

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN CENSUS 2020**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2248-2**

WHEREAS, the safety, security, and well-being of all children is the number one priority for both the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) and the Santa Clara County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide census, mandated by the U.S. Constitution, is taken every ten years to determine the number of congressional members each state has in the House of Representatives; to redraw state and local district lines; and determine federal program funding allocations; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Community Foundation 2017 Census Landscape Scan, the 1990 Census was one of the most inaccurate in U.S. history, and according to the California Legislative Analyst's Office, this likely cost California one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and at least \$2 billion in federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the census counted 1,781,642 inhabitants of Santa Clara County in 2010. It is believed this count missed "hard-to-count" residents, including individuals and families living in hard-to-find housing units, people who speak limited or no English, disabled and elderly residents, homeless communities and new immigrants; and

WHEREAS, efforts to add a citizenship question on the 2020 Census, created an environment of fear, distrust, and confusion amongst immigrant and our larger community; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County Office of Education is actively engaged with California Complete Count and is dedicated to collaborating to ensure 100-percent of people living in Santa Clara County participate in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, Census 2020 will impact funding for childcare, Head Start, Foster Care, School Lunch programs, Title I, Title III, and Special Education; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education supports the work of Census 2020 through its participation in the Civic Engagement Leadership Group, Power of Democracy initiatives, and the work of the SCCOE History/Social Science/Civic Engagement Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to support the County of Santa Clara's Census 2020 measures to locate and count all residents of Santa Clara County in order to obtain proper legislative representation and federal funding.

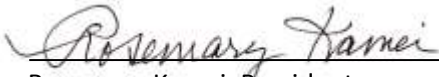
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 4, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei and Trustees Di Salvo, King, Mah, Ortiz and Rossi

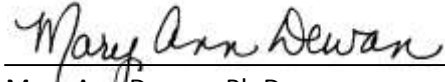
NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: Vice President Song



Rosemary Kamei, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools