

LA County Statement On Supreme Court Decision on Citizenship Question

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Los Angeles County is encouraged by today's Supreme Court ruling.

By sending the citizenship question back to a lower court, the Supreme Court has set up a process that will allow the judicial system to thoroughly scrutinize the decision to add a citizenship question to what should be a non-partisan and accurate Census that counts all residents of the United States.

The ruling casts serious doubt on whether the citizenship question will be included on the 2020 Census forms.

The L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted in April 2018 to pursue legal action to block the addition of the citizenship question, resulting in an amicus brief in this case, Department of Commerce v. New York.

The County intends to continue to pursue its vigorous opposition to the addition of the citizenship question as the issue moves back to the New York District Court. We are working with our outside counsel to analyze today's decision and will keep the public informed as this case progresses.

An accurate census is the foundation on which many vital services provided by the County are built. The addition of the citizenship question would have greatly contributed to an unnecessary regional undercount.

We continue to urge all people residing within L.A. County—regardless of their immigration status—to fully participate in the 2020 Census and help shape our collective future.

For updates on the citizenship question and information about the 2020 Census, please visit the County's Census website.