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California Secretary of State Alex Padilla Statement on the United States Supreme Court Census Citizenship Question Ruling

SACRAMENTO, CA – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla issued the following statement in response to the United States Supreme Court’s ruling on the Trump Administration’s attempt to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

[Click here for video of Secretary Padilla's remarks—in both English and Spanish—at today's press conference at the State Capitol on the Supreme Court ruling.](#)

“The inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census has been defeated—at least for now. The evidence is clear that Trump’s attempt to question the citizenship of everyone living in America is just a blatant ploy to intimidate our nation’s diverse communities. With the threat of a citizenship question, this Administration has created a pervasive fear of the federal government in many communities. Our census outreach remains critical to preserving this important pillar of American democracy.”

"California is making an unprecedented investment in census outreach in order to stand up to the unprecedented challenges created by this Administration. We will continue to build a network of partnerships with respected leaders and trusted voices in communities throughout the state to educate and assist all Californians in participating in the census. By participating in the census, Californians can and will resist the Trump Administration’s attack on our fair share of federal funding and representation in Congress.

“Our message to all Californians is clear: stand up for democracy, stand up for your family, stand up for your community and be counted. California will not be silenced.”

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