

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Staff Report

TO: Chair Palajac and Board of Directors

FROM: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager

PREPARED BY: Patricia Lord, Assistant General Manager

DATE: January 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Support of the 2020 Census

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors adopt resolution No. _____ recognizing the importance of the 2020 Census and encouraging all residents to be counted.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Census is required by Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years. The next enumeration will be April 1, 2020 and will be the first to rely heavily on online responses. There are challenges posed to obtaining an accurate and complete count, so the U.S. Census Bureau encourages partnerships with local governments, the State, businesses, schools, and community organizations to conduct outreach and communicate the importance of the 2020 Census.

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, and the data collected by the 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 board of supervisors and city councils.

By adopting the attached resolution, the Board of Directors will be recognizing the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and supporting efforts to collaborate with the City of Livermore, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and County of Alameda to ensure a complete, fair and accurate count of all Californians, and declaring April 19-25, 2020 to be "Livermore Counts!" Week.

ATTACHMENT:

- A. Draft Resolution Approving a Proclamation in Support of Census 2020
- B. Draft Proclamation in Support of Census 2020

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROCLAMATION
IN SUPPORT OF CENSUS 2020**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors, as the governing body of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District hereby approves the attached Proclamation in Support of Census 2020.

ON MOTION of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 29th day of January, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors*

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Approved this 29th day of January, 2020,

Jan Palajac
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Mathew L. Fuzie
General Manager and ex-officio Clerk
to the Board of Directors

Proclamation

Of The

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

IN SUPPORT OF CENSUS 2020

WHEREAS, *The United States Census, which is mandated by The Constitution of the United States of America, is intended to enumerate every person residing in the country regardless of citizenship status, and is fundamental to a fair and representative democracy; and*

WHEREAS, *The United States Census has critical political implications for the State of California as it determines our allocation of seats in the United States House of Representatives, which is important to legislative and budgetary matters; and*

WHEREAS, *The United States Census count is used to allocate billions of dollars in federal funding for programs, such as, food and nutrition services, health care, special education, foster care, housing, child care, and highways funding; and*

WHEREAS, *A fair and accurate Census count in 2020 will help ensure that our District's community members are represented in our democracy and receive critical social services, education programs, housing, health care, and transportation; and*

WHEREAS, *The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is committed to serving our diverse community and aims to ensure everyone has access to the benefits of parks and recreation; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, *the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is joining with the City of Livermore and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to support efforts to ensure a complete count of our District residents and has declared April 19-25, 2020 to be Livermore Counts! Week.*

*Jan Palajac, Chair
Board of Directors*

*Mathew L. Fuzie
General Manager*

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