

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF A
CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON THE 2020 CENSUS.**

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a decennial census in 2020 as required by Article I, Section 2, Clause 3, of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce directed the U.S. Census Bureau to include a citizenship question in the 2020 Census at the request of the Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, several lawsuits challenging the inclusion of the citizenship question as a violation of the Constitution's enumeration clause have been filed by municipal governments, county governments, and state governments; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of such a question on the census would result in reduced participation by immigrant and other hard-to-count populations, including communities of color, urban and rural low income households, and young children; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the City of San Antonio's population is Hispanic/Latino, with approximately two-hundred and five thousand residents that are foreign born, and an estimated forty-four percent of residents speak a language other than English at home; and

WHEREAS, Bexar County's participation rate during the 2010 census was seventy-three percent and the Census Bureau already estimates that nearly 24% of residents are unlikely to self-respond in 2020; and

WHEREAS, an accurate count of the population is necessary for fair and appropriate representation in Congress, and distribution of the approximately \$675 billion in federal funds sent to state, local and tribal governments; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. City Council strongly opposes including a citizenship question on the 2020 census.

SECTION 2. City staff will work with appropriate government entities, community/advocacy groups and other key stakeholders to oppose the inclusion of the citizenship question in the 2020 Census.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21 day of June, 2018.

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney