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## **The LCCC Issues Statement on U.S. Census Bureau's Decision to End Counting a Month Early**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – The Latino Caucus of California Counties (LCCC) issues the following statement today from its **President, Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza**, on the U.S. Census Bureau's decision to cease counting a month earlier than expected.

“The U.S. Census is an often overlooked once-in-a-decade occurrence that has a tremendous influence on the lives of Latino/as,” **said President Pedroza**. “Data results from the U.S Census affect the number of seats California will have in the House of Representatives; it helps determine the amount of funding state and local governments will receive from the federal government; and it helps drive decisionmaking for governments, businesses, and nonprofits. Quite frankly, all of these factors have a direct impact on the Latino/a community. For far too long, we have lacked equitable representation, we have not received adequate funding, and we have been overlooked in most decisionmaking processes. An incomplete and inaccurate Census count will only continue the marginalization of our people. We strongly urge the U.S. Census Bureau to do right by Latino/as and reconsider its decision.”

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*The Latino Caucus of California Counties is an organization which encourages the engagement and involvement of its Board and membership, works to provide solutions to issues and concerns of our Latino communities, and promotes Latino leaders.*