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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **CA Secretary of State Alex Padilla, Civil Rights Leaders to Hold Press Conference on Census Citizenship Question**

**SACRAMENTO** – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla and civil rights leaders will urge Californians to submit public comments in opposition to the proposed citizenship question on the 2020 Census questionnaire.

Secretary Padilla will also unveil a new Census portal on the Secretary of State's website to help interested Californians submit their opposition officially through the Federal Register. The U.S. Census Bureau public comment period ends Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 11:59p.m. EST.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 26, 2018, the Secretary of Commerce agreed to an *alleged* Department of Justice request, and announced the last minute addition of an untested and unnecessary citizenship question to the 2020 Census. On March 29, the Census Bureau formally submitted the questionnaire to Congress with the citizenship question added. [California immediately sued to challenge the addition of the question.](#)

[Recently, however, documents made public through a public records request suggest that Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross pushed the addition of the citizenship question, contradicting the Trump Administration's previous claims.](#)

**\*Media planning to attend should RSVP to [sos.press@sos.ca.gov](mailto:sos.press@sos.ca.gov)**

**WHO:** California Secretary of State Alex Padilla  
Efrain Escobedo, California Complete Count Census Committee  
Jesus Martinez, California Complete Count Census Committee  
Aarti Kohli, Asian Americans Advancing Justice  
Yannina Casillas, Council on American-Islamic Relations

**WHAT:** Press conference urging Californians to submit public comment opposing the citizenship question on the 2020 Census questionnaire.

**WHERE:** California Secretary of State's Office  
Executive Office – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018  
10:00 AM

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