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Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Census 2020

Dear Members of the Commission:

On December 11, 2019, Kristine Solseng, Principal Planner with Contra Costa County Department of Conservation & Development, provided LAFCO with an overview of the 2020 Census. The overview covered efforts to ensure a complete count, hard to count populations, redistricting, outreach efforts and timelines. The presentation material is available online at <http://contracostalafco.org/meetings-and-public-hearings/>.

California receives nearly \$77 billion in federal funding that relies, in part, on census data. A complete and accurate count of California’s population it is essential.

LAFCOs also have a vested interest in a complete and accurate count given our role in balancing the competing needs in California for efficient services, affordable housing, economic opportunity and conservation of natural resources.

The County, cities and other local agencies in Contra Costa County have adopted resolutions and proclamations supporting the 2020 Census partnerships and efforts.

In recognition of the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and in support of efforts to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all Californians, it is recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution declaring LAFCO’s support for the 2020 census partnership.

RECOMMENDATION – Adopt the attached resolution, with any amendments as desired, supporting the 2020 Census partnerships and efforts.

Sincerely,

LOU ANN TEXEIRA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attached – LAFCO Resolution – Support for the 2020 Census Partnerships

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01
CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE 2020 CENSUS PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, 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 10 years; the next enumeration will be April 1, 2020 and will be the first to rely heavily on online responses; and

WHEREAS, 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 communities. 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; and

WHEREAS, California receives nearly \$77 billion in federal funding that relies, in part, on census data. A complete and accurate count of California's population is essential. The data collected by the decennial Census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments. The data is also used in the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors and city councils. The decennial census is a massive undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership to achieve a complete and accurate count; and

WHEREAS, 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, state governments, community-based organizations, education, and many more; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Census Bureau is facing several challenges with Census 2020, including constrained fiscal environment, rapidly changing use of technology, declining response rates, increasingly diverse and mobile population, thus support from partners and stakeholders is critical. California kicked-off its outreach and engagement efforts in April 2019 for the 2020 Census.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission recognizes the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and supports efforts to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all Californians.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of January 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Chair, Contra Costa LAFCO

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the Commission on the date stated above.

Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer