Exhibit 21

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

STATE OF NEW YORK, et al., Plaintiffs, v. TRUMP, et al., Defendants.	20-CV-5770 (JMF) **DECLARATION OF JEFF HARDCASTLE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Jeff Hardcastle, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated herein.

2. I am the State Demographer for the State of Nevada Department of Taxation. I oversee the statutorily mandated population estimates for Nevada's counties, incorporated cities, and unincorporated towns as well as age, sex, race and Hispanic origin estimates and projections. Nevada Revised Statutes also mandate working with the Census Bureau. As part of that task, I serve as Nevada's representative to the Federal State Cooperative for Population Estimates and have been part of 2020 Census planning through that partnership. I have also worked to ensure a complete count along with our local governments by participating in the Local Update of Census Addresses program and supporting the state's complete count committee efforts.

3. Census data is the underpinning of Nevada's population estimates and the age, sex, race and Hispanic origin estimates and projections that I produce for the state. The estimates are used for revenue distribution among the cities and towns, the projections are used for state budget projections, and the age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin estimates and projections are used to calculate disease rates for public health needs and school enrollment at a state level.

For the counties, the total population estimate is an average of a housing unit-based estimate and the Nevada Regression Model under Chapter 360 of the Nevada Administrative Code. Two key elements of the housing unit-based estimates are the decennial census' person per household and occupancy rates. Persons per household varies by race and ethnicity and neighborhood. A key element of the regression estimate is the labor force, that comes out of the Current Population Survey which is weighted to the Census Bureau's population estimates. The Bureau's population estimates rely on what is called the census base, that is the decennial census.

I also field data requests from various private sector, non-profit and other government agencies for data from the ACS which is part of the decennial census. An example of a data request this year was from the Nevada Association of Counties who needed age projections for looking at the fiscal impact of Medicaid expenditures for long term care of seniors in the in the coming years in rural Nevada. The projections have also been used for school enrollment projections and highway planning.

The Census is presumed to be accurate by the large number of data users and a good faith effort to count everyone once, only once and in the right place. Without quality census data, the fair allocation of $79 million of Nevada's Consolidated Tax (FY19) among 82 local government units would not be possible.

4. The decennial census is the only source for an enumerated count of the population. Since 1986, Nevada has used a housing unit-based population estimate as part of the distribution formula for the current Consolidated Tax formula and its previous incarnations. The census is the only source for a count of the population by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin. This data serves as a starting point for the age, sex, race and Hispanic origin estimates. This serves not only as a starting

point for the estimates but also as a benchmark with each new census being reviewed to see how well the estimates worked.

The Census is an independent set of data that has not been developed and produced by local governments. It provides a common baseline for producing the population estimates and ensuring a fair and equitable distribution of revenue. Nevada's estimates are based on the Census Bureau's residency rules in determining what is an occupied housing unit.

5. Nevada has been tracking the 2020 self-response rates by zip code. As of July 6, 2020, the responses ranges from 13% to 79% and the most frequent rate or mode was 34% across the state. For the same date in 2010, the national mail-in (self-response rate) was 76%. Not only are response rates lagging by neighborhood, they are also lagging across all racial and ethnic groups. Nevada's estimates are that 63% of White Non-Hispanic, 60% of Black Non-Hispanic, 56% of American Indian Non-Hispanic, 63% of Asian Non-Hispanic, 63% of the Other/Two or More Races Non-Hispanic, and 59% of the Hispanic Origin of any race households have responded. The non-response follow-up workload is estimated at 451,213 housing units. This does not include Census Bureau staff completing other operations such the enumeration of transient locations including daily/weekly/monthly hotels.

In short, response rates are low and not distributed evenly across zip codes and in-turn governmental units. This is compounded by the impact of differential response rates by race and ethnicity. If responses cannot be obtained either from the householder or a proxy interview, then the alternative will be imputation. Imputation has not been used for more than 0.49% of the total population. Successful imputation relies on having a sufficient self-response base to perform imputation using information from households that have already responded in a neighborhood.

6. In the 1990's I worked for Clark County Comprehensive Planning and produced the local housing-unit based population estimates. During that time, I reviewed the 1990 Census and found for example, that the City of North Las Vegas had a larger persons per household that was associated with Black and Hispanic residents living in multi-family or mobile home residences. If those North Las Vegas neighborhoods are undercounted, then the City of North Las Vegas will not get their fair share of Consolidated Tax dollars.

Not having an accurate count will make producing age, sex, race and Hispanic origin estimates and projections more difficult. Evaluating estimates and the Census takes time. Introducing more error through under-counts of the population or item non-response will make that task even more difficult.

I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 5th day of August, 2020

Jeff Hardcastle

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