

## RESOLUTION NO.

### RESOLUTION FINDING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM, MEETING IN PERSON FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES

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**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder, and as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the “Brown Act”), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 that provides that a legislative body subject to the Brown Act may continue to meet without fully complying with the teleconferencing rules in the Brown Act provided the legislative

body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and,

**WHEREAS**, California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo currently has a Community Transmission metric of “substantial” which is the second most serious of the tiers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on the Status of Women has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those who participate in its meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Commission on the Status of Women deems it necessary to find that meeting in person would present imminent risks

to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing;

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Supervisors strongly encourages all legislative bodies of the County of San Mateo that are subject to the Brown Act, including but not limited to, the Planning Commission, the Assessment Appeals Board, the Civil Service Commission, and all other oversight and advisory boards, committees and commissions established by the Board of Supervisors and subject to the Brown Act, to make a similar finding and avail themselves of teleconferencing until the risk of community transmission has further declined;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Commission on the Status of Women finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. Staff is directed to return no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution with an item for the Commission on the Status of Women to consider making the findings required by AB 361 in order to continue meeting under its provisions.
4. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

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Advancing Economic Justice

# San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women

January 24, 2023



# Hello!

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**For our communities to  
be just, inclusive and  
equitable,**

**we need to start by ensuring that all residents — no matter their race, gender identity, religion, socioeconomic background or citizenship status — have the opportunity and the power to participate in the decisions that will shape their lives and the future of our region.**

**NICOLE TAYLOR, SVCF PRESIDENT AND CEO**



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# Advancing Economic Justice

November 17, 2022







INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES

# Building from a Strong Foundation

- Public benefits enrollment
- Financial coaching
- Tax services
- Pilot programs that redistribute wealth

# An Era of Pandemics



# The Moment.



**Bootstraps approaches don't reach the masses fast enough - meanwhile women and their families are being displaced.**

**Strategic, cross-sector approaches need more layering, solidarity, and coordination.**



**We cannot stop until our economy works for everyone.**



WHAT HAS WORKED: DIRECT, UNCONDITIONAL RELIEF

# Guaranteed Basic Income



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# Guaranteed Basic Income

While none of the programs specifically targeted participants based on their race or gender, the majority of funds went to...

WOMEN



PEOPLE OF COLOR



**41%** were African American



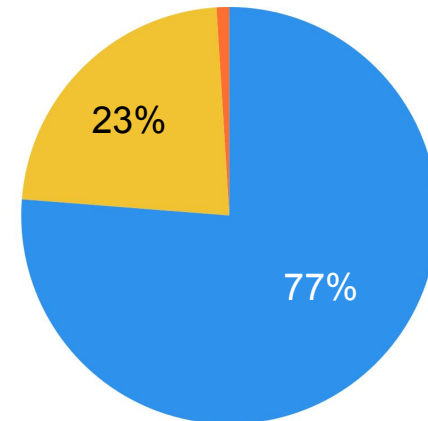
**33%** were Mixed Descent



**25%** were Latino



**16%** were White



● Women  
● Men  
● Non-binary

# Guaranteed Basic Income

Shifting the narrative

**39%**

was spent at retailers and discount superstores on things like clothes, food, household goods, and hygiene products.

**27%**

was spent at grocery stores.

**9%**

was spent on transportation costs like gas and car repair.

**7%**

went to housing and utilities.

MAJORITY OF FUNDS WERE SPENT ON BASIC LIFE NECESSITIES LIKE FOOD, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, AND TRANSPORTATION.

→ OTHER EXPENSES INCLUDED LOAN REPAYMENTS, MEDICAL EXPENSES, AND TUITION.

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**I applied for the program because I was facing economic struggles. I used to work in a factory that closed down at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. I felt that I was drowning, but this guaranteed income changed my life.”**

**MICAELA, SINGLE MOTHER WITH TWO SONS IN COLLEGE**

“

**I have felt so much less month-to-month stress since this program started...to have enough left over to breathe, to not have to count the days, it feels like there is a load off my shoulders.”**

**GENO, SINGLE FATHER RAISING THREE BOYS**

LET'S BUILD SOLIDARITY!

# What else can we do?

- Community knows best.
- Continue support for the research and evaluation on GBI pilots and other direct cash assistance strategies.
- Shift narrative on deservedness.
- Advocate for sustainable funding sources.
- Layer and leverage strategic cross-sector partnerships.
- [Donate to the fund to Advance Economic Justice.](#)







**Thank you.**

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# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### \*2023 Meeting Schedule

*CSW meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month.*

Month	Date	Time
<b>January</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>
February	28	6:30 – 8:30 PM
<b>March</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>
April	25	6:30 – 8:30 PM
<b>May</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>
June	27	6:30 – 8:30 PM
<b>July</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>
August	22	6:30-8:30 PM
<b>September</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>
October	24	6:30 – 8:30 PM
<b>November</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6:30 – 8:30 PM</b>
December		No Meeting

**\* Important question to answers when approving this calendar:**

**1. The November 28 meeting is the Tuesday AFTER Thanksgiving. Based on my work calendar it would be ideal to keep this meeting date to discuss conference items before the next meeting in January.**

**2. Do you want to take a summer break and cancel a meeting in June, July, or August?**

**To:** San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women  
**From:** Tanya Beat, Director  
**Date:** January 24, 2023  
**Subject:** Status of recent events/projects

***Vacancies and Reappointments***

- 24 applications have been submitted for the 5 vacancies. We hope that new commissioners will join us for the February 28 CSW meeting.

***Retreat Date for 2023***

- Saturday, March 11, 8:30am-1:30pm.

- [Gladys Balmas](#), retreat facilitator: Gladys has worked for San Mateo County Aging and Adult Services under County Health for over 20 years. She has been part of the San Mateo County Health Racial Equity team and the larger County Equity Committee. She most recently facilitated a retreat for one of the sub-committees of the Commission on Disabilities. She is originally from Colombia and currently resides in Pacifica with her wife and kids.

***2023 Calendar & Meeting Location***

Action to approve the 2023 Meeting Calendar

***March, April, May***

Room 101 at County Center, Redwood City

***June, July, August***

Recommend taking a quick poll regarding people's vacations and take a summer month off.

***September, October, November***

Recommend keeping the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (Nov 28) as your last meeting day of 2023.