

# LA City Update

for Countywide Outreach CCC meeting on May 28, 2020



## **Census Goodwill Ambassadors**

### Virtual Events

Angela Law and Winnie Fong didn't want the census momentum to slow down due to COVID-19. They held a virtual meeting with their nonprofit's Steering Committee to present information about the census, particularly its importance for Asian-American communities.

After the presentation, over 35 participants pledged to complete their census after hearing how an undercount would have devastating effects.

#### Why is the Census Important for AAPI?

- Asian-Americans are the fastest growing population in the nation. Based on the 2020 Census Barriers, Attitudes, and Motivators Study (CBAMS) Survey, when asked "How likely would you be to fill out the census form?," only 55% of Asian Americans said they were "extremely" or "very" likely to fill out the Census form, compared to 69% of Whites, and 65% of Latinos, and 64% of Blacks.
- Challenges:
  - Linguistic barrier
  - Unfamiliarity with census
  - Distrust in government

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"Because of challenges, such as language barriers and unfamiliarity with the census, Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) have historically been undercounted. We need to educate our community about the importance of the census and address those challenges in order to reach the hard-to-count areas in Los Angeles."

### **Census Goodwill Ambassadors**

### **Remote Outreach**

#### **Digital 2020 Census outreach guide**

While at home, remind your friends and family to respond to the census. Here are some ways to spread the word.

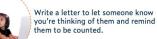


Sign up to phone bank with Mayor Eric Garcetti's census team at <u>bit.ly/censusphonebank</u>



Incorporate census information into your next video conference meeting, webinar, blog, social media post or podcast.

Text or email your contacts a reminder to fill out the census.



Quick and easy messaging to share

#### Sample text messages

- You're important to me and I want to make sure you're counted in the 2020 Census. You can respond online at My2020Census.gov, by phone or mail.
- Did you apply for unemployment insurance? Did you know census data helps determine funding for it? Go to My2020Census.gov to do your census.
- I hope you're staying safe and well at home. Have you filled out your census? It's so quick and easy. You can even do it over your phone. Go to My2020Census.gov
- Hi-I'm checking in with all my friends to make sure they've completed their census. Have you?
- We can't control the future, but we can plan ahead. Reminding you to fill out your census at My2020Census.gov if you haven't already.

#### Sample email

#### Hey,

This current global health crisis is helping me realize just how much the simple things matter, and how when we work together, we become a force for good. A lot of things may feel out of control for us now, but we do have control over having a say on resources for our communities for the next 10 years. I pledged to be counted in the 2020 Census and I want you to join me.

Happy birthday! I'm not counting the years, but

I do want you to be counted in the 2020 Census.

Make a wish and fill it out: My2020Census.gov

Did you know April 1 wasn't the last day to do the

census? We have until August 14-respond early

before census takers go door-to-door. For more

information, head over to My2020Census.gov

Wanted to check in-have you done your census

Funding for healthcare programs, disaster relief,

free school lunch and more depends on us. Head

yet? It's online this year: My2020Census.gov

Heard of the census? This is our year to do it.

over to My2020Census.gov to learn more.

Mv2020Census.gov

Hey- I know you just moved so you might not

have gotten the census invite in the mail, but

you can still fill it out online without the code at

How are online classes going for you right now?

Many things are vying for our attention right now. But, did you know that some, if not all of the issues in the COVID-19 headlines right now are related to the census? Medicare, unemployment insurance, free school lunches and more is determined by census data. In 2020, we're relying on 2010's data. Whatever the 'new normal' ends up looking like, you can't deny that an undercount this year would make the next 10 years unconscionably more difficult.

This is why it's important to sing the praises and importance of the census in any way you can. You can physically distance while building closeness with your community, at the same time.

Check out this remote outreach guide with sample email, text and phone messaging you can share.

As a colleague and friend of mine, you mean a lot to me and you, your family and friends all deserve to be counted. Take the pledge, fill out the census online at <u>Mv2020Census.gov</u>, <u>by phone</u> or by mail, and let's get through this together. CGAs have all been provided with this remote outreach guide.

Encourage your staff and constituents to continue to conduct outreach from the safety of their homes!

About 30% of our phone banking volunteers are CGAs.

### **Self-Response Activation Events**



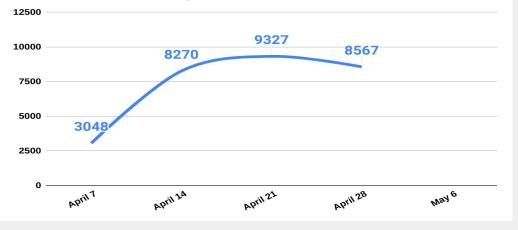
If you would like to discuss partnering on a self-response activation event in the future (while adhering to public health guidelines), let us know!

These are events where residents could come to a fun community event, learn more about the importance of Census 2020 and respond to the questionnaire on a tablet.

Please contact: <a href="mailto:Bobby.Kobara@lacity.org">Bobby.Kobara@lacity.org</a>

## **Phone Banking**

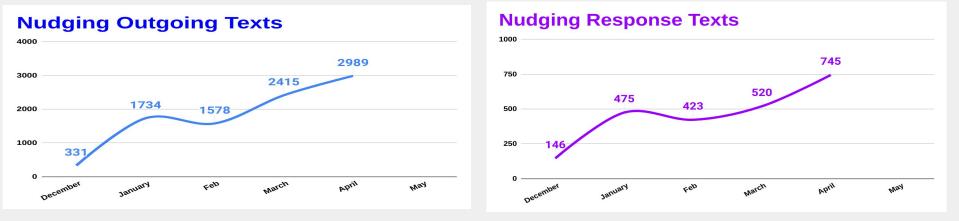
### **Phone Banking Calls Made**



On March 31st, we kicked off our phone banking initiative with the help of the City Clerk's Office and census volunteers.

To date, we've recruited over 60 volunteers, and made almost 40,000 calls to hard-to-count communities across Los Angeles.

## **SMS Text Messaging**

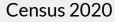


Over 9,000 text messages have been sent, and over 2,000 responses have been received. Messages are used to announce important Census events and recruit for volunteer activities including Phone Banking.

### City department outreach examples



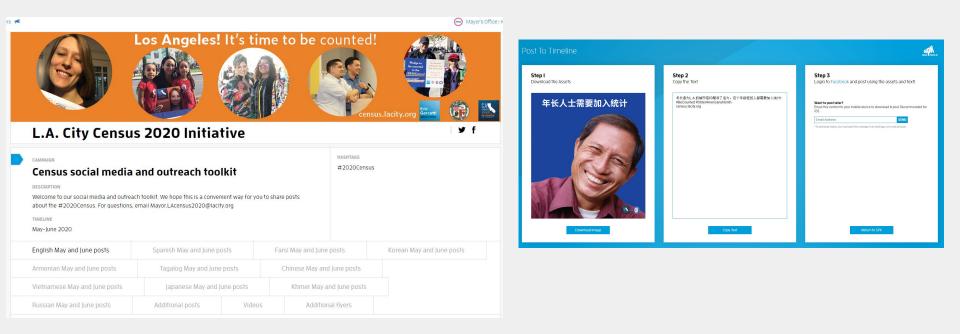
L.A. City Department of Public Works May 1 at 3:15 PM · @ We celebrate the contributions of the #AAPI



does not matter, we

all need to be counted

### Social Press Kit: <a href="https://doi.org/lacitycensus">thesocialpresskit.com/lacitycensus</a>



### **Explore Social Press Kit**

CAMPAIGN Census social media and outreach toolkit			HASHTAGS #2020Census	5
DESCRIPTION Welcome to our social media and outreach toolkit. We hope this IS a convenient way for you to share posts about the #2020Census. For questions, email Mayor.LAcensus2020@lacity.org TIMELINE May-June 2020				
English May and June posts	Spanish May and June posts	Farsi May and June posts		Korean May and June posts
Armenian May and June posts	Tagalog May and June posts	Chinese May and June posts		
Vietnamese May and June posts	Japanese May and June posts	Khmer May and June posts		
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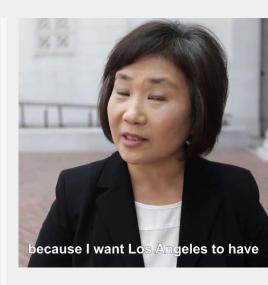
#### FACEBOOK POSTS











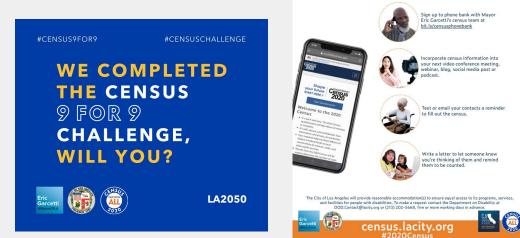
#### Be Informed. Be Involved. Be Counted. Your **2020 Census** in your language



The Census Bureau also otters web pages and guides in 59 non-English languages, including American Sign Language, Braille and large print. Visit <u>2020Census.gov</u> to learn more.

### Partner with us for digital events





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Content and printed materials requests



For special design requests, content suggestions, etc. email <u>Kimberly.Briggs@lacity.org</u>

To request free collateral materials mailed to you, email <u>Ara.An@lacity.org</u>

