

1 [U.S. Census Be Counted Forms]

2 **DECLARING THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
3 **NOT TO SEEK OR OTHERWISE USE ANY OF THE PERSONAL INFORMATION**  
4 **PROVIDED IN THE CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE TO ENFORCE LAWS INCLUDING BUT**  
5 **NOT LIMITED TO HOUSING AND BUILDING CODES, ELIGIBILITY FOR WELFARE,**  
6 **SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAMS AND FURTHER URGING THE UNITED**  
7 **STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, THE MAYOR, ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS AND**  
8 **COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PUBLICIZE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL**  
9 **RESPONSES TO THE CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND**  
10 **FURTHER URGING CITY DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS**  
11 **TO PROMOTE AND MAKE AVAILABLE "BE COUNTED FORMS" TO CITY RESIDENTS**  
12 **WHO DO NOT HAVE MAILING ADDRESSES, LIVE IN CROWDED OR MULTIPLE FAMILY**  
13 **HOUSEHOLDS OR LIVE IN ILLEGAL HOUSING UNITS.**

14 WHEREAS, The decennial census conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Census ("Bureau")  
15 is mandated by the U.S. Constitution for the purpose of political reapportionment; and

16 WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress has enacted federal laws and programs that rely on an  
17 accurate population count and socioeconomic information to allocate federal funds for  
18 numerous education, transportation, social service, and other programs; and

19 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco relies on census data for planning  
20 decisions and allocating government funds; and

21 WHEREAS, The 1990 Census failed to count over 837,000 people in California,  
22 resulting in the loss of at least one Congressional seat and over a hundred million dollars in  
23 federal funding; and

24 WHEREAS, The 1990 Census missed almost 22,000 San Francisco residents, about  
25 3% of the city's population; and

1           WHEREAS, The undercount in the 1990 Census resulted in San Francisco receiving  
2 significantly less federal funding for a wide range of programs that benefit San Francisco  
3 residents; and

4           WHEREAS, The number of San Francisco children missed in the 1990 Census would  
5 fill nine additional public schools; and

6           WHEREAS, San Francisco has large populations that have been historically  
7 undercounted by the Bureau; and

8           WHEREAS, Experience from other jurisdictions has demonstrated that reducing the  
9 undercount requires a coordinated effort by local government agencies, community-based  
10 organizations, and the Bureau of Census; and

11           WHEREAS, Many San Franciscans, especially belonging to traditionally marginalized  
12 groups, are fearful of confidentiality being compromised because of immigration status,  
13 dwelling within illegal in-law housing units or not having proper work permits and therefore, do  
14 not complete the Census questionnaire; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
16 hereby declares that it is the policy of the City and County of San Francisco not to seek or  
17 otherwise use any of the personal information provided in the Census questionnaire to enforce  
18 laws including but not limited to housing and building codes, eligibility for welfare, social and  
19 health services programs; and be it

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges the United States  
21 Bureau of the Census, the Mayor, all City Departments and community based organizations to  
22 publicize that the individual responses to the Census questionnaire are strictly confidential;  
23 and be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges City Departments and  
2 community based organizations to promote and make available “Be Counted Forms” to San  
3 Francisco residents who do not have mailing addresses, live in crowded or multiple family  
4 households or live in illegal housing units.

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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails

## Resolution

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**File Number:** 000583

**Date Passed:**

Resolution declaring that it is the policy of the City and County of San Francisco not to seek or otherwise use any of the personal information provided in the census questionnaire to enforce laws including but not limited to housing and building codes, eligibility for welfare, social and health services programs and further urging the United States Bureau of Census, the Mayor, all City departments and community based organizations to publicize that the individual responses to the census questionnaire are strictly confidential and further urging City departments and community based organizations to promote and make available "be counted forms" to City residents who do not have mailing addresses, live in crowded or multiple family households or live in illegal housing units.

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April 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT  
COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

April 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,  
Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 10, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



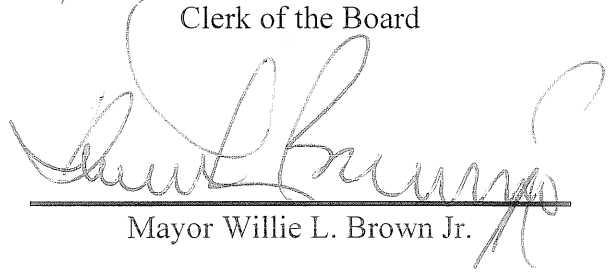
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.