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About the Census:
California has launched a statewide effort to ensure an accurate and complete count of its residents in the 2020 census. This is unprecedented investment in a statewide education campaign. To reach more than 11 million of the hardest-to-count Californians, the Census Office has tapped local and tribal governments, community-based organizations, and so many more partners to serve as trusted messengers in our communities.

Key Dates:
Mid-March – April 2020 = Self Response Period – Fill out your form online!
May – July 2020 = Non-Response Follow-Up – Enumerators will knock on your door!