

To: Mark Jomsky, Pasadena City Clerk

Questions for the upcoming redistricting meeting for the q & a portion

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Re: Undercounted population Census dilemma.

I was looking at the Census numbers ten years ago versus today's numbers. Serious questions about the numbers being incorrect 10 years ago have been raised in many reputable newspapers. For example,

1. An article in Pasadena Star-News, written by Chris Lindahl on April 10, 2019, pointed out there was an undercount of residents and a low response score in Northwest Pasadena in 2010.
2. An article in LAist.com, published on September 29, 2020, Pasadena Census Supervisor Melissa Garza believes an estimated 30,000 cases in Pasadena have been closed due to "max attempts" after only one day of census takers visiting those residents. "If no one was home they (the census people) closed out the attempt", Garza said. "Or if somebody had a locked gate, they would close it out, so we wouldn't go back there again."

It is so important to come up with fair and accurate numbers, since it affects services allocations to each city and districts, as well as ensuring continued representation by the Council Member we voted for in our individual districts.

**How do we know that the numbers aren't off again? Would it not make sense to find ways to solve these problems of inaccuracies to arrive at more correct numbers this time around?**

Sincerely,

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