

Resolution No. 17-4938

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD URGING THE
UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO COLLECT
DATA ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER
IDENTITY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, a recent draft report submitted by the United States Census Bureau to Congress included "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as proposed topics for data collection in the 2020 Census and the American Community Survey (ACS), but these categories were edited out of the final report by the Trump Administration; and

WHEREAS, some federal data on the LGBT community is currently collected, but there is no centralized requirement in law ensuring that federal data collection on the LGBT community be a priority; and

WHEREAS, this means that even the most basic of statistics – the number of people who identify as LGBT – cannot be accurately counted; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, states, and local communities rely on Census and ACS data to determine how resources should be allocated to meet the needs of certain populations, including the allocation of funds for hospitals, job training centers, schools, public works projects, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the current lack of sound data about the LGBT community means the population is not receiving the appropriate amount of funding to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, despite tremendous progress in the fight to secure equal recognition under the law, LGBT Americans continue to face discrimination in facets of everyday life such as in employment, housing, and even in the justice system; and

WHEREAS, expanded data collection on LGBT people is needed to help policymakers and community stakeholders understand the full extent of these disparities, as well as identify the unique needs of these communities so they can be better served with effective and sensible policy solutions; and

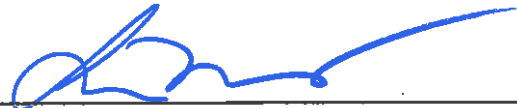
WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has supported anti-discriminatory legislation, with a long history of taking action on behalf of the LGBT community

to ensure equal treatment and protection under the law, and accounting for all demographic cross-sections in federal surveys is consistent with its actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby urges the Census Bureau to include data collection on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals in the 2020 Census and American Community Survey.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 17th day of April, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Duran, Horvath, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and Mayor Meister.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK