



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: JUNE 3, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY: LUCINDA WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

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SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 91 –
STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES: DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

SUMMARY

Proposed support letter for California Assembly Bill (AB) 91 (Harabedin) which would require state and local agencies to collect and report demographic data using separate categories for major Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) groups.

PROPOSED MOTION

Authorize Mayor to sign support letter for AB 91.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Do not send letter of support
- Other options brought by City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City Manager recommends approval of the support letter for AB 91.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Assembly Bill 91 would require state and local agencies in California to collect and report demographic data using separate categories and tabulations for major Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) groups.

Current demographic data does not accurately represent many MENA communities. Demographic data often groups MENA communities into broader categories that obscure their unique identities and needs. AB 91 would recognize these communities by collecting ancestry and ethnic origin data and make it publicly available in accordance with privacy protections. This would help the state identify disparities, allocate resources equitably and craft policies that address the specific needs of MENA Californians.

Updating demographic data practices with AB 91 would help California remain a leader in equity, inclusion and transparency.

City Council authorized the Mayor (or Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor's absence) to sign policy and position letters within the 2025 Legislative Platform guidelines. The 2025 Legislative Platform does not take a support or oppose position for legislation regarding demographic data collection. Therefore, staff requests City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter supporting AB 91 on behalf of the City.

cc: City Manager Eric J. Levitt

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Draft Letter
- Attachment 2 – AB 91 Text