

2020 Census Partnership

**WHEREAS** the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

**WHEREAS** Encompass Community Services is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

**WHEREAS** federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data;

**WHEREAS** census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city councils and voting districts;

**WHEREAS** information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment;

**WHEREAS** the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law;

**WHEREAS** a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our citizens;

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that Encompass Community Services is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau, the County of Santa Cruz, and Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. to:

1. Support the goals and ideals of the 2020 Census and disseminate 2020 Census information.
2. Actively promote the 2020 Census to raise overall community awareness and participation rates.
3. Encourage all Encompass employees and clients to self-respond to the U.S. Census.

Adopted by the Encompass Board of Trustees of Santa Cruz County, California, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

Signed:

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