

Lefter from MGI & CGI Leaders

Americans across age, race, gender, and location are feeling more and more economic pressure.

While we cannot discount the impacts of persistent racial and gender-based discrimination in our presidential election, it's clear that voters are feeling a great deal of anxiety about affording the basics of life. **Prices have risen over 21% since 2020, and with wages rising only around 4% during the same period, most people simply have less money to make ends meet.**

With far too many Americans slipping into financial precarity, MGI and CGI members are demonstrating bold and courageous leadership. We're saying the status quo has not solved the problem of poverty. We're saying that government should work for the people. We are calling for an end to the patronizing belief that people struggle financially because they've done something wrong.

Every year, there are more of us in this movement together. Since launching, MGI has grown from 11 Mayors to 170. CGI, which just launched last year, already has 43 members. Together, our network has 72 total pilots in 26 states, with over \$335 million invested in direct economic relief. We are changing lives and changing public opinion at the same time.

The more that voters see effective programs in their area, the more likely they are to support a statewide program. That's why the work we do to advance guaranteed income programs is so important.

The data is on our side. In 2024, independent researchers released reports on 15 city and county-led pilots. Their findings confirm, over and over, what we've known to be true: guaranteed income works. It helps people stabilize their lives, get better jobs, spend more time with their families and build up more savings–or make long-term investments in things like housing, education, and more. It's no coincidence that guaranteed income has become more popular since MGI's founding in 2020. This year, MGI and CGI commissioned polling from respected Democratic pollster Lake Research Partners. They collaborated with Chesapeake Beach Consulting, a trusted Republican polling firm, to create a bipartisan national survey. The results show that **a majority of all voters (62%)** are in favor of a federal guaranteed income between \$500-\$1,000 per month.

It's unlikely that the incoming administration and the Republican-controlled Senate will support a federal program, but the good news is that we have momentum at the state and local level. In California, where guaranteed income programs have been running the longest, **a bipartisan super-majority (74%)** support it. The state is the first to dedicate funding toward local programs, a promise of \$35 million over five years. In Minnesota and Washington, legislators considered statewide programs this year.

Looking ahead, we will continue to advance city, county, and state-level policies for guaranteed income programs. This is the essence of democracy–bringing change from the ground up. Thank you for your commitment to ending poverty in America.

In Service,

Michael D. Tubbs, Founder of MGI and CGI and MGI Co-Chair Melvin Carter, Mayor of Saint Paul, MN and MGI Co-Chair Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President and CGI Co-Chair Holly J. Mitchell, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and CGI Co-Chair

The Data: Guaranteed Income Works

As of December 1, 2024, we have final or preliminary reports from 15 pilots, which were evaluated by independent research partners, including UPenn-CGIR and Abt Global. Pilots had different target populations and goals, but guaranteed income led to several key benefits across cities, including higher rates of employment, improved financial stability, better housing and food security, and more time spent together as families.

Arlington County

✓ Financial Well-Being

Physical and Mental

Housing and Food Security

Parenting and Caretaking

Well-Being

Education

Cambridge

Employment

Louisville

Employment

✓ Financial Well-Being

Physical and Mental

Well-Being

✓ Housing and Food Security

✓ Financial Well-Being

Housing and Food Security

Parenting and Caretaking

Employment

Birmingham

- Employment
- ✓ Financial Well-Being
- Parenting and Caretaking

Los Angeles

- ✓ Financial Well-Being
- ✓ Housing and Food Security
- Parenting and Caretaking

Denver

- Employment
- ✓ Financial Well-Being
- Housing and Food Security

Shreveport

- ✓ Financial Well-Being
- Housing and Food Security
- Parenting and Caretaking
- Physical and Mental Well-Being

Baltimore

- Employment
- ✓ Financial Well-Being
- Housing and Food Security
- Education

Richmond

- Employment
- Financial Well-Being
- ✓ Housing and Food Security
- Education
- Parenting and Caretaking

Stockton

- Employment
- ✓ Financial Well-Being
- Parenting and Caretaking

- ✓ Financial Well-Being



Denver

Analysis found that project participation is tied to substantial cost savings in public spending and a large reduction in public service utilization, including emergency room visits, hospital nights, and jail stays.

Paterson

- **Employment**
- ✓ Financial Well-Being
- Physical and Mental Well-Being
- Housing and Food Security

Saint Paul

- Employment
- ✓ Financial Well-Being
- Physical and Mental Well-Being
- ✓ Housing and Food Security
- Parenting and Caretaking

Austin

- Employment
- Housing and Food Security

Tacoma

- Employment
- ✓ Financial Well-Being
- Housing and Food Security
- Cambridge Children had lower absenteeism rates and fewer school disciplinary actions and more children placed in Advanced Placement classes among the recipient group, compared to the control group.

New Orleans

- Employment
- Housing and Food Security

Los Angeles

Guaranteed income allowed some

participants to avoid returning to

abusive environments. Other recipients used the payments to supplement

services they were receiving for

experiences with intimate partner violence.



This year, established guaranteed income programs saw notable expansions.

TACOMA, WA

Following the successful conclusion of its Growing Resilience in Tacoma (GRIT) pilot, the City of Tacoma and the United Way of Pierce County expanded the initiative. GRIT 2.0 is a partnership with the Washington State Economic Services Administration, the City of Tacoma, Pierce County Government, and United Way of Pierce County designed to boost the financial security of Iow-income, single heads of households with children.

DURHAM, NC

City Council unanimously approved a new budget including a \$1 million expansion of the city's guaranteed income program for people coming out of the justice system. The initial pilot began in 2022 and provided \$500 per month to 109 people who were formerly incarcerated. The County of Durham has also created its own guaranteed income pilot, DCo Thrives, which provides no-strings attached financial support to 125 low-income families.

LOS ANGELES, CA

In August, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted to expand its Breathe guaranteed income program to provide financial stipends to more than 2,000 non-minor dependents in the foster care system. Breathe began as a pilot project in March 2022, providing regular payments to 1,000 residents in need.



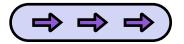
The expansion of the Long Beach Pledge, the City's guaranteed income pilot program, will provide \$500 a month for 12 months to 200 households. The Long Beach City Council approved an additional 200 families in West and North Long Beach, utilizing \$1.2 million in funding to support the City's upstream homeless prevention efforts. The initial program launched in 2022 under the Long Beach Recovery Act. The second round took applications in January 2024.

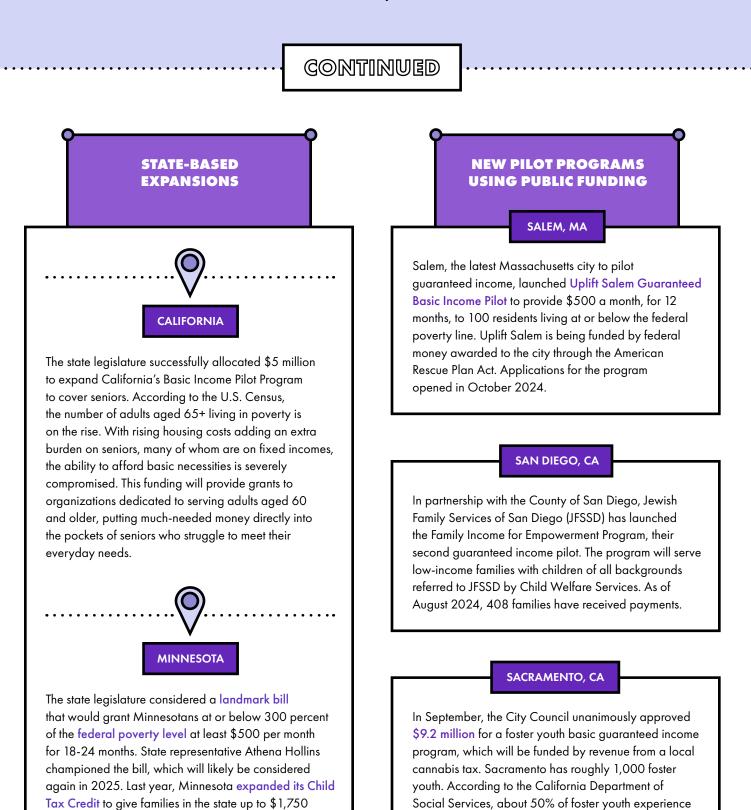
"I'm proud that we are expanding the Long Beach Pledge to a second cohort of families in West and North Long Beach. We're giving vulnerable families in our city direct financial support that will help them pay for needs like housing bills, groceries, and emergencies."

Mayor Rex Richardson

RICHMOND, VA

The Richmond Resilience Initiative is currently in its third cohort, and the City Council recently approved \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2024 to support a fourth cohort. The City of Richmond is a pioneer in fighting poverty, and its targeted approach supports families earning just above the federal poverty line.





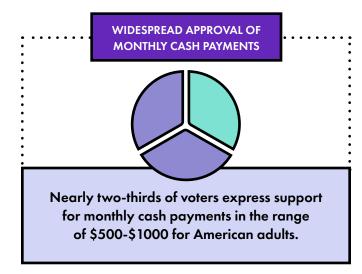
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homelessness in the first four years out of foster care.

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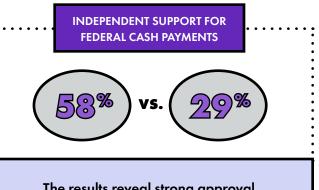


Guaranteed income is good policy, and polling shows it's good politics as well. In February, Lake Research Partners, in consultation with Chesapeake Beach Consulting, released groundbreaking poll results highlighting widespread support for guaranteed income amongst voters across demographics.

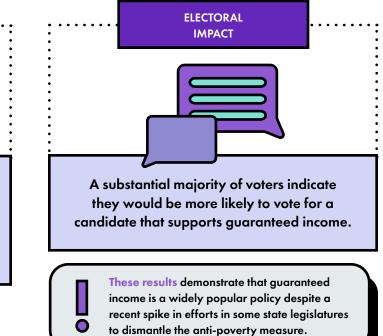




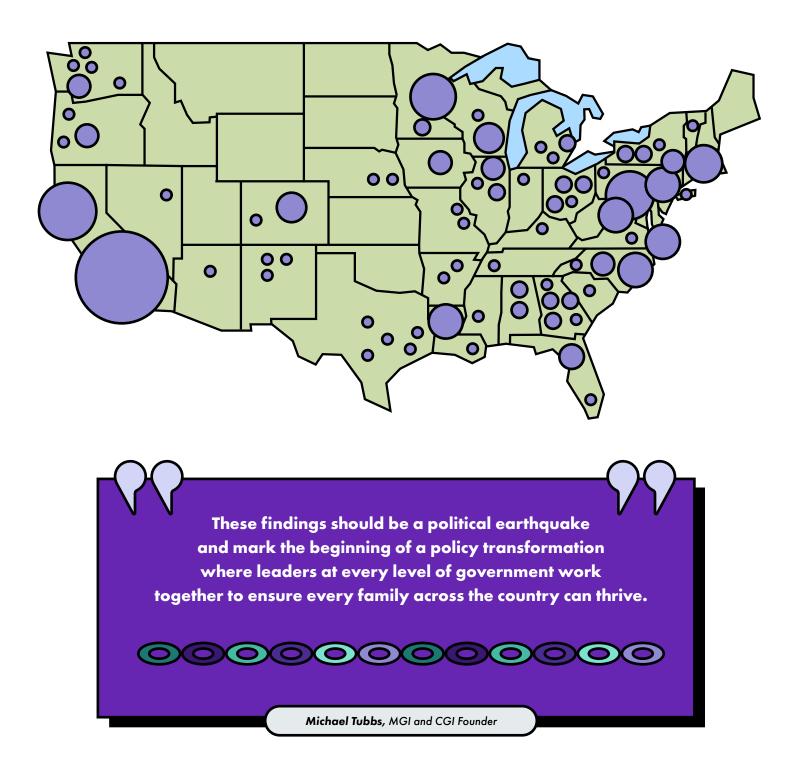
n response to concerns about potential voter turnout challenges in diverse communities, the poll highlights guaranteed income as a motivating issue for Black, Latino, and AAPI voters.



The results reveal strong approval among political Independents, with 58% supporting to just 29% opposing.



Mayors & Counties for a Guaranteed Income Map



Mayors for a Guaranteed Income Roster

Pilot Cities

- Michael Tubbs Founder/Chair, MGI & CGI Stockton, CA
- 2 Steve Adler 😭 Austin, TX
- 3 Elizabeth Alcantar Cudahy, CA
- 4 Thomas Ambrosino Chelsea, MA
- 5 Konstantine Anthony Burbank, CA
- 6 Jesse Arreguin Berkeley, CA
- 7 Arunan Arulampalam Hartford, CT
- 8 Katjana Ballantyne Somerville, MA
- 9 Ras Baraka 😭 Newark, NJ
- 10 Tom Barrett Milwaukee, WI
- 11 Karen Bass Los Angeles, CA
- 12 John J. Bauters Emeryville, CA
- 13 Lacey Beaty Beaverton, OR
- 14 Steve Benjamin 😭 Columbia, SC
- **15 Ravi Bhalla** Hoboken, NJ
- 16 Justin Bibb Cleveland, OH
- 17 Daniel Biss 🏚 Evanston, IL
- 18 Annette Blackwell Maple Heights, OH
- 19 Nathaniel Booker Maywood, IL
- 20 Keisha Bottoms 😭 Atlanta, GA

- 21 London Breed 😭 San Francisco, CA
- 22 Aaron Brockett 🏠 Boulder, CO
- 23 Justin Brooks Erie, CO
- 24 Aja Brown Compton, CA
 - 25 Aharon Brown Forest Park, OH
 - 26 Byron Brown Buffalo, NY
 - 27 Jamael Tito Brown Youngstown, OH
 - 28 Angelyne Butler Forest Park, GA
 - **29 Steve Callaway** Hillsborough, OR
 - 30 Robert Cantelmo Ithaca, NY
 - 31 LaToya Cantrell 😭 New Orleans, LA
 - 32 Melvin Carter 😭 Saint Paul, MN
 - **33 Hipolito Angel Cerros** Lindsay, CA
 - **34 Jorgel Chavez** Bell Gardens, CA
 - 35 Paige Cognetti Scranton, PA
 - 36 Kate Colin San Rafael, CA
 - 37 Pam Conine 😭 Yellow Springs, OH
 - **38 Daniel Corona** West Wendover, NV
 - **39 Cashenna Cross** Glenarden, MD
 - 40 Gleam Davis Santa Monica, CA

- 41 Michelle Davis-Younger Manassas, VA
- 42 Jake Day Salisbury, MD
- 43 Paul Deasy Flagstaff, AZ
- 44 Andre Dickens 🏫 Atlanta, GA
- 45 Jenny Durkan Seattle, WA
- 46 Mike Elliott Brooklyn Center, MN
- 47 Jorge Elorza 😭 Providence, RI
- **48 John Erickson** West Hollywood, CA
- 49 Emmanuel J.Estrada Baldwin Park, CA
- 50 Malik Evans Rochester, NY
- 51 Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft 😭 Alameda, CA
- 52 Greg Fischer 😭 Louisville, KY
- 53 Ben Florsheim Middletown, CT
- 54 Barbara Foushee Carrboro, NC
- 55 Cassie Franklin Everett, WA
- 56 Jacob Frey 😭 Minneapolis, MN
- 57 Eric Garcetti 😭 Los Angeles, CA
- 58 Robert Garcia 😭 Long Beach, CA
- 59 Kelly Girtz Athens, GA
- 60 Todd Gloria 😭 San Diego, CA

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- 61 Gabriela Gomez Bell Gardens, CA
- 62 April Graves Brooklyn Center, MN
- **63 Martha Guerrero** West Sacramento, CA
- 64 Reed Gusciora Trenton, NJ
- **65 Roderick Hampton** Haynesville, LA
- 66 Michael Hancock 🏚 Denver, CO
- 67 Don Hardy Kinston, NC
- **68 Roslyn Harmon** Golden Valley, MN
- **69 Rodney Harris** Miami Gardens, FL
- 70 Quentin Hart Waterloo, IA
- 71 Nigel Herbig Kenmore, WA
- 72 Sue Himmelrich Santa Monica, CA
- 73 Waylyn Hobbs, Jr. Hempstead, NY
- 74 Christy Holstege Palm Springs, CA
- 75 Lindsey Horvath 😭 West Hollywood, CA
- 76 Kamal Johnson 😭 Hudson, NY
- 77 Van Johnson Savannah, GA
- 78 Cavalier Johnson Milwaukee, WI
- 79 Brandon Johnson Chicago, IL
- 80 Tishaura Jones Saint Louis, MO

