

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: December 7, 2009

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Resolution 09-61 Regarding the City of Albany's Commitment to Census 2010

FROM: Jeff Bond, Planning and Building Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The City Council approve Resolution 09-61 regarding the City of Albany's Commitment to Census 2010.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, as required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. More than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based, in part, on census data. It determines the number of seats in the House of Representatives and state legislature. It is also one of the most widely used resources for research, and education, which often lead to new social services and programs, or revision of existing programs.

In March of 2010, Census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. There also will be a comprehensive effort to identify transient, homeless, and other under-counted residents.

Staff will assist census takers and encourage people in our community to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness and ensure a full and accurate census. To show its commitment to participating in the Census 2010 efforts, the US Bureau of the Census has asked the City Council formalize its commitment to supporting and assisting in Census 2010 by approved the attached resolution.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Providing accurate residency counts and demographic data assists all levels of government in focusing resources and services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Attachments

Draft Resolution 09-61