

RESOLUTION **RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Decennial Census is one of the most important events in the American political process as it determines political representation at all forms of government and distribution of billions of dollars in federal and State funding; and

WHEREAS, according to the Government Accountability Office, the 2020 Decennial Census will cost an estimated \$15.6 billion, for which there is a substantial budgetary shortfall; and

WHEREAS, a lack of funding support would increase the risk of the City experiencing an undercount, which would hinder the City's political representation and funding; and


WHEREAS, on January 20, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom introduced the 2019-2020 Governor's Budget, which proposes an additional \$50 million for Census activities, bringing the total to \$140.3 million to fund programs in California to improve Census 2020 participation; and

WHEREAS, a majority of this proposed allocation will be distributed to counties who have the highest hard-to-count population, minority population outreach, public private partnerships, and to assist the creation of complete count committees across the State; and


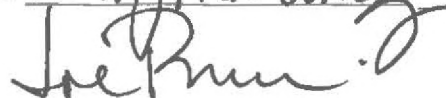
WHEREAS, the Governor's Budget does not include an increase in funding and an assurance of funding support for local outreach and education programs in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, with concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for the additional Census funding proposed in 2019-2020 Governor's Budget, which would allocate an additional \$50 million for Census activities, and SEEK AMENDMENTS that would further increase funding for Census 2020 programs and ensure funding support for local outreach and education programs in the City.

PRESENTED BY:


HERB J. WESSON, JR.
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:

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