

RESOLUTION NO. 20-8870

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS AND
TO SUPPORT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES THAT ENSURE A
COMPLETE COUNT AND TO PROMOTE BROAD
PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 CENSUS FROM ALL RESIDENTS
IN SANTA CLARA**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau (“Bureau”) is required by Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years (“Census”);

WHEREAS, the Bureau is obligated to count every person regardless of age, immigration status, gender, race, or ethnicity;

WHEREAS, an accurate Census count is critical because the resulting data affects the distribution of federal funding, the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and how congressional and state legislative districts are drawn;

WHEREAS, the actions of the current federal administration have created mistrust in the Census process which could result in an undercount of immigrant, refugee, homeless, and other hard-to-count communities;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara (“City”) has a responsibility to protect all its residents and their future by encouraging broad participation in the Census to ensure accurate representation and funding;

WHEREAS, the City has been actively conducting Census outreach and involved with regional Census groups and activities, including the Santa Clara County Complete Count Committee and California Complete Count – Census 2020 Office;

WHEREAS, the emergence of a global pandemic (“COVID-19”) has caused great uncertainty surrounding the results of the Census and level of participation across the country;

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WHEREAS, the Bureau has adjusted Census operations in order to protect the health and safety of the American public and Bureau employees, which includes extending the self-response phase for participation until October 31, 2020; and,


WHEREAS, the City reaffirms its commitment to the 2020 Census and to continuing outreach to all Santa Clara residents encouraging them to complete the Census.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Council adopt this resolution recognizing the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and committing to support outreach activities that ensure a complete count and promote broad participation from all Santa Clara residents.
2. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A SPECIAL MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF JULY, 2020, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Chahal, Davis, Hardy, O'Neill, and Watanabe, and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST: 
NORA PIMENTEL, MMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference: None