

TO: Chilmark Board of Selectmen

FR: Diana DeBlase

DT: November 27, 2017

RE: LUCA 2020 Census recommendation

Selectmen Rossi, Malkin and Doty,

I attended the LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) workshop that the State provided for training in the 2020 upcoming Census. This workshop was held at the Cape Cod Community Collage November 2, 2017.

At this workshop were town clerks and assessors from other island towns. This step of 2020 Census is the only opportunity offered to local governments to review and comment on the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list for their jurisdiction prior to the 2020 Census. One important thing to remember is each person in Massachusetts that is not counted at the 2020 Census could forfeit up to \$2,372 of Federal funding for our community (these monetary figures taken from the 2010 Census).

Susan Straight of the UMass Donahue Institute made it clear that the funding for "on the ground" workers might not be there and they encourage local governments to take part in this. The deadline for this LUCA signup is December 15, 2017

When signing up for LUCA we must decide either paper maps or digital maps. I recommend digital and when we choose the digital we have options that they will send us both of. Our Assessor Excel data can be filtered through the data that UMass Donahue Institute has to determine the additional housing units.

My recommendation is to have the Executive Secretary signup Chilmark on your behalf and have Chilmark Assessor's office provide the most up-to-date data and run the digital comparison and submit any additions for the LUCA. I am happy to assist in any of these recommendations.