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Subject: [External] NEW POPULATION CATEGORY FOR SAN DIEGANS - MENA's (PLEASE
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Hi Joel, Supervisors,

Makes sense. People are people and everyone has different needs. Moreover, I am shocked that even in San Diego, people of Mideast of North African descent would self-identify as Caucasian/White on U.S. Census and other government forms because there is no dedicated ethnicity category for them.

This would be helpful in medical settings, for instance, to zero in on allergies and germs that might affect these people more, or police or similar actions where their ethnicity might help to explain their behavior and offer guidance as to how to deal with them.

However,if used for equity purposes, this is just one more way to pit neighbor against neighbor, so please do not use the category for equity purposes.

This is a great idea. Goodjob, Joel!

Regards,

Pau Henkin