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## President's Statement Endorsing the US Census and Efforts to Count the UC Population

OAKLAND, CA – The UC Student Association met on Saturday, October 19, 2019, to hear from representatives from the United States census. Board members discussed the importance of accurately counting students and other UC community members in order to secure resources and accurate representation for regions with UC campuses. The Board ultimately voted to endorse the US Census, which will not include a citizenship question.

UCSA President Varsha Sarveshwar released the following statement Monday:

"The UC Student Association fully endorses the US Census and strongly encourages students to participate in responding on Census Day: April 1, 2020. Our members will work closely with the Census Bureau and University of California administration to make sure the UC community is in full. The results of the census helps to determine the distribution of seats in the House of Representatives and provides data that helps the government decide how to distribute federal funds. Businesses, city planners, and real estate developers also use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, stores, and housing. Getting counted is critical for students to improve our campuses and communities."

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**About the UC Student Association:** The University of California Student Association is the official voice of 280,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from all ten UC campuses. It is our mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.



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