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RE: Release of 1980 Census Data

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments is concerned with possible delays in release of 1980 Census data. The Board authorized sending a letter to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court expressing this concern. A copy is attached for your information.

If you feel as we do, you may also wish to communicate your concerns to the Chief Justice. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact our staff.

Sincerely yours,

LAWRENCE MARK
CHAIRMAN

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cc: Management Advisory Committee

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Mr. Warren E. Burger
The Chief Justice
The Supreme Court
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The results of the 1980 Census, with regard to populations needed for reapportioning elected bodies, is due to be released April 1, 1981. This deadline may not be met if litigation currently pending, on behalf of the City of Detroit, Michigan and other Eastern cities, goes against the Bureau of the Census. The Detroit case was heard by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio on or about the 11th of February, this year.

The Detroit suit was filed against the Bureau of the Census presumably as a hedge against an anticipated population undercount similar to the 1970 Census experience. A decision is expected in late March.

At stake nationally is the way in which Congressional seats will be decided, with approximately 14-16 seats potentially changing hands from Northeastern and North Central states to the Southern and Western states. Locally, city councils, boards of supervisors, and a host of special district governing boards must be reapportioned. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, some \$50 billion will be distributed by the Federal government based on census statistics.

It is imperative the Court move expeditiously to authorize the Bureau of the Census to release the 1980 Census results. It is felt by this Council, representing four counties and fourteen cities, that the 1980 Census was very well done and reflects as near to a complete count as is possible to obtain.

Mr. Warren E. Burger

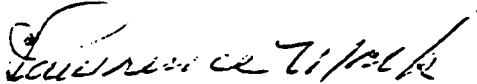
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We respectfully ask you consider that adjustment methods will introduce more errors than now exist; that further delays will increase the already heavy cost of using 1970 statistics; that there are no substantial benefits to the small adjustment that would be required in most communities; that mandates for Federal programs cannot be met by local governments without 1980 Census statistics; and that further delays could provoke countersuits which would tie up release of the census material indefinitely, rendering it useless.

We further submit that perhaps this issue ought to be decided by Congress and not through the Courts. The Bureau of the Census has been charged with the responsibility of reporting the census. We feel the Bureau ought to make the decision on adjustments guided by Congress.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence Mark".

LAWRENCE MARK
Chairman

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