

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MEMORANDUM OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON EXCLUDING UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS FROM THE APPORTIONMENT BASE FOR THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWING THE 2020 CENSUS

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, according to the United States Constitution, our federal government has an obligation to count all persons residing in the United States every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress discharges this responsibility to ensure the proper enumeration of all persons residing within the United States by undertaking a national census every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census is currently underway and its success is a cornerstone of our democracy, in that it ensures that all persons residing in the United States are equally represented in our political system and that government resources are allocated fairly; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will serve as a basis for apportionment of representation in the United States House of Representatives after the completion of the census; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2020, the President of the United States issued a memorandum for the Secretary of Commerce directing that, in preparing the report of

tabulation of the census for the apportionment of Representatives in the Congress, the Secretary of Commerce shall take action to exclude from the report of tabulation unauthorized aliens; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census does not include a question regarding citizenship status, and the United States Supreme Court has ruled that statistical sampling may not be used in preparing the tabulation of the census used to reapportion representation in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the President's July 11, 2020 memorandum cannot be meaningfully implemented but it does risk creating confusion on the part of the public and further fear on the part of our immigrant neighbors, thereby depressing participation in the 2020 Census and this Board believes that the County should take appropriate measures to combat efforts to depress participation in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the County, working with trusted partners and community stakeholders, will continue its outreach among all communities, to ensure the dissemination of accurate information about the 2020 Census and to ensure the maximum participation possible; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to instruct staff to take appropriate measures to ensure such continued outreach and to take other actions to oppose the policy set forth in the President's July 11, 2020 memorandum, including, but not limited to, initiating or joining in litigation to oppose this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County Manager and County staff reporting to the County Manager shall undertake

appropriate outreach among all communities to ensure the dissemination of accurate information about the 2020 Census and to ensure the maximum participation possible and shall take other appropriate actions to oppose the policy set forth in the President's July 11, 2020 memorandum, including, but not limited to, initiating or joining in litigation to oppose this policy.

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