

From:
To: [Chavez, Cindy](#)
Cc: [District1](#); [Supervisor.Lee](#); [Simitian, Joe](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Aging with Dignity in Santa Clara County
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 8:52:26 PM
Attachments: [AgingwithDignity.pdf](#)

Members and friends of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in downtown San Jose have signed a letter asking for your support of the guaranteed basic income campaign, Aging with Dignity in Santa Clara County.

The letter with signatures is attached.

Thank you.

Peace and Joy,
Constance Hunter
Member, St. Paul's UMC

Date: Feb. 26, 2024

Dear Supervisor Chavez,

We, the undersigned, are members and friends of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in downtown San Jose. We urge you to support the pilot project, Aging with Dignity in Santa Clara County, proposed by P.A.S.O.S. of Sacred Heart Community Service. This pilot project would provide a guaranteed basic income of \$1000 per month for two years to 50 undocumented seniors living in Santa Clara County. Aging with Dignity will round out the County's current guaranteed basic income pilots.

By providing financial assistance to undocumented seniors, the proposed pilot, Aging with Dignity in Santa Clara County, provides vulnerable elders with a way to meet their basic needs. From personal experience, we know that undocumented immigrants provide invaluable services to all of us in this county – from construction to healthcare. While employed, they pay Social Security and Medicare taxes. But when they retire, they are ineligible to collect any benefit and face financial insecurity.

Providing a guaranteed basic income for undocumented immigrants recognizes their contribution. It also corrects for a system that denies them benefits for which they contributed over the years. The guaranteed basic income is a just and compassionate response to the plight of undocumented seniors as they approach retirement.

We urge you to support this pilot project, Aging with Dignity in Santa Clara County. It will change the lives of not only those who receive the guaranteed basic income, but also their family, friends and community.

Thank you.

Melanie Lund

Sincerely,

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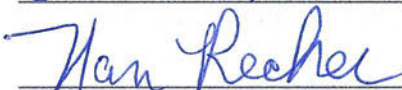
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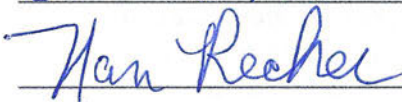
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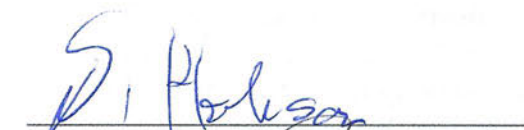
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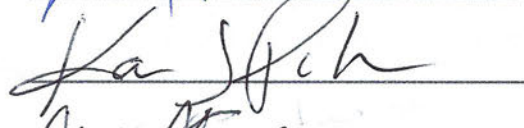

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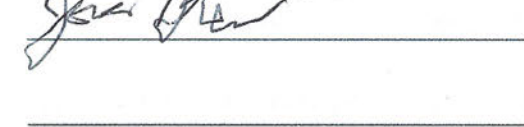

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To: [District1](#); [Chavez, Cindy](#); [Supervisor.Lee](#); [Ellenberg, Supervisor](#); [Simitian, Joe](#)
Cc: [BoardOperations](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of support for proposed PASOS guaranteed income pilot program
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 4:59:44 PM
Attachments: [UUCPA PASOS Letter of Support .pdf](#)

Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

Please find attached a letter from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto (UUCPA) in support of the proposed PASOS guaranteed income pilot program for undocumented seniors. We would appreciate your support of this program.

Regards,

Kristi Iverson, Chair, UUCPA Action Council
Buzz Frahn, President, UUCPA Board of Trustees



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Dear Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

We are writing on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto in Solidarity with the P.A.S.O.S. (Personas Sobresalientes Organizando Soluciones) committee of Sacred Heart Community Service. We are writing to request your support for the Aging with Dignity in Santa Clara County pilot project that PASOS has been pushing for – a pilot project that would provide a guaranteed basic income of one thousand dollars each month to undocumented seniors who reside here in Santa Clara County. We believe that by working together we can create a brighter and equitable future for undocumented seniors in Santa Clara County.

The proposed pilot, Aging with Dignity in Santa Clara County, responds to an urgent and pressing need to provide our most vulnerable elders with a way to meet their essential basic living needs. We commend the efforts of PASOS in developing this innovative solution to address these challenges. By providing financial assistance to undocumented seniors, the pilot project not only offers immediate relief to people in need but also recognizes the invaluable contributions that these individuals have made to our community over the years. The proposed pilot aligns with values that our county and our church community hold dear – social justice, equity, and community engagement.

As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; and the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. We are committed to dismantling racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions. From our faith perspective, undocumented immigrants are beloved members of our human family. The broken system that keeps people poor and outcast, unable to receive the full benefits of work or to retire in their old age, is one of the powers and structures of evil that we pledge to confront with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

We kindly request that the County Supervisors support this pilot project. We are confident that with your leadership and commitment to improving the lives of all county residents – with no exceptions - we can move closer to implementing a program that will have a profound and positive impact on our community. We all benefit when grandparents and elders have time to spend with their families and communities. And equity demands that our undocumented elders don't have to work themselves to the grave. Working people – people who have faced danger to make a better life for themselves and their children – deserve the opportunity to retire in dignity.

There are practical considerations as well. Undocumented immigrants in our county contribute millions of dollars each year to Social Security and Medicare but are unable to access these services. Undocumented immigrant seniors' limited access to financial resources is not only unjust but forces more people in our wealthy county to live on the streets, in vehicles, or in other inadequate circumstances. This puts tremendous stress upon them and their families, and on the social services and fraying safety net of our region. Our congregation has helped provide temporary and transitional housing for decades. We want to strike at the root of the problem: the widening gap between the cost of living and what the hardworking people of the county can afford. This pilot program represents a just and compassionate response to address these challenges and narrow that gap.

Members of our congregation come from Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties; they span all ages and many national origins; their immigration stories and those of their families are many and varied. All are equally worthy and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Our faith holds that human beings are sacred and that the most pressing question our conscience or God can ask us is, "Are you treating your neighbor with love?"

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to understand more about why this pilot project is so important to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Buzz FL". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of a vertical line that separates it from the typed name below.

Harrison "Buzz" Frahn
President, Board of Trustees
Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto