

**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: February 6, 2018

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and
Neighborhoods Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso Council File No: 17-0002-S134
Chief Legislative Analyst Assignment No: 18-02-0098

SUBJECT: Resolution (Wesson-Englander) to SUPPORT HR 4013 (Maloney)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Wesson-Englander) to include in the City's 2017-18 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT for HR 4013 (Maloney), which would appropriate funding to address the 2020 Decennial Census budget shortfall.

SUMMARY

According to the Resolution, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has determined the 2020 Census will cost an estimated \$15.6B for which there is a substantial budgetary shortfall. The Resolution notes that HR 4013 would address this shortfall by appropriating funds and by requiring the Secretary of Commerce to submit expenditure plans to the House Appropriations Committee. The Resolution also states that the City contains many communities that require targeted outreach plans in order to adequately identify the population. Lastly, the Resolution notes that a lack of funding for the 2020 Census would have an adverse impact on the Census Bureau's ability to conduct an accurate population count that may impact the City's federal funding allocations. The Resolution therefore requests the City support HR 4013.


BACKGROUND

On October 11, 2017, Representative Carolyn Maloney introduced HR 4013 as part of the House Census Caucus's response to the underfunding of the Census Bureau. Congresswoman Maloney opined that "Counting every person in this country every ten years is a Constitutional obligation that dates back to our founding, yet because of chronic underfunding the 2020 Census is at serious risk of failure." The proposed legislation also attempts to compel the Secretary of Commerce to submit a detailed funding plan for the 2020 Census that allows the House Appropriations Committee to exhibit oversight of related expenditures.

HR 4013 has been co-sponsored by 35 Representatives, all of whom are members of the Democratic Party. The bill proposes over \$1.6B in additional funding for the 2020 Census accounting for operations such as investigations, audits, enumerators, and other essential related actions. Support for HR 4013 is consistent with the City's previous position to support the Census and ensure an accurate population count.

BILL STATUS

10/11/2017 Introduced
10/11/2017 Referred to House Committee on Appropriations



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Attachment: 1. Resolution (Martinez-Cedillo)

RESOLUTION

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 Decennial Census is one of the key functions of the US government and is described in detail in the US Constitution to ensure accurate representation; and

WHEREAS, data collected through the Decennial Census is essential for local governments, private businesses, and research professionals serving the US population; and

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

WHEREAS, HR 4013 (Maloney) would appropriate funding to address this shortfall and put in place oversight measures that require the Secretary of Commerce to submit expenditure plans to the House Appropriations Committee and provide funding for Inspector General Oversight; and

WHEREAS, many of the communities in Los Angeles face socioeconomic and demographic challenges that require targeted outreach plans in order to adequately identify and serve the population; and

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate funding for the 2020 Decennial Census would have an adverse impact on the Census Bureau's ability to conduct an accurate population count that could impact the City's federal funding allocations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 4013, which would appropriate funding to address the budgetary shortfall essential to complete the 2020 Decennial Census.

PRESENTED BY


HERB J. WESSON, JR.

Councilmember, 10th District

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