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Census Day 2020 Arrives as Once in a Decade Count Continues

Historic count underway supported by unprecedented state and Contra Costa County campaign aimed at reaching the hardest-to-count residents

(Martinez, CA) – Today, April 1, 2020 is Census Day, which serves as the reference date for the 2020 Census. When completing the census, households are asked to include everyone living in their home on April 1, 2020. As of March 31, 40.1% of Contra Costa County residents have responded with the state response at 34.1%. Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the Census determines how billions of dollars of federal funding are distributed to each state every year for education resources, affordable housing programs, nutrition and health care services.

Although our county and state are ordered to shelter-in-place due to COVID-19, it has never been easier to respond to the Census from the comfort and safety of your own home. Every Contra Costa resident can respond to the Census online at <https://my2020census.gov> and by phone. Supervisor Diane Burgis, BOS District III, chairs the Contra Costa County Census 2020 Complete Count Committee with Vice-Chair, Supervisor Candace Andersen, BOS District II. Our committee is one of hundreds of regional and statewide partners, led by [California Complete Count](#), to fulfill an unprecedented campaign to reach hard-to-count populations.

“The stakes are incredibly high, as the recent COVID-19 pandemic has shown how important federal funding and representation in our government can be for our County,” said Board Chair, Candace Andersen. “From day one, our focus and the key to ensuring a complete count has been to reach the hard-to-count populations in Contra Costa County. Everyone counts.”

“Contra Costa County has been preparing for this moment since late 2018, building a coalition of partners and trusted messengers to encourage everyone to be counted, counted once in the right place, and to want everyone to be counted,” said Supervisor Diane Burgis. “Go online at <http://my2020census.gov> and complete the survey. Your response shapes Contra Costa County’s future for the next 10 years. We don’t get a do-over, so let’s make sure that you and everyone you know is counted.”

The invitation provides a unique Census ID linked to a physical address. **You are encouraged to use your Census ID to fill out the form, but it isn’t necessary to be counted.** Every Californian can now respond to the Census online at <https://my2020census.gov> and [by phone](#). All lines will have live representative support providing information and assistance with the questionnaire. Support on all lines will end on August 14, 2020. Reminder letters will be sent through April and into May. Starting May 15, Census enumerators will begin going door to door visiting homes that have not responded.

For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit www.cococensus.org.

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