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Perris City Council Urges Residents to Participate in 2020 Census

PERRIS, Calif. (May 14, 2020) — The Perris City Council reported low Census reporting at the May 12, 2020 City Council meeting, and after seeing only a 54 percent participation rate, the Council is urging residents to participate as soon as possible.

The US Census is a constitutionally mandated count of residents in the United States and its five territories. Perris residents should count themselves at the place where they were living and sleeping most of the time as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day). The 2020 Census does not inquire about participants citizenship status.

To date, current Census numbers have seen a sharp decrease since the 2010 Census, but Perris residents are still encouraged to participate. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census Bureau has extended the window for field data collection and self-response to October 31, 2020.

The City of Perris reminds its residents that the Census is safe, secure and required by law. However, Perris City Manager Richard Belmudez understands this may lead some undocumented residents to have a fear of deportation and hopes to put their minds at ease.

“Our residents should know it’s safe and easy to take the Census,” said Belmudez. “Your information will not be shared with anyone. It’s just a method for us to generate an accurate count of how many people live in our city.”

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The more accurate the count, the better the chances the city will have to receive state and federal funding. A complete count will also accurately show an increase in the City's general population numbers, which will encourage more development in the City, including residential, retail, restaurants, and entertainment.

Those residents who have not yet participated can visit the [Census website](#) and complete the Census surveys.