

PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 10:19-20

RESOLUTION ENSURING A COMPLETE COUNT OF PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES IN CENSUS 2020

WHEREAS, the United States Census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, enumerates every person residing in the country regardless of citizenship status, and is fundamental to a fair and representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census has critical implications for the state of California, and determines its allocations of seats in the House of Representatives and billions of dollars in federal funding; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Community Foundation 2017 Census Landscape Scan, Census 1990 was one of the most inaccurate in U.S. history, and according to the California Legislative Analyst's Office, likely cost California one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and at least \$2 billion in federal funds; and

WHEREAS, according to the George Washington Institute of Public Policy, California receives more than \$76 billion annually in crucial federal funds for schools, crime prevention, healthcare, and transportation on the basis of decennial Census-derived statistics, federal funding for programs and services that are critical for Perris Union High School District children and families, including Medicaid, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies, National School Lunch Program, Special Education Grants, and State Children's Health Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau will be urging most households to submit their Census responses online via the Internet for the first time ever and according to the latest American Community Survey, 14.7% of Riverside County households had no Internet subscription or dial up-only access in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the potential addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census Questionnaire has created an environment of fear and distrust in immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, Riverside County is home to populations that are most frequently undercounted, including children under 5, youth, immigrants, renters, homeless populations, those with limited-English proficiency, as well as those who live in places where enumerators are unable to gain entry including apartment buildings; and

WHEREAS, in Riverside County, over half (68 percent) of the population are Latino (48 percent), Black (8 percent), or Asian American (8 percent), all of which have been populations that have historically been, or at risk of being, missed in the Census at disproportionately high rates; and

WHEREAS, according to the Child Trends Hispanic Institute, Census 2010 missed almost 1 million young children, more than 400,000 (40 percent) being very young Latino children, ages 0 through 4, and Riverside County had the second largest percent of undercount of very young Latino children of any county in California in Census 2010; and

THEREFORE, Perris Union High School District resolves to adopt the U.S. Census Bureau's Statistics in Schools curriculum and NALEO Educational Fund's "All Children Count" lesson plans, which educations students about the value and everyday use of statistics; and

THEREFORE, Perris Union High School District resolves to create a formal partnership with philanthropic partners, community based organizations, NALEO Educational Fund, City of Riverside, County of Riverside, State of California, and the U.S. Census Bureau; and

THEREFORE, Perris Union High School District resolves to organize and co-organize meetings and convenings focused on the importance of a full and accurate count of the most under-represented and hard-to-count groups, included immigrants, renters, children, teens, people of color, the homeless, and those with limited English proficiency; and

THEREFORE, Perris Union High School District resolves to work with NALEO Educational Fund to train and establish Community Assistance Centers in tech and computer labs at school facilities, which will serve as direct sources of local information and assistance for Census 2020; and

THEREFORE, Perris Union High School District resolves to commit to disseminating information on addressing the undercount of young children, including children ages 0 through 4, and disseminate collateral targeting parents and household with young children already produced by the NALEO Educational Fund, to ensure adults include young children in Census 2020; and

THEREFORE, Perris Union High School District resolves to participate in the Inland Empire Complete Count Committee, if asked to serve, to avoid duplication of efforts and maximize resources to ensure an accurate and complete count.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 20th day of November, 2019, at a regular meeting, by the following vote:

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| Edward D. Garcia, Jr. _____ | AYES: _____ |
| Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. _____ | NOS: _____ |
| Dr. Randall Freeman _____ | ABSTAIN: _____ |
| Dr. Jose Luis Araux _____ | ABSENT: _____ |
| David G. Nelissen _____ | |

Edward D. Garcia, Jr., President of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Dr. Randall Freeman, Clerk of the Board of Trustees