

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, PLEDGING TO MONITOR 2020 CENSUS DATA COLLECTION FOR BREACHES OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND TO DEFEND THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE 2020 CENSUS AGAINST ANY BREACH OR THREATENED BREACH THEREOF

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years, the United States Constitution has required an enumeration of all persons residing in the United States every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the decennial Census required by the Constitution can only succeed if all households participate by completing accurately the census questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, in 21st century America, households must be confident that information provided to the Census Bureau as part of the Census is confidential and will not be used for any purpose other than producing anonymous statistics; and

WHEREAS, Census respondents must be assured that the Census Bureau will not share any data pertaining to a specific individual or household with any other government agency, court of law, or private entity for any purpose, or release any data that could undermine the confidentiality of personal information; and

WHEREAS, federal law provides strong and robust protection of Census data confidentiality, including serious penalties for any violation; and

WHEREAS, nonetheless, high levels of distrust in government – whether or not such distrust is warranted – reduce confidence among some members of the public that federal law can guarantee the confidentiality of census data; and

WHEREAS, it is important to bolster confidence in census data protection in order to facilitate a successful Census 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pasadena believes that protection of census data confidentiality is essential to a successful Census and to a successful and healthy United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA DOES HEREBY PLEDGE: 1) TO MONITOR FOR ANY BREACH OF CENSUS DATA CONFIDENTIALITY; 2) TO USE THEIR COLLECTIVE POWER AND INFLUENCE TO PREVENT, BLOCK, AND/OR BRING AN END

TO ANY BREACH OF THE CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED GUARANTEE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA COLLECTED AS PART OF THE 2020 CENSUS; AND 3) TO EMPHASIZE PUBLICLY THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED CENSUS SAFETY AND SECURITY. ADDITIONALLY, WE AFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO USE TRANSPARENCY, PUBLICITY, INVESTIGATION, AND/OR LITIGATION TO CHALLENGE ANY BREACH OR THREATENED BREACH IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF US CAN REMAIN ASSURED THAT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE CENSUS DATA WILL NOT BE MISUSED AND WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at a meeting held on the ___ day of 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

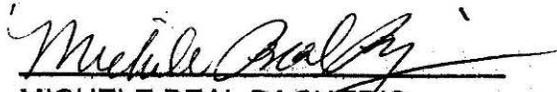
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

TERRY TORNEK
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MICHELE BEAL BAGNERIS
City Attorney/City Prosecutor