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Honorable Mayor and Council Members,
Attached please find a letter in support of the Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program agreements under Item 7-A on tonight's Council Agenda from Transform Alameda and our members.

Thank you,
Jackie Zipkin

TRANSFORM ALAMEDA

Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Vice Mayor Malia Vella
Council Member Tony Daysog
Council Member John Knox White
Council Member Trish Herrera Spencer

Re: November 15, 2022 Council Meeting - Item 7-A; Support for Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program Agreements

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Transform Alameda is a coalition of Alameda residents working together with our community to build a racially just future through local education, policy work, and action. Since the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) by Congress, Transform Alameda has advocated for the City to use these once-in-a-generation funds to develop a Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) Pilot Program. We commend the Council for its May 2022 decision to allocate ARPA funds for this program, positioning Alameda as a national leader in providing economic stability for all, and emerging from the pandemic as a stronger, more equitable city. We are excited to see the program taking shape, and we are writing to **strongly support Council action to authorize agreements with Operation Dignity, Abt Associates, and Community Financial Resources to initiate partnerships for GBI Pilot Program implementation.**

Income inequality and disproportionate access to basic services is a nationwide issue, and in the high cost-of-living Bay Area, the challenges are often more acute. One of the best investments the City can make is in our residents themselves. Alameda's GBI Pilot Program will provide lower-income Alamedans with the financial stability they need as they emerge from the economic devastation of the pandemic, while also providing an opportunity to begin to repair the wrongs of systemic racism that has created and perpetuated inequality along racial lines in our community for decades.

City staff has done an incredible job connecting with other innovative cities implementing similar programs and with thought-leaders in the GBI space. As a result, they crafted a program structure that mirrors and builds on the work of other cities, including engaging partners for implementation, research, and financial management. Through a thoughtful process, staff has selected three partners that have local,

on-the-ground experience implementing similar and related programs. We believe that contracting with these organizations will lead to successful program implementation, ultimately benefiting Alameda's most vulnerable residents. Please support staff's work and move ahead with this transformative program.

Sincerely,

Transform Alameda and the undersigned

Savanna Cheer
Amanda Cooper
Sarah Jo Neubauer
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Cc: Lara Weisiger, City Clerk