

RESOLUTION NO. R19-20-06

**WHEREAS**, the Census Bureau is required by the Constitution to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape American democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law;

**WHEREAS**, the next enumeration will be April 1, 2020 and will be the first to rely heavily on online responses; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary and perpetual challenge facing the Census Bureau is the undercount of certain population groups; and

**WHEREAS**, that challenge is amplified in California, given the size of the state and the diversity of communities; and

**WHEREAS**, California has a large percentage of individuals that are considered traditionally hard to count; and

**WHEREAS**, these diverse communities and demographic populations are at risk of being missed in the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data; and

**WHEREAS**, California receives nearly \$77 billion in federal funding that relies, in part, on census data; and

**WHEREAS**, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the House of Representatives and the data is also used in the redistricting of state legislatures, city councils, and school boards; and

**WHEREAS**, a complete and accurate count of California's population is essential; and

**WHEREAS**, the decennial census is a massive undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership in order to achieve a complete and accurate count; and

**WHEREAS**, this includes coordination between tribal, city, county, state governments, community-based organizations, schools, and other organizations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Pasqual Union Board of Education recognizes the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and supports helping to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all Californians.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019, at the regular meeting of the San Pasqual Union Board of Education.