

RESOLUTION OPPOSING CITIZENSHIP QUESTION IN THE 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County, one of the most populous counties in the State of Texas, is currently ranked by Census Bureau as the 7<sup>th</sup> most populous of 254 counties; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County has historically faced undercounts and other challenges during the Census process and made great strides to overcome those challenges with the 2020 Census Committee; and

WHEREAS, even with alternative enumeration processes and messaging, properly recording Hidalgo County's population has proven challenging; and

WHEREAS, an internet based Census, Census Bureau funding shortage, and anti-immigrant rhetoric pose new challenges for our region; and

WHEREAS, a greater challenge has now been imposed by adding a citizenship question to the Census Questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional mandate is that all people residing in the United States be counted; and

WHEREAS, a citizenship question is not necessary nor beneficial for the Census process and will be costly and ineffective; and

WHEREAS, a citizenship question will deter residents from responding and negatively affect our regions congressional, state, and local representation as well as funding for programs and infrastructure vital for our community's continued development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby opposes inclusion of a citizenship question in the 2020 Census and urges Congress members and the administration to remove the citizenship question from the 2020 Census Form.

Approved this 10th day of April 2018.

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk

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