

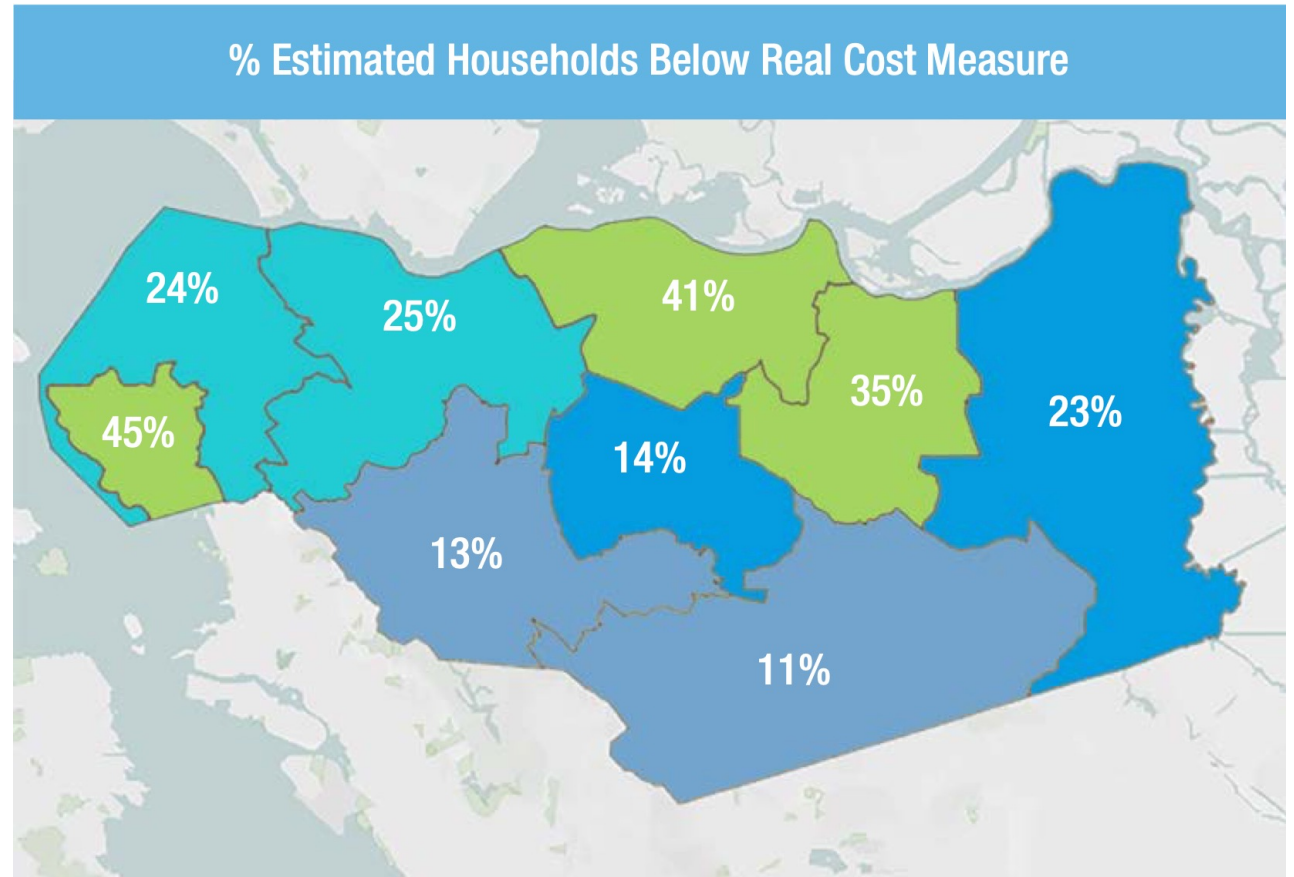
# The Contra Costa Guaranteed Income Working Group



**Community**  
FINANCIAL RESOURCES

# Why Contra Costa County?

- Cost of Living
  - Minimum Income to afford basic needs:
    - Single Adult: **\$46,064**
    - Single Adult, 1 preschooler: **\$95,161**
    - 2 Adults, 1 school age child, 1 preschooler: **\$126,616**



Source: United Ways of California, *The Real Cost Measure in California 2021 (July, 2021)*

Various concentrated areas within Contra Costa County with households under the RCM

# Why Contra Costa County?



# Our Team



building healthy thriving communities



Funder:



# Purpose

- To spread educational awareness about the power and potential of Guaranteed Income.
- Plant the seeds of a growing social movement in support of Guaranteed Income in Contra Costa County.
- Ensure community voices and needs are at the center of our research.
- Work towards securing a county-wide initiative.



# Research Methodology

## Community Outreach

- **3 County-Wide Community Events**

- Virtual community listening sessions
- GI Education & World Café Style discussions
- \$50 stipends for participant community members

- **9 Focus Groups**

- Smaller & more personalized than the community events
- Ensured that underrepresented communities were present in the conversation
- \$75 stipends for participant community members

In total, **353 community members** participated in the community-wide events and focus groups.



# Research Methodology

## Community Outreach

- **Financial Wellness Survey**
  - A survey monkey to gauge financial wellness across Contra Costa County
  - In total, **173 community members**, filled out our survey
- **Guaranteed Income Education Sessions**
  - In collaboration with local coalition groups; Multi-Faith Action Coalition, Historically Marginalized Communities Engagement, Mobility Labs Community Group



# Initial Topline Insights



**“Financial stability means everything. It can dictate the level of freedom, happiness, and stress myself and family feel every single day.”** - Survey participant

**“[GI] will give me the freedom to spend time with my mother and grandchildren and have my bills paid in a timely manner without having to think about where I have to cut corners to keep my finances afloat.”** – Survey participant

**“I learned that we can relate when it comes to social economics no matter where you live in Contra Costa County”** – Community participant



# GI in Contra Costa

## **R3F/Abundant Birth Project (ABP)**

- Collaboration between ABP and R3F
- GI for pregnant Black people ranging from \$600-\$1000 across a 12-month period
- Public/private funding (CDSS)

## **Monument Impact**

- GI pilot in Concord, CA to come this year!
- Details to be shared by MI staff
- Public funding (ARPA)

## **Mobility Labs GI Pilot**

- Comment Studio GI Pilot 2023-2024
- GI for 20 adults, 10 youth, in Antioch, CA
- Private funding

## **Board of Supervisors**

- Board unanimously passed benefits waiver request for residents who participate in a GI pilot
- Continued interest in learning for about GI

# What's To Come

- **Official Report launching November!**

- Join our listserv to stay involved: <https://forms.gle/Hn715zrZERBgVP7v6>

- **Passing the Baton**

- **Mariana Moore** of Ensuring Opportunity & **Loren Dalbert** of Mobility Labs will be working side by side as Co-Chairs to push this effort forward. We will lean on Mariana's political strategist skills and Loren's community leadership to take this work to the next level!

**Thank you! Questions?**



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