



CITY OF MURRIETA

April 16, 2020

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: 2020 Census

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Murrieta, I am writing to express our support for statutory relief for the Census Bureau in the 2020 Census to ensure an accurate and safe count of our nation's residents—especially those in the City of Murrieta.

With the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, it is more important than ever that the Census is completed safely and accurately. As Congress routinely uses Census data for spending decisions, it is incumbent to ensure that an accurate count is completed so that spending decisions and the allocation of representatives among the states reflects that makeup of our country.

We support the Census Bureau's request for statutory relief through an extension, which will accommodate social distancing guidelines in place across the country and protect our citizens and Census Bureau employees. We would ask that you support legislation giving statutory relief to the Bureau in the coming weeks as Congress continues to respond to the coronavirus.

Our city will continue to do its part to encourage households to complete their Census online, as we have placed information on the City's website and social media accounts. As we all do our part to encourage participation in the Census, we hope our efforts will reduce the number of residences Census Takers will need to visit in the coming months.



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We look forward to working with you to ensure that communities in California are safely and accurately counted through the 2020 Census. If you have any questions, please contact Louie Lacasella, City Manager's office at (951) 461-6008 or llacasella@MurrietaCA.Gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Wunderlich".

Gene Wunderlich
Mayor

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Erin Sasse, League of California Cities Public Affairs Manager
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