



JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 20180926-4E

Date: September 26, 2018

Subject: Support of Lawsuits to Remove Citizenship Question from Census

Motioned By: Greg Smith

Seconded By: Awais Azhar

Recommendation

The Joint Inclusion Committee supports Recommendation No. 20180409-006A3 adopted by the Commission on Immigrant Affairs on April 9, 2018.

Description of Recommendation to Council

Commission on Immigrant Affairs' Recommendation No. 20180409-006A3 calls for the City of Austin to protect residents' rights to representation and federal resources by directing its attorneys to join the federal lawsuit most appropriate for the City to prevent the addition of the citizenship question on the 2020 Census questionnaire.

Rationale

An inaccurate or undercount of the city's population will result in a reduction of representation on the federal level, a loss in federal funding, and other losses of public resources.

Vote 5-0

For: Janee Briesemeister, Awais Azhar, Nasario Jaimes, Greg Smith, Molly Wang

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Isabel Lopez-Aguilar, Robin Orlowski

Attest: None

Joint Inclusion Committee Liaison