

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
COMMITTING CITY SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
MAYORS FOR A GUARANTEED INCOME INITIATIVE, AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN THE INITIATIVE, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BASIC
INCOME, A CASH-BASED PILOT PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

WHEREAS, the U.S. is one of the wealthiest countries in the world, but prosperity and well-being are not broadly shared as wealth and income inequality are at historic highs; and

WHEREAS, the onset of COVID-19 has shed light on economic insecurity and exposed the vulnerability of our current safety net system; and

WHEREAS, a guaranteed income is a recurring cash payment, is unconditional with no strings attached, and empowers recipients to address their most urgent needs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI) Initiative was founded in June 2020, and, under this initiative, mayors and cities have come together to advocate for a guaranteed income – direct, recurring cash payments – that aims to lift all of our communities and build resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the MGI Initiative resolves to work together to advance the following principles: advocate for a guaranteed income at the local, State, and Federal level; invest in narrative change efforts to highlight the lived experiences of economic insecurity; and invite other cities to join in efforts and provide technical assistance and funding support for new pilots; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View desires to commit its support for the principles of the MGI Initiative and desires to support development of a universal basic income pilot program in the City of Mountain View;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View that:

1. The City Council hereby commits early City support for the Principles of the Mayors for a Guaranteed Income Initiative by signing on to the MGI statement of principles.

2. The City Council authorizes the City to participate in the MGI Initiative, including participation by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee representing the City and the Council.

3. The City Council expresses support for basic income, a cash-based pilot program development in the City of Mountain View.

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