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California Secretary of State Alex Padilla Statement in Opposition to Adding Citizenship Question to US Census

SACRAMENTO – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla today released a statement in response to reports that the U.S. Department of Justice is requesting to add a question about citizenship status on the 2020 Census.

“Attempting to include a question about citizenship in the Census is a cynical ploy by the Trump Administration to stifle non-citizen participation and jeopardize the accuracy and fairness of our nation's most important population count. Not only would it impact federal funding to states, an inaccurate count would undermine redistricting and voting rights for underrepresented communities. California will fight any effort by the Trump administration to sabotage the Census.”

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