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CITY OF SAN DIEGO · PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jack Van Cleave, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Final 1980 Census Population Data By Race and Ethnic Origin

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The U.S. Census Bureau has notified The City of San Diego that the final count of its population on April 1, 1980, was 875,504. This is an increase of 178,735 people, or 25.7 percent, since the 1970 Census. The preliminary count, provided to you in August 1980, was 852,189. The final count exceeds the preliminary count by 23,315 people and represents people identified during the City's review of the preliminary data and by Census Bureau staff who located people who failed to respond by mail.

This final count data is by Census Tract and will be tabulated by Council District as soon as possible. The data received is for population by race and ethnic origin. The remaining data about housing will be released later this year. The sample data, such as income, labor force and social data, will not be available until next year.

The population counts by race and ethnic origin are tabulated on the attached table. The table compares the 1980 data with 1970 and 1960 data and records the changes that have occurred during the past 20 years, by racial groups.

The White category includes Anglo White people and persons of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent. The 666,829 persons in this category represent 76.2 percent of the City's population. This was an increase of 47,331 people or 7.6 percent during the past ten years.

The City's black population numbered 77,700 in 1980, 8.9 percent of the total. This is an increase of 24,739 during the past decade, some 46.7 percent.

The Other Non White category includes three subgroups. The American Indian group includes Eskimos and Aleuts. The Pacific Asian group includes the following Pacific islanders: Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan, Filipino and the following Asian groups: Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Asian Indian. The Other group includes people not identified as any of the above Indian or Asian groups. This includes some people with Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent.

The Other Non White category contained 130,975 people in 1980, an increase of 106,665 people during the past ten years. This group represented 3.5 percent of the City's population in 1970 and 14.9 percent in 1980.

The bottom line on the table identifies those people who are of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent. These people are also counted above in one of the racial categories. This category grew from 88,600 in 1970 to 130,610 in 1980, an increase of 42,010 people or 47.4 percent. In 1970, this group represented 12.7 percent of the total City and in 1980 it represented 14.9 percent of the total.

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POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE AND ETHNIC ORIGIN - CITY OF SAN DIEGO
1960-1970-1980

Race-Ethnic Origin	1980 Number	1980 Percent	1970 Number	1970 Percent	1960 Number	1960 Percent
White	666,829	76.2	619,498	88.9	528,512	92.2
Black	77,700	8.9	52,961	7.6	34,435	6.0
Other Non White	130,975	14.9	24,310	3.5	10,277	1.8
American Indian	5,065	.6	2,259	.3	1,083	.2
Pacific Asian	57,207	6.5	15,574	2.3	7,440	1.3
Filipino						
Japanese						
Chinese						
Vietnamese, etc						
Other	68,703	7.8	6,477	.9	1,754	.3
Total Population	875,504	100.0	696,769	100.0	573,224	100.0
Spanish-Hispanic Origin or Descent	130,610	14.9	88,600	12.7	38,043	6.6

Race-Ethnic Origin	Change 1970-1980 Number	Change 1970-1980 Percent	Change 1960-1970 Number	Change 1960-1970 Percent	Change 1960-1980 Number	Change 1960-1980 Percent
White	47,331	7.6	90,986	17.2	138,317	26.2
Black	24,739	46.7	18,526	53.8	43,265	125.6
Other Non White	106,665	438.8	14,033	136.6	120,698	1,174.5
American Indian	2,806	124.2	1,176	108.6	3,982	367.7
Pacific Asian	41,633	267.3	8,134	109.3	49,767	668.9
Filipino						
Japanese						
Chinese						
Vietnamese, etc						
Other	62,226	960.7	4,723	269.3	66,949	3,816.9
Total Population	178,735	25.7	123,545	21.6	302,280	52.7
Spanish-Hispanic Origin or Descent	42,010	47.4	50,557	132.9	92,537	243.2