

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee

FROM: Megan Dodge, Assistant Director of Government & Public Affairs

SUBJECT: 2020 Census Update

DATE: August 3, 2018

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee will receive a brief update of preparations for the 2020 Census. Over the past few months, Government & Public Affairs has been working with a wide variety of community stakeholders, the Mayor's office, City staff and the U.S. Census Bureau to begin preparations for obtaining an accurate count of the San Antonio population in 2020. Staff will provide an update on those preparations, to include an overview of the outreach that has been conducted with community stakeholders to receive feedback on potential strategies to encourage census participation.

The committee will also receive an update on other census preparation activities including the Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) address verification program and Census Bureau operations for the San Antonio-Austin region. The Census Bureau plans to open an Area Census Office in San Antonio in January 2019, to cover a region of 66 counties, with plans to open two more offices in the area. The Bureau is also hiring Partnership Specialists to serve in a liaison role between the Bureau and local communities' community engagement efforts.

On June 21, 2018, City Council passed a resolution in opposition to the inclusion of a citizenship question in the 2020 Census questionnaire. GPA will provide an update to the Committee on the citizenship question, including an update on related lawsuits that have been filed and comments made to the Federal Register regarding the 2020 Census.