Communication #: 3412

SUBJECT: Information on Census 2020

Meeting	Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
Regional Council	March 23, 2017	Consent Information	4m

REQUESTED ACTION/SUGGESTED MOTION

This is an information item.

ASSOCIATED OWP WORK ELEMENT/GOAL

Work Element 61, Regional Data, GIS and Orthophotos.
Work Element 63, Regional Modeling.

SUMMARY

The U.S. Census is completed every 10 years as set forth by the U.S. Constitution. The Census count establishes how elected officials for the House of Representatives are distributed by state. But there are other reasons that an accurate count is important to the state, the region and its communities. It will help ensure that thousands of tax dollars - both federal and state - are equitably distributed for programs that range from safety and health to education, law enforcement, parks and transportation. Census information is also used to help guide critical business decisions and economic investments in the community.

The 2010 Census showed a significant increase in Arizona's population from 2000, which resulted in one new congressional seat, for a total of nine representatives.

PRIOR BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION

Management Committee reviewed this information at its March 8 meeting.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Accurate data reflecting changes in the community are crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how a variety of federal and state funds are allocated.

TECHNICAL, POLICY, LEGAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Initial planning for the 2020 Census has started. On Feb.14, 2017, the U.S. Census Bureau held a workshop titled "The Road to 2020 Census" at PAG's offices. A majority of the jurisdictions in the region had representatives in attendance at the workshop.

There were key dates and deadlines identified during the workshop by which information is needed from each local jurisdiction.

ATTACHED ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION

A copy of the presentation from the 2020 Census Workshop is attached.

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