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PROXIMITY RELEASES RANKING OF LARGEST U.S. CITIES BASED ON CENSUS 2000

ALEXANDRIA, VA -- Proximity, Inc., specialists in the development and analysis of geodemographic information, has developed a ranking of the largest U.S. cities based on Census 2000. A table showing the ranking of the largest 100 U.S. cities may be accessed on the Internet via the Web page <http://www.proximityone.com>.

Based on Census 2000 population, the largest city in the U.S. is New York City, NY with population of 8,008,278. New York City also ranked first in terms of population growth from 1990 to 2000 with an increase of 685,714. The second largest city was Los Angeles, CA increasing from 3,485,499 in 1990 to 3,694,820 in 2000 (6.01 percent increase).

Other cities posted dramatic increases compared to the New York City 9.36 percent increase. In terms of total population change from 1990 to 2000, Phoenix, AZ ranked number two (33.58 percent increase), Houston, TX ranked number three (15.06 percent increase), and Las Vegas ranked number four (84.13 percent increase).

The total population of cities/places in Census 2000 was 206,462,567 (73.36 percent of the total Census 2000 U.S. population of 281,421,906). The total population of the largest 100 cities/places was 56,590,581 (27.41 percent of the total population in places/cities of 206,462,567).

The city ranking is based on a U.S. by county national database developed by Proximity that integrates 1990 Census and Census 2000 demographics. In addition to showing the largest 100 cities based on total population, the same Web page shows the 100 cities having the largest population growth over the decade.

According to Warren Glimpse, principal analyst and president of Proximity, "Unlike some counties, cities are of course areas of population concentration and are an important geographic entity of interest to many analysts and researchers. There were 25,152 areas identified as incorporated places or census designated places in Census 2000."

The city rankings are one part of Proximity's analysis of population dynamics now being progressively revealed as the Census 2000 data are released. Proximity has developed similar rankings for U.S. counties and school districts. More information about these rankings is available at the same Web site (<http://www.proximityone.com>).

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