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MAYOR MICHAEL TUBBS, DETAILS GUARANTEED INCOME SELECTION PROCESS

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the average income is at or below \$46,033*

(Stockton, CA) – Mayor Michael Tubbs, today, outline the selection process for Stockton’s Economic Empowerment Demonstration (SEED). Led by two independent researchers, Dr. Stacia West of the University of Tennessee and Dr. Amy Castro Baker of the University of Pennsylvania, initially approximately 1,000 letters will be mailed to households across Stockton using census data.

To qualify, residents must be 18 years of age and live in Stockton, within neighborhoods designated to have an average income of \$46,033 or below, which is the city’s median income. This process will allow for residents from each of Stockton’s six districts to have a chance at participating in this research. One in nine of these households will have a chance at being selected for the study.

“In creating this process, we wanted to make sure that we allowed for the fairest approach,” said Mayor Michael Tubbs. “We feel the best method is to empower individual households with decisions such as who will receive the money and how it will be best spent.”

Although letters will be sent to neighborhoods with a specific average income, this will not limit the amount any individual person or household may earn. Individuals making a higher income will have an opportunity to participate as well.

“Today is about sharing with the community the next stage in this groundbreaking demonstration,” said Lori Ospina, Director of SEED. “We have carefully listened for

months to Stocktonians, many were interested in how they can participate in this study, but a good number of individuals wanted to know more about such a significant initiative taking place in their city.”

Those that return a completed consent form will be reviewed for potential participation. Researchers anticipate selecting individuals, both receiving the full \$6,000 and those designated as part of comparison groups, by November of this year. It is expected that in early 2019, households will start to receive checks.

The Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration (SEED) is the country's first city-led guaranteed income initiative. A collaboration between the office of Mayor Michael Tubbs, the Reinvent South Stockton Coalition, the Economic Security Project, and the residents of Stockton. Beginning in 2019, SEED will provide approximately 100 Stocktonians with a guaranteed income of \$500 per month for 18 months. The income will be unconditional, meaning there are no work requirements and no restrictions on how the money can be spent.

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