

# MONTEREY COUNTY



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### MONTEREY COUNTY HOSTS 2020 CENSUS LAUNCH/MEDIA BRIEFING APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>

Please join the Monterey County Board of Supervisors as we celebrate our county's diversity and launch our county's 2020 Census effort.

**Date:** Monday, April 1, 2019

**Time:** 11:00AM-1:30PM

**Location:** Castro Plaza, Monterey County Free Libraries 11160 Speegle St. Castroville, CA 95012

**Speakers:** Monterey County Board of Supervisors; Chair John Phillips, Luis A. Alejo, Chris Lopez, Jane Parker, Mary Adams; Mayors Joe Gunter (Salinas), Ian Oglesby (Seaside), Fred Ledesma (Soledad), Bill Peake (Pacific Grove)

#### ***2020 CENSUS Overview***

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the nation's population every ten years. An accurate count provides key data used to determine federal funding allocations to state and local jurisdictions. Census data tells the Federal government about various communities' demographics, needs, and assets. During the 2015 fiscal year, census data was used to distribute more than \$675 billion in funding to 132 federally funded programs.

Additionally, census results determine how many seats California will get in Congress. Having adequate Congressional representation for Monterey County and our region is imperative to serving our communities.

#### ***2020 CENSUS Complete Count Committee***

Monterey County has already formed a coalition of community groups and agencies to support the county's census efforts because an accurate count is critical.

An undercount in the 2020 Census could cost Monterey County millions in federal funding. Monterey County depends on federal funding for an incredible number of programs which have a major impact in our community such as transit, maternal, child and mental health services, Section 8 housing vouchers, special education, Head Start, foster care, crime victim assistance, disabled veteran's services, just to name a few.

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