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San Francisco Guaranteed Income Advisory Group  
August 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.  
Online via Webex  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order:**

Jacob Dumez called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and gave remote meeting and public comment information.

**Meeting Attendees:** Gloria Berry, Jacob Denney, Amanda Fried, Norel Knowles, Jim Pugh, Susie Smith, Dulce Garcia, Roberto Vargas

**Members Absent:** Elena Chavez Quezada, Sheryl Davis, Bina Shirmali, Shirley Yee

**II. A Guaranteed Income for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Professor Hamilton discussed how we don't have an adequate social safety net in place because of deregulation and a marketplace that supports a neoliberal economy that benefits corporate interests. He emphasized that we need a change towards a more moral and sustainable economy, with government interventions to facilitate assets, economic security, human dignity, and social mobility for all people, regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status. He proposes the U.S. government uses its most powerful tool, the U.S. tax code for guaranteed income and promote economic security for all. Professor Hamilton continues by saying states and localities can begin to demonstrate what guaranteed income could look like by starting with tax reform.

**III. Group Discussion with Professor Hamilton**

Jacob Denney led a group discussion with Professor Hamilton on the role localities can play in guaranteed income. The following questions asked by the panelists framed the discussion:

- What can the City and County of San Francisco do when it comes to guaranteed income?
- What would it look like for the homeless to be recipients of guaranteed income?
- How can Baby Bonds be implemented in San Francisco?
- In an interest generating account for students what is a good initial amount to start with?



**IV. Tax and Welfare Reforms to Provide a Basic Income**

Teri Olle discussed how Congress and California passed multiple policies that gave cash directly to people to address the COVID-19 crisis, such as the Child Tax Credit, Biden’s American Rescue Plan, and the California Golden State Stimulus. Teri also discussed how the current system is designed to keep people out without fixing the problem. She emphasized that people do not file because they are unaware of the credits available, but because there is fear, shame, and the process is confusing. She concluded that there should be three fronts that should be worked on to empower guaranteed income, which are policies, partnerships, and politics.

**V. Group Discussion: How can San Francisco Support Proposed Reforms?**

Teri Olle took questions and led a discussion on what guaranteed income could look like at the City level. The following questions were asked to frame the discussion:

- Can you talk about the importance of the non-filer portal being permanent?
- When is a good time to alert people about the tax credits and what messaging is suggested?

**VI. Public Comment**

The advisory group took public comment. There was no public comment

The next meeting will be on Friday, September 10 at 1pm. Send questions to Jacob Dumez or submit public comment at [Jacob.dumez@sfgov.org](mailto:Jacob.dumez@sfgov.org).