

RESOLUTION NO. 6423

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF AND DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE 2020 CENSUS

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 ten years; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, that challenge is amplified in California, given the size of the state and the diversity of communities; and

WHEREAS, California has a large percentage of individuals who are considered traditionally hard to count; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate count of California's population is essential; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the data is also used in the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors, and city councils; and

WHEREAS, the decennial census is a massive undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership in order 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; and

WHEREAS, 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, and increasingly diverse and mobile population; thus, support from partners and stakeholders is critical; and

WHEREAS, outreach and engagement efforts for the 2020 Census began in California in April 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gardena, 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.


NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, AND RESOLVE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. the City Council of the City of Gardena recognizes the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and supports helping to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all Californians.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall cause the same to be entered among the original Resolutions of said City; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 26th day of November, 2019.


TASHA CERDA, Mayor

ATTEST:


MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


PETER L. WALLIN, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF GARDENA)

I, **MINA SEMENZA**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution, being **Resolution No. 6423** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **26th day of November, 2019**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MAYOR PRO TEM KASKANIAN, COUNCIL MEMBERS MEDINA, HENDERSON
 AND TANAKA AND MAYOR CERDA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Becky Romero
for _____
City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

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