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Secretary of State Padilla Applauds Governor Newsom's Proposed Expansion of Census Funding

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom released his first [state budget proposal](#) today at a press conference at the Secretary of State's office. Secretary of State Alex Padilla issued the following statement in response.

"A 'California for All' budget recognizes that all Californians count. That's why I'm pleased to see Governor Newsom's first budget proposal is taking threats to the Census seriously, with a \$50 million increase in funding for outreach efforts. At a time when the 2020 Census has been put in grave danger by the Trump Administration, California is stepping up. An undercount in the 2020 Census jeopardizes billions of dollars of federal funding, as well as California's political representation. It is critical that we mount a robust statewide effort to reach and properly count our diverse and hard-to-reach communities."

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