



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **RESOLUTION TO IN OPPOSITION TO REINSTITUTE A CITIZENSHIP QUESTION TO THE 2020 CENSUS**

**WHEREAS**, LULAC is our Nation's oldest, largest, and most respected Hispano/Latino civil rights organization, established in 1929. Our mission is to seek the advancement of Hispanic Americans in the areas of education, employment, and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1929 LULAC has championed the cause of the Hispanic Americans in education, employment, economic development, and civil rights; and has fostered nationwide programs promoting education, job training, housing, scholarships, citizenship, voter registration, civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution mandates counts of *all* people, *actual Enumeration*, without distinction to citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Commerce Department agreed to the request from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to reinstate citizenship status question to the 2020 Census based on the rationale that it is needed for Voting Rights Act (VRA) enforcement. The rationale is made by the DOJ during a time when other data is available (American Community Survey or ACS) and during a time where voter rights are at risk, given the passage of voter suppression laws (Arizona and elsewhere) without the scrutiny of preclearance. The decisions by the U.S. Commerce Department in agreement with the DOJ confounds the purpose of census enumeration; and

**WHEREAS**, given the current climate of immigration enforcement and mixed citizenship status of families, lack of participation will occur, see history of undercount of Latinos in 2010 census by NALEO, and results in lower enumeration; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of participation in the census threatens our democracy by interfering with an accurate count and consequently; 1) the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, 2) Electoral votes, 3) apportionment within the Legislative Districts, 4) Legislative Districts Redistrict mapping, 5) enforcement of Voting Rights laws, 6) equitable allocation of federal funds to communities, and, 7) decisions impacting all the United States; and

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that LULAC members and staff throughout the nation shall prioritize advocating against the reinstatement of the citizenship question of the 2020 Census because it attacks democracy, civil rights, and equity. Presented by Jana Lynn Granillo, approved by AZ LULAC Council #1083 on May 21, 2018 and on that date submitted by email to Reverend John Mireles, Resolution Chair for the AZ LULAC State Convention – June 9, 2018. This resolution was passed unanimously by the Arizona LULAC Assembly on July 9, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ 85021. This Resolution will be presented for LULAC NATIONAL ASSEMBLY approval.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2018 LULAC National Convention on July 21, 2018.

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LULAC National President