- 81 Khalid Kamau South Fulton, GA
- 82 Ellen Kamei 🏫 Mountain View, CA
- 83 Tim Keller Albuquerque, NM
- 84 Ariel Kelley 😭 Healdsburg, CA
- 85 Jim Kenney 🏫 Philadelphia, PA
- 86 Farrah Khan Irvine, CA
- 87 Larry Klein Sunnyvale, CA
- 88 Nikylan Knapper Maplewood, MO
- 89 Daniel Lee Culver City, CA
- 90 Meredith Leighty Northglenn, CO
- 91 Rey Leon Huron, CA
- 92 Heidi Lueb Tigard, OR
- 93 Chokwe Lumumba Jackson, MS
- 94 Karina Macias Huntington Park, CA
- 95 Amáda Márquez Simula Columbia Heights, MN
- 96 Dianne Martinez Emeryville, CA
- 97 Eduardo Martinez Richmond, CA

98 Yasmine-Imani

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- Lauren Meister 🏚 99 West Hollywood, CA
- 100 Jeffrey Mims Dayton, OH
- 101 Nadia Mohamed St. Louis Park, MN
- 102 Alex Morse Holyoke, MA
- 103 Svante Myrick 😭 Ithaca, NY
- 104 Mark Nagales 🏚 South San Francisco, CA
- 105 Sheldon Neeley Flint, MI
- 106 Ron Nirenberg San Antonio, TX
- 107 Steven Noble Kingston, NY
- 108 Elaine O'Neal 🏚 Durham, NC
- 109 Bryan Osario Delano, CA
- 110 Dominick Pangallo Salem, MA
- 111 **Eric Papenfuse** Harrisburg, PA
- 112 Shawyn 🏫 **Patterson-Howard** Mt. Vernon, NY
- 113 William Peduto Pittsburgh, PA
- 114 Adrian Perkins 🏚 Shreveport, LA
- 115 Lauren Poe 🎓 Gainesville, FL
- Jerome Prince 🎓 116 Gary, IN
- 117 Aftab Pureval Cincinnati, OH

- 118 Timothy Ragland Talladega, AL
- 119 Sangeetha Rayapati Moline, IL
- 120 Steven Reed Montgomery, AL
- 121 Maria Regan Gonzalez Richfield, MN
- 122 Sasha Renée Pérez Alhambra, CA
- 123 Satya **Rhodes-Conway** Madison, WI
- 124 Rex Richardson 🏚 Long Beach, CA
- 125 Celeste Rodriguez San Fernando, CA
- 126 Chris Rogers 🏚 Santa Rosa, CA
- 127 Stefan Roots Chester, PA
- 128 Katie Rosenberg Wausau, WI
- 129 Mark Salinas Hayward, CA
- 130 Tim Sandoval 😭 Pomona, CA
- 131 Andre Sayegh 😭 Paterson, NJ
- 132 Libby Schaaf 🏚 Oakland, CA
- 133 Steve Schewel Durham, NC 134 Andy Schor
- Lansing, MI
- 135 Brandon Scott 😭 Baltimore, MD

- 136 Frank Scott Little Rock, AR
- 137 Damon Seils Carrboro, NC
- 138 Gamal Sherif Rutledge, PA
- 139 Sepi Shyne 🎓 West Hollywood, CA,
- 140 Sumbul Siddiqui 🏫 Cambridge, MA
- 141 Jaylen Smith Earle, AR
- 142 Alejandra 😭 **Sotelo-Solis** National City, CA
- 143 Darrell Steinberg 🏚 Sacramento, CA
- 144 Kate Stewart Takoma Park, MD
- 145 Levar Stoney 😭 Richmond, VA
- 146 Anna Stout Grand Junction, CO
- 147 Eddie Sundquist Jamestown, NY
- 148 Mary Supple Richfield, MN
- 149 Keith Sydnor Laurel, MD
- 150 Christopher Taylor 😭 Ann Arbor, MI
- 151 Sheng Thao Oakland, CA
- 152 Sylvester Turner Houston, TX
- 153 Michael Vargas Perris, CA
- 154 Dwan Walker Aliquippa, PA

