

**RESOLUTION NO. 49-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS AND  
SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ENSURE A COMPLETE, FAIR, AND ACCURATE  
COUNT OF ALL CALIFORNIANS**

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**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years, with the next enumeration occurring on April 1, 2020 and being the first to rely heavily on online responses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Census Bureau is facing several challenges with the Census, including constrained fiscal environment, rapidly changing use of technology, declining response rates, and increasingly diverse and mobile populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary and perpetual challenge facing the Census Bureau is the undercount of certain population groups and California has a large percentage of individuals that are considered traditionally hard to count; and

**WHEREAS**, California's leaders have dedicated a historic amount of funding and resources to ensure every Californian is counted once, only once, and in the right place; and

**WHEREAS**, the data collected by the Census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used in the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors, and city councils; and

**WHEREAS**, the data collected by the Census is also used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments and California receives nearly \$77 billion in federal funding that relies, in part, on census data; and

**WHEREAS**, the Census is a massive undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership between tribal, city, county, and state governments, community-based organizations, and many more in order to achieve a complete and accurate count; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond, in partnership with other local governments, the State of California, businesses, schools, and community organizations, is committed to robust outreach and communication strategies, focusing on reaching the hardest-to-count individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Richmond staff are serving on the Contra Costa County 2020 Census Complete Count Steering Committee, working as strategic thought partners and local "Census ambassadors" and helping to create and support the work of various sub-committees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond City Council recognizes the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and supports efforts to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all Californians.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held June 18, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Johnson, Martinez, Myrick, Willis, Vice Mayor Choi, and Mayor Butt.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTENTIONS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER  
City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        : ss.  
City of Richmond               }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 49-19**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 18, 2019.

  
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond