will dispel common misconceptions concerning the census and present a demographic profile of Connecticut’s immigrant population, particularly those residing in Hartford County.

According to Quinn-Carey, the library has long been a beacon for newcomers to the U.S., those without permanent housing, and others who have been traditionally undercounted by the census. “Because libraries provide so many people with their sole access to the Internet, we will play a proactive role in ensuring as complete and accurate a count as possible,” said the Quinn-Carey.

Advocacy to Legacy, Inc. is partnering with HPL to present this public discussion, with support from the West Indian Social Club, the West Indian Foundation, Inc., Hartford Public Access TV, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Hartford 2000, and several other community organizations.

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Now celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. Please visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).