

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0084

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

March 26, 2019

A Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 Census

BACKGROUND

- A. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years. The next enumeration will be April 1, 2020 and will be the first to rely heavily on online responses.
- B. The primary and perpetual challenge facing the U.S. Census Bureau is the undercount of certain population groups. That challenge is amplified in California, given the size of the state and the diversity of its communities.
- C. California has a large percentage of individuals that are considered traditionally hard to count. These diverse communities and demographic populations are at risk of being missed in the 2020 census.
- D. California receives nearly \$77 billion in federal funding that is based, in part, on census data. A complete and accurate count of California's population is essential.
- E. The data collected by the decennial Census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments. The data are also used in the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors, and city councils.
- F. The decennial census is a massive undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership in order to achieve a complete and accurate count. California's leaders have dedicated a historic amount of funding and resources to ensure every Californian is counted once, only once, and in the right place. This includes coordination between tribal, city, county, and state governments; and community-based, education, and many more organizations.
- G. The U.S. Census Bureau is facing several challenges with Census 2020, including a constrained fiscal environment, rapidly changing use of technology, declining response rates, and increasingly diverse and mobile population. Thus, support from partners and stakeholders is critical.

H. California is kicking-off its outreach and engagement efforts in April 2019 for the 2020 census.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Sacramento, in partnership with other local governments, the state, businesses, schools, and community organizations, is committed to robust outreach and communication strategies, focusing on reaching the hardest-to-count individuals.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council hereby recognize the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and support helping to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all Californians.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on March 26, 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Member Ashby

Attest: Wendy Klock-Johnson, MMC

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Wendy Klock-Johnson, Assistant City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.