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ENDORSEMENT OF ASI RESOLUTION “IN SUPPORT OF AN ACCURATE 2020 CENSUS”

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution stipulates that the federal government will apportion resources according to the states’ “respective numbers”. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States and within every subsequent Term of ten Years.”; and

WHEREAS, Every person counts. The State of California’s Department of Finance estimates that every Californian missed by Census 2020 will cost the state \$19,500 in decreased federal program funding. These programs include:

- health programs such as Medicaid, Medicare Part B, and State Children’s Health Insurance;
- housing programs such as Section 8 housing vouchers and assistance;
- food security programs such as SNAP and WIC;
- education funding for grant programs, for Head Start, and for the Child Care and Development Fund;
- programs for highway planning and construction; and more.

The undercount of the 2000 Census cost California over \$1.5 billion in funding for just eight of the federally-funded programs needed by Californians. We have more people and greater needs today than we did in 2000; and

WHEREAS, A significant undercount will diminish California’s political power, costing us seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Electoral College with grave consequences for our democracy; and

WHEREAS, The California Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) reported that in the 1990 Census the average national undercount was 1.6%, while in California it was 2.7%. This cost California a seat in the House of Representatives and the Electoral College. In the 2000 Census the state’s “California, You Count!” campaign under the Statewide California Complete Count Committee (CCC) improved Californians’ response rate, from 65% in 1990 to 70% in 2000. California gained an extra Congressional Seat by just 18 people! In 2010, the recession forced cuts to the CCC. Eleven of the twelve hardest to count California counties had declines in their mail response rate. It is estimated that a 2.7% undercount in 2020 would mean that nearly 1.1 million California residents would not receive funding or fair representation; <sup>1</sup> therefore, be it

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RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of CSUSB concurs with CSUSB students' concerns about a complete Census count, and stands with them in support of an accurate 2020 Census; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate send copies of this resolution to the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of CSUSB, the Academic Senate of the CSU, the Chairs of all CSU campus Senates, the Chancellor of the CSU, the Board of Trustees of the CSU, and the California legislators from our students' districts: the 33<sup>rd</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 56<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 61<sup>st</sup> California Assembly districts, and the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> California Senate districts, and the Governor of California.

1. California Governor's Office of Planning & Research. State of California Budget Change Proposal. Budget Request for California Complete Count – Census 2020. Budget request 0650-005-BCP-2018-GB.

[https://web1a.esd.dof.ca.gov/Documents/bcp/1819/FY1819\\_ORG0650\\_BCP2094.pdf](https://web1a.esd.dof.ca.gov/Documents/bcp/1819/FY1819_ORG0650_BCP2094.pdf)

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**Unanimously Approved By the CSUSB Faculty Senate on January 14, 2020**