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On March 26, 2018, the California Attorney General sued the United States Commerce Department to block the implementation of a new policy to ask respondents to the Census whether or not they are U.S. Citizens.

Such a question might have the effect of chilling participation in the Census by non-citizens and therefore undercount the populations of states like California and many, if not most, neighborhoods in Los Angeles. Many federal funding programs allocate resources to the various states and cities throughout the United States based on population. Asking the question of citizenship is designed not to get an accurate count of the nation's population, but to redirect federal funding away from densely populated areas with greater need towards less-densely populated areas with need that is not as great.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council REQUEST that the City Attorney file an amicus curiae brief to support the State of California in its challenge of the U.S. Commerce Department for its new policy to ask respondents to the Federal Census whether they are U.S. Citizens.

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