PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	**Relate To**	**Position**	**Name**	**Comments**
15.		**Favor**	Ann Dorsey	
			Sean Patrick Patterson	I support Los Angeles County and Supervisor Solis because the Fourteenth Amendment requires representation to be based on the whole number of persons in each state. Immigration policy can be debated separately, but the Census should not be manipulated in a way that reduces representation or resources for communities by redefining which residents count as persons for apportionment.
		Oppose	Therese Mullaly	I am in favor of the census bureau's proposed changes.
		Item Total	**3**	
Grand Total			**3**	

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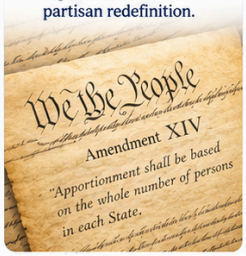
How We Reached This Conclusion

Why support Los Angeles County and Supervisor Solis on the Census rule

PEOPLE
COMMUNITIES
REPRESENTATION
A STRONGER
LOS ANGELES

1 Constitutional Baseline

- **14th Amendment:** representation is based on the "whole number of persons in each State."
- The constitutional text says "persons," not only citizens.
- Apportionment is about representation, not partisan redefinition.



2 Proposed Federal Change

- Census proposal would exclude certain noncitizen residents from the apportionment count.
- It also raises the possibility of a legal-status question.
- This is a major departure from prior counting practice.

3 LA County / Solis Response

- Supervisor Hilda Solis proposed formal opposition.
- LA County would send a five-signature letter, submit comments, and monitor litigation.
- County position: the rule would harm residents and the County.

4 Why the Rule Is Harmful

- Could reduce representation for Los Angeles communities.
- Could distort planning and public-resource allocation.
- Could discourage participation and increase undercount risk.
- Could weaken community visibility in federal decision-making.

REPRESENTATION — Fewer voices in Congress

FUNDING — Less resources for communities

COMMUNITIES — Weaker visibility and planning

5 Legal and Policy Logic

"Whole number of persons"

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Residents should be counted

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Excluding residents changes representation

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LA County has reason to oppose

- Immigration policy can be debated separately.
- The Census should not be manipulated by redefining which residents count as persons for apportionment.

Conclusion

I support Los Angeles County and Supervisor Solis because the **Fourteenth Amendment requires representation to be based on the whole number of persons in each state.** Immigration policy can be debated separately, but the Census should not be manipulated in a way that reduces representation or resources for communities by redefining which residents count as persons for apportionment.

Representation should count every person.