- 155 Alex Walker-Griffin Hercules, CA
- 156 Harvey Ward 🎓 Gainesville, FL
- Montpelier, VT
- 158 Jenn Weaver 🤹 Hillsborough, NC
 - Santa Fe, NM
- Emeryville, CA
- Forest Grove, OR
- 162 Weyling White
- Durham NC
- Union City, GA
- 165 Justin Wilson 😭 Alexandria, VA
- 166 Hollies Winston Brooklyn Park, MN
- 167 Derrick Wood Dumfries, VA
- 168 Victoria Woodards 🏚 Tacoma, WA
- 169 Randall Woodfin 🏚 Birmingham, AL
- 170 Paul Young Memphis, TN







- - 157 Anne Watson

 - 159 Alan Webber
 - 160 Courtney Welch
 - 161 Malynda Wenzl
 - Ahoskie, NC
 - 163 Leonardo Williams
 - 164 Vince Williams



It's Basic: The Guaranteed Income Works National Tour

MGI's award-winning documentary, It's Basic, produced by Michael D. Tubbs and directed by Marc Levin, spotlights guaranteed income programs across the U.S.

Following recipients through their daily lives and featuring commentary from leading mayors, *It's Basic* is a powerful call to action for policymakers to invest in guaranteed income to build a more just and equitable society.

We took It's Basic on the road with the Guaranteed Income Works national tour, beginning in July 2023 after the Tribeca Film Festival premiere, and extending through 2024. In addition to a screening of It's Basic, each tour stop features the voices and stories of recipients of guaranteed income, as well as local Mayors, elected officials and community partners.

"I felt extremely blessed to have been selected because I knew from the very get-go that this would be a tremendous help for me. This is really a big blessing for me. Things are, you know, groceries are expensive. There's less work, so this is definitely a big blessing for me and my family." – Nancy Ramirez, recipient from Huron, CA

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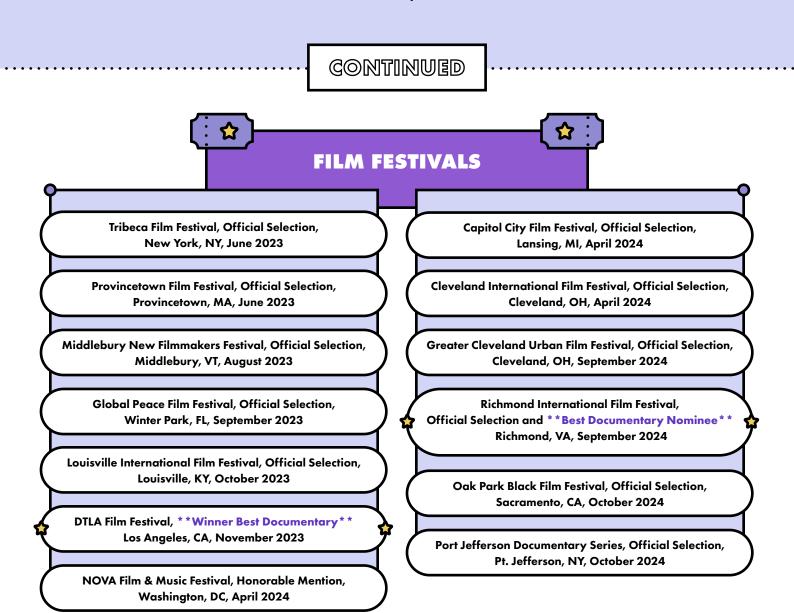


Rochester, NY: Panel





Harris County, TX: Attendees





Fresno, CA: Screening Crowd

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- ••••• Fresno State hosts 'It's Basic' documentary screening after launch of guaranteed income pilot (Fresno State)
- ••••• City Screens 'It's Basic' Documentary Detailing Guaranteed Income Programs (Alameda Post)
- Thousands of San Diegans in guaranteed-income pilot program, no strings attached (NBC San Diego)
- ••••• Enjoy screening of 'It's Basic' documentary at Byrd Theatre, hosted by Richmond Resilience Initiative (ABC 8 News Richmond)
- •••••• City of Albuquerque partnering to host screening of "It's Basic" (KRQE News)

