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2nd Annual Basic Income March Announces Portland Basic Income Event

In a year marked by important firsts, the Basic Income community will come together on Saturday, September 26 to mark the important growth of the movement for a federal basic income.

Irving Park, Portland, Oregon September 25, 2020: On Saturday, September 26th 2020, Income Movement will be hosting its [Second Annual Basic Income March](#) in Portland. This year, more than 45 cities across the globe participated in the Basic Income March. This annual event is an opportunity for supporters of Basic Income to demonstrate to their communities and political leadership the strength and growth of this movement. With COVID, Income Movement has replaced marching with creative ways to publicly demonstrate while practicing safe social distancing.

According to most recent Census Data, if Portland residents received an Emergency Universal Basic Income of \$2000 Month, this would bring \$926 Million dollars into the city's economy every single month.

We believe this conversation is critical to have; What does our community look like? How will this help and support the People of Portland?

Politically, the rise in support for Basic Income has been significant. 2020 has marked a [sharp increase in public support for Basic Income](#). This aligns with a growing number of [popular public figures](#) coming out in support of Basic Income. The creation of [Mayors for a Guaranteed Income](#), and other organizations point to local leaders working to influence at the state and federal levels and demand economic justice via a Guaranteed Basic Income.

In Portland, a significant number of people are not able to afford housing and the most basic necessities, a reality that has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Oregon's House Representatives Earl Blumenauer and Suzanne Bonamici have co-sponsored an Emergency Basic Income plan. The Multnomah County Democrats will be attending in solidarity after adding a resolution to their platform in support of an Emergency UBI.

"In Oregon and across the country, too many people are struggling to pay rent, afford medicine, and buy groceries. The Emergency Money for the People Act would provide monthly payments of \$2000 for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, giving people

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certainty and reliability when they need it most. I'm proud to co-sponsor this bill and urge my colleagues in Congress to join me in supporting this important legislation."

- Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR1)

Portland's event was postponed a week due to the wildfires, but over 45 cities came together on the 19th.

Here are some photos from last weekend in Oak (Left) & Germany (Right):



Income Movement will be hosting a community gathering, street corner protests, and an Eviction Notice Installation at Irving Park. This main event will begin at 12pm on the NE corner of Irving Park by NE 10th Ave & NE Fremont and will be an opportunity for people to share their stories for why they support Basic Income and how it can change our city for the better. The Eviction Notice Installation is an activism art piece for the public to engage with, and to confront the reality of housing insecurity that our communities of color are facing. Each of these 1,529 notices will represent one person of color who was experiencing homelessness in Multnomah County in January 2020. This number is staggering and unacceptable, and it's a number that comes before the devastation that the pandemic has brought.

There is much to celebrate, explains Stacey Rutland, Founder of Income Movement, and lead strategist for the Basic Income March Week of Events. "This year marked an important shift of focus from a single candidate, that of Presidential hopeful Andrew Yang, to a burgeoning long term movement that spans politics, social justice movements, popular culture and more. Bringing all of those elements together the week of September 14th to take stock of all we accomplished is an important moment for this movement."

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