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Contra Costa Census 2020 Training Workshops

(Martinez, CA) - The future of your community starts with Census 2020. The Census count comes once a decade, to account for every person in the United States. Not only does the count determine congressional districting, it also allocates critical funding for our communities including roads, affordable housing, schools, and parks. 9 questions. 10 years of impact.

Contra Costa County's Census 2020 Complete Count Steering Committee has been building a network of trusted messengers to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 Census. In order to get a complete count, it will require strong collaboration between the County, cities, and community partners. As part of this effort, the Committee has awarded Census Outreach and Assistance Grants totaling \$280,000 to about 55 organizations to ensure a complete and accurate count, and an additional \$70,000 in [Phase II](#) mini-grants that are available on a rolling basis through May 2020.

The Committee is hosting a series of Regional Census Training Workshops to better understand the importance of the Census, learn about outreach resources and tools, and how to help our community members complete the Census form. The Training Workshops are mandatory for Contra Costa County grantees and open to anyone interested in volunteering as a [Census Ambassador](#) to assist in census outreach and education in Contra Costa County.

The County's Census effort also focuses on "hard-to-count" Census Tracts, which amounts to 212,356 people in Contra Costa. Every person missed in the Census count is estimated to cost \$2,000 a year in lost federal funds. If Contra Costa County undercounts by 5%, we would lose \$1.1 billion over the next ten years.

Please join us at one of the workshops to become a trusted 2020 Census Ambassador:

February 18, 2020, 10am to 12:30pm

Central Census 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop

Willow Pass Community Center, 2748 East Olivera Road, Concord, CA 94519

[Register for Central County Census 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop](#)

February 24, 2020, 3pm to 5:30pm

West County 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop

City of Richmond Civic Center, Multi-Purpose Room (Basement Level), 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

[Register for West County Census 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop](#)

February 25, 2020, 1pm to 3:30pm
South County Census 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop
Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
[Register for South County Census 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop](#)

March 2, 2020, 11am to 1:30pm
East County Census 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop
Oakley Senior Center, 215 2nd Street, Oakley, CA 94561
[Register for East County Census 2020 Kick-off & Training Workshop](#)

Spanish translation services provided upon request. Light refreshments available. Sign up to be a partner or learn more at www.cococensus.org